

Fair Lawn Historic Preservation Commission (FLHPC) Meeting Minutes for August 13, 2014

- 1) 7:30 PM Call to Order
- 2) Confirmation of Notice to Comply With Open Public Meeting Act
- 3) Roll Call
 - Felice Koplik – present
 - Amy Hummerstone – absent
 - Ray Richter – present
 - Maureen Moriarty – present
 - Rich Ball – present
 - Jayshree Patel – present
 - Jasvinder Arjani – present
 - Michael Rosenberg – absent
- 4) Quorum Declared
- 5) Fair Lawn residents Jay Morgenstern, Larry Koplik, Claude Bienstock and Mayor John Cosgrove were welcomed to the meeting.
- 6) Mayor Cosgrove discussed the Naugle and Vanderbeck sites with the commission. The following items were covered:
 - a) The mayor has discussed the potential of the County taking over maintenance of the Vanderbeck site with several freeholders and the County executive. He reported that there is more interest in the proposal from the freeholders than the executive.
 - b) Based on a plan to complete Naugle rehabilitation by 2018 the detailed breakout of actual/planned spending by the Borough year is:
 - Borough match of half of 39K grant for restoration plan.
 - Borough match of half of 50K grant for construction documents.
 - Plan to spend 105K for match of grant in 2015 borough budget.
 - Plan to spend 105K for match of grant in 2016 borough budget.
 - Plan to spend 55K for match of grant in 2017 borough budget.
 - c) The mayor discussed a possibility of an alternate plan of partnership with the County to maintain the site.
 - d) The mayor did not have any updates on the Vanderbeck site development plan. There was no update on alternate plans for site development such as town houses.

- e) The mayor stated that he believed there would be support on the council if the commission recommended a move of the house but that the council would not be able to support the rehabilitation of the house.
- 7) The commission discussed the need to contact Green Acres to formalize the steps required to gain approval to move the Vanderbeck House to the Naugle site if the application for the Assisted Living Facility is approved.
- 8) The commission discussed the October Program night. Columbia Bank only has enough material for a 5-10 minute presentation. Kuiken Brothers is unavailable for a presentation this year. Options reviewed included cancelling the program night and alternate presentation idea. One alternate idea is a presentation on books about Fair Lawn by the authors of the books. Ray will ask Jay Diepeveen if she is available for a presentation.
- 9) The commission reviewed plans for the historic brochure. Due to a concern expressed by the county on returning the grant the brochure is no longer postponed and work to obtain new design and printing quotes is in progress. The design of the brochure has changed to a booklet format after reviews with the printers.
- 10) The minutes of the July 9, 2014 meeting were approved with corrections.
- 11) Public Comments

Claude Bienstock thanked the commission for their efforts and discussed the challenges faced by the public and commission in trying to preserve the Vanderbeck site. He expressed his hopes that the Vanderbeck house can be preserved.

Larry Koplik commented that the Vanderbeck house will be removed from the National Historic register if it is moved. He discussed the proposal at the zoning board meeting to move the house to a new location on the Vanderbeck site instead of Green Acres. He also mentioned concerns on losing the foundation of the Vanderbeck House.

Ray moved to adjourn and Jasvinder seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rich Ball