

Fair Lawn Historic Preservation Commission (FLHPC) Meeting Minutes for October 1, 2014

- 1) 7:35 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 – present
 - Maureen Moriarty – present
 - Rich Ball – present
 - Jayshree Patel – present
 - Jasvinder Arjani – absent
 - Michael Rosenberg – present
- 4) Quorum Declared
- 5) Fair Lawn residents Jay Morgenstern, Larry Koplik, and Claude Bienstock were welcomed to the meeting.
- 6) The minutes of the September 10, 2014 meeting were approved with corrections.
- 7) The commission discussed the upcoming program night and reviewed assignments and the time to meet for setup.
- 8) Felice presented an update on the Historic Fair Lawn brochure to the commission. The format of the brochure was reviewed and the commission discussed the photos and page design. The source of additional photos was discussed. Commission members decided that the brochure should be titled 'Historic Sites of Fair Lawn'. The text for the brochure will be reviewed with the borough historian, Jane Diepeeveen, to ensure accuracy.
- 9) The commission discussed the letter to the zoning board on the Vanderbeck site development proposal.
 - a) The zoning board hearing on the Vanderbeck property development is set for October 23.
 - b) The commission agrees that the first sentence of the letter should begin with the phrase, "This amended report supersedes..."
 - c) The house movement should be referenced in the conclusion.
 - d) Points 3 and 4 of the draft letter should be swapped.
 - e) A new point 5 should be added and the text based on the 2nd paragraph of the conclusion.

- f) The conclusion sentence should be shorter and stronger. The commission decided upon this language for the conclusion: "Though not a desirable outcome and as a last resort, moving the entire Vanderbeck house to the Green Acres site is preferable to demolition or moving just a portion of the Vanderbeck House."
- g) Michael proposed and Maureen seconded a motion to accept the letter as amended. All were in favor.

10) The commission discussed creating a letter to the council on budget planning and costs related to the Naugle House in order to correct misconceptions created by recent news articles. Members of the commission were asked to bring ideas on what to include in the letter to the next meeting so a letter can be drafted.

11) Public Comments

Claude Bienstock urged the commission to continue their efforts to preserve the Vanderbeck house. He emphasized the importance of speaking at zoning board meetings and commented that democracy works but it can sometimes be frustrating.

Jay Morganstern commented that he has spoken with other neighbors near the Vanderbeck property in an effort to get them more involved with the effort to preserve the property.

Larry Koplik told the commission that it is important for the commission to educate the public on history. He commented that the commission can use the program night to educate the borough on the purpose of the historic commission.

Michael moved to adjourn and Rich seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rich Ball