

Fair Lawn Historic Preservation Commission (FLHPC) Meeting Minutes for January 14, 2015

- 1) 7:43 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 – absent
 - Rich Ball – present
 - Jayshree Patel – present
 - Jasvinder Arjani – absent
 - Michael Rosenberg – present
- 4) Quorum Declared
- 5) Fair Lawn residents Jay Morgenstern, Larry Koplik, Claude Bienstock, Marc Colyer and John Gerard were welcomed to the meeting.
- 6) Jasvinder Arjani has submitted a letter of resignation from the commission.
- 7) A motion to nominate the officers was made by Michael and seconded by Jayshree. A unanimous ballot was cast by the secretary to elect the officers. The 2015 officers are:
 - Chair – Amy Hummerstone
 - Vice Chair - Ray Richter
 - Secretary - Rich Ball
- 8) Felice handed out copies of the Fair Lawn Historic sites brochure to the commission and members of the public. The commission discussed that thank you notes should be sent to the parties that assisted with the creation of the brochure including the council. The commission agreed that Felice should send the letters.
- 9) The commission discussed which grade to distribute the brochures to in the schools. Fair Lawn history is taught in 4th grade but 7th graders may gain more benefit from the brochure. Michael will speak with the social studies teacher to receive their input on which grade should receive the brochures. Additionally the commission discussed printing more brochures and additional methods of distribution to maximize the impact of the brochure for the public. Ideas included placement at locations in town including businesses, the Cadmus House, the senior center and the library as well as outside the borough. .

- 10) The next date for the Vanderbeck zoning board hearing has not been set yet.
- 11) Marc Colyer introduced John Gerard to the commission. Mr. Gerard spoke to the commission about opportunities to raise money to restore the Naugle House.
 - a) Mr. Gerard suggested a targeted mail campaign to raise funds by requesting small donations to meet a goal that will be matched by other donors. The goal would be to raise 500,000 for restoration purposes.
 - b) A 501c3 organization would be needed to conduct the fund raising. This is available via the Fair Lawn Historic Sites Preservation Corporation that maintains the borough museum.
 - c) The commission expressed concern on the impact of raising private funds on matching funds for public grants.
 - d) The commission discussed if private money could be used for restoration or if it would need to be used for other purposes.
 - e) Felice Ray and Rich will research the impact of private money on public grant applications.
- 12) The commission discussed the annual program night and two ideas for the evening:
 - a) Veterans Day interviews as an Eagle Scout project. Discussion surrounded thoughts that an Eagle project may not be compatible with the program night. Another idea was to ask high school students to produce the program. Michael will check if the high school has a history club.
 - b) The history of Kuiken hardware. Doug Kuiken will be contacted to gauge interest and availability of producing a presentation for program night.
- 13) The commission discussed attending the green faire as a method to distribute the brochure on Fair Lawn historic sites and educate the public on historic preservation efforts in the borough.

11) Public Comments

Claude Bienstock urged the commission to continue their efforts to preserve history in the borough. He asked the commission to continue with grant applications and thanked the commission for their efforts.

Jay Morganstern commented that he has planned his talking points for the public comment at the next Vanderbeck zoning hearing. In his comments he plans to show that the testimony of the developers planner was not accurate. He has helped to develop his comments by visiting 8 assisted living facilities in the area.

Larry Koplik commented on the historic brochure and suggested that a new printing is a good idea. He stated that the brochure is a dynamic document that is owned by the borough. He commented that creating the letter to correct the record on funding concerns for the Naugle property is important and emphasizing the public aspect of the funding is critical. He also brought to the commission's attention the fact that the planner went on the record at the last Vanderbeck hearing to say that the house would lose the historic designation if it were moved.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rich Ball