

## **Fair Lawn Historic Preservation Commission (FLHPC) Meeting Minutes for November 13, 2013**

- 1) 7:40 PM Call to Order
- 2) Confirmation of Notice to Comply With Open Public Meeting Act
- 3) Roll Call  
Felice Koplik – present  
Amy Hummerstone – present  
Ray Richter – absent  
Maureen Moriarty – present  
Rich Ball – present  
Jayshree Patel – absent  
Jasvinder Arjani – present  
Silvia Patel – absent  
Michael Rosenberg – present
- 4) Quorum Declared
- 5) Larry Koplik and Gordon Franz, residents of Fair Lawn, and Bernard Nickel, member of the Paramus Environmental Commission, were welcomed to the meeting.
- 6) New business was discussed as follows:

The revised draft of the letter to Council requesting that the Council pursue a historic easement for the Vanderbeck/Vanderplaat house and some of the surrounding property was reviewed. Maureen made a motion to approve the letter; Rich seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

The November 10<sup>th</sup> fundraiser for Naugle House sponsored by the Benjamin N. Cardozo Lodge of the Knights of Pythias was reviewed. Felice reported that according to Jon Taner (of the Knights of Pythias), the fundraiser raised \$1200-\$1300, half of which is earmarked for the Naugle house fund (held at the Historic Sites Preservation Corporation). Furthermore, Felice stated that the Naugle house kids raised approximately \$120 at their bake sale also for the Naugle house fund.

The status of the Historic Preservation ordinance was reviewed. There was much back and forth discussing the details of the ordinance: Whether the Commission should propose to be a strong or weak Commission, which structures should be listed directly in the ordinance, whether the inventory of structures should be merely referenced in the ordinance, if the ordinance should include text from other documents directly or reference other documents in the ordinance, and that the ordinance would take the form of an overlay zoning ordinance. Furthermore, it was agreed by general consensus that the ordinance would be developed principally by the Commission.

Finally, it was agreed that the Commission shall meet in January, perhaps in an additional meeting, to finish the draft of the ordinance.

Next discussed was the reapplication of Commission members whose terms are expiring. Felice stated that she has submitted her application to the Borough. Rich and Jayshree both have expiring terms and will need to re-apply.

The Naugle house clean-up was discussed. Felice reported that the Bergen County Historic Sites Advisory Commission sent the Council a letter mandating clean-up of the Naugle house site by December 1<sup>st</sup>. Felice stated that she will alert Commission members as to the date when the Recycling Center workers shall perform the work, so that members can be present to advise if necessary. The cleanup should include trees, vines, leaves, vegetation and refuse. Mike mentioned a hole buried in the basement wall that should be examined prior to any preservation work.

The October 16<sup>th</sup> Program Night was reviewed. Eric Holtermann, HMR Architects gave a talk on the preservation plan of the Naugle house. The lecture was attended by approximately 30 people- a modest turnout. No date has been set yet for Eric Holtermann to present the final preservation plan to Council. Felice will request copies of the plan as follows: 4 hardcopies (for the Commission, the Council, the library, and an extra), 1 disc and 1 copy in Dropbox.

Amy updated the status of the Master Plan. The historic element developed by the Commission sub-committee has been incorporated with a few revisions. Felice will provide the maps of Radburn. There are planned public hearings of the draft of the Master Plan in the near future, at which time a draft of the plan would be put on the Borough website.

Mike requested that the current members of the Commission be listed under the Borough website HPC page.

7) Public comments were as follows:  
Gordon Franz suggested that there be an archaeological dig at Naugle house with ground penetration radar survey. It was not clear who would actually perform such a dig and survey. Rich stated that the Hopper/Croucher house had a dig prior to its demolition. Nick Felice facilitated the donation of many of the items from that house and dig to the Cadmus house, where they are on display.

A discussion of the future of the Vanderbeck house was put off until the next meeting.

8) Rich made a motion to adjourn, Maureen seconded. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 9:15p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Hummerstone