

Fair Lawn Historic Preservation Commission (FLHPC) Meeting Minutes for March 11, 2015

- 1) 7:40 PM Call to Order
- 2) Confirmation of Notice to Comply With Open Public Meeting Act
- 3) Roll Call
 - Amy Hummerstone – present
 - Ray Richter – absent
 - Rich Ball – present
 - Felice Koplik – present
 - Maureen Moriarty – absent
 - Jayshree Patel – present
 - Michael Rosenberg – present
 - Howard Sperling - present
- 4) Quorum Declared
- 5) Fair Lawn residents Jay Morgenstern, Larry Koplik, and Claude Bienstock were welcomed to the meeting.
- 6) The minutes for the January and February meetings were reviewed and approved with corrections.
- 7) Commission members discussed the importance of responding to meeting notices to ensure quorums are present at meetings. Commissioners provided current email addresses to ensure the mailing list was up to date.
- 8) The commission discussed the February zoning board meeting at which the Vanderbeck site proposal was discussed. Public comment on the application began at the meeting but did not complete. The next meeting to review the application is scheduled for March 23.
- 9) Howard and Felice attended the Green Fair and showed historic displays to the public in addition to distributing the historic brochures. They reported substantial interest from the public in the brochure.
- 10) Commission members discussed the proposal for fund raising for the Naugle house from Mr. Gerard. Updates were given on the research on the NJ Code for fund raising and to determine the best approach to conduct this fund raising.
- 11) The commission discussed ideas for distribution of the Historic brochures to the schools. A letter from the Historic Commission will be included with the distribution to introduce the brochure. Amy, Mike and Felice will build the letter. The letter and brochure will be distributed after PARCC testing is completed.

12) The commission discussed program night updates.

- Amy reported that Kuiken notified Ray that they are able to present at the next program night.
- Michael reported that Memorial school is having veterans speak to the students and is interested in developing a veteran's presentation program.

13) The commission discussed that a quorum is based on 9 commissioners even though 8 commissioners are currently seated. The council has requested that the commission provide suggestions for new member to fill the open spot.

14) The Bergen County History Awards will take place on May 7. Nominations are being accepted for the award. The commission discussed nominating a project for an award. Amy will create the nomination. Both the historic brochure and the Eagle Scout project that restored the Gazebo in Radburn were discussed as possible nominations.

15) The commission discussed formally presenting the Historic Brochure to the council. Felice will select a date and contact the council to arrange the presentation.

16) Public Comment

Jay Morgenstern, Fair Lawn resident – stated that the developer's attorney had requested that no vote be taken at the last Zoning board meeting. He also expressed concern that all Zoning board members had not been present at all meetings and would not be familiar with the testimony on the development plan at the meetings.

Claude Bienstock, Fair Lawn Resident – reminded those present at the meeting of the upcoming Open Space commission meeting and encouraged all to attend. He also complimented the speakers at the zoning board meeting.

Larry Koplik, Fair Lawn Resident – asked if there would be a problem with submitting more than one historic project for an award because the two might compete with each other and then neither would win. He commented that Vanderbeck is a difficult position. The entire Vanderbeck house is the historic structure, not pieces of the house. The plan as written is de-facto demolition as moving half a house does not save the entire historic structure. It could be precedent setting. The bottom line is that this is a test of the Master plan and historic preservation in the borough.

Rich made and Michael seconded a motion to adjourn and the motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rich Ball