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Glen Ellyn preservationists want horse trough to stay downtown

Village considering streetscape plans that could move historic landmark

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Citizens for Glen Ellyn Preservation are worried that a streetscape plan being considered by village officials will move this horse trough, which dates back to 1907. It was designated a village landmark in 2012. (Quan Truong, Chicago Tribune / April 2, 2013)

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MAPS

Main Street & Crescent
Boulevard, Glen Ellyn, IL 60137,
USA

Glen Ellyn's citizen preservationists are fighting to make sure a century-old village landmark stays downtown.

A horse trough from 1907, which was designated a village landmark in 2012, marks the corner of Main Street and Crescent Boulevard, an intersection that may see significant changes as part of a new streetscape plan and parking study being considered by village officials.

"As long as anyone alive can remember, it's been where it is," said Kelli Christiansen, a member of Citizens for Glen Ellyn Preservation. "There's a lot of concern about whether it'd be moved or where."

A draft of the streetscape plan shows that median features at Main and Crescent may be removed or altered. There's also a rendering of a brick obelisk with the village's name on it.

Members of the citizens group are worried the trough will be moved and replaced with the obelisk.

"We just want to make sure that we're not just beautifying for the sake of being pretty while sacrificing any sort of historical integrity," Christiansen said.

The draft states that the concept plan presented "does not preclude retaining" the horse trough, adding that "if the horse trough is retained, a full restoration should be conducted with reinforcement of the surrounding area."

Village President Mark Pfefferman said some proposals being considered right now may move the trough, but he said it wouldn't go far.

"The village values the horse trough very much and considers it a symbol of our village," Pfefferman said. "I think people like it in our downtown, so it could be very close by, or it could remain where it is and get enhanced."

The citizens group was also concerned with the study's proposal of possibly adding parking decks to downtown Glen Ellyn, saying there's already ample parking and no need for the new expense.

In addition to Main and Crescent, the study also looks at making improvements to Crescent and Forest, another intersection with median features dividing one-way and two-way traffic. The study also identifies Main Street at Duane and Pennsylvania as two other high-profile intersections with high traffic volume.

Possible improvements include enhancing or removing median features and installing lighting, landscaping, brick paver crosswalks and curb extensions designed to slow down traffic.

A \$50,000 grant from the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning paid for the proposed streetscape plan and parking study.

The preliminary draft was unveiled at an open house last month, when planners took feedback from residents. A new draft, with revisions based on residents' comments, will be presented April 10.

"These are only ideas at this point," Pfefferman said. "All points of view will be welcomed."

A draft of the plan can be seen on the village's website at glenellyn.org.

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