

Fair Lawn Historic Preservation Commission (FLHPC) Meeting Minutes for April 22, 2010

- 1) 7:45 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
Nancy Terhune - present
Rich Ball – present
Jayshree Patel - present
- 4) Quorum Declared
- 5) It was noted that the April 14, 2010 FLHPC meeting was moved to tonight with appropriate public notice posted.
- 6) Nicole Pachner, Jane Diepeveen, Jasvinder Arjani and Ajay Ghei, Fair Lawn residents, were welcomed to the meeting.
- 7) The minutes of the March 10, 2010 meeting were discussed. Felice moved and Nancy seconded a motion to approve the minutes. The motion passed.
- 8) Nicole provided a progress report on her Girl Scout Troop Gold Award Project centering on Fair Lawn's history. Nicole advised that work has begun on the photo collection and plans are in the works to speak to local elementary school classes on the topic.
- 9) Felice, Amy and Jayshree summarized the April 8, 2010 Fair Lawn Green Fair and the FLHPC's participation in the event.
- 10) Felice discussed potential new appointments to the FLHPC. Questions were raised regarding conflict of interest issues that may prevent someone from serving on the FLHPC. The questions are: a) Is a person precluded from being a member of the FLHPC if the member or the member's employer does work in Fair Lawn that may come before the Planning or Zoning Boards, or precluded if the person or his/her employer does work directly for the Borough? And b) Would such a person be able to serve on the FLHPC if they did not participate in any discussion or votes concerning such work done by himself/herself or his/her employer? Ray will contact the Borough Attorney, Bruce Rosenberg, for answers to these questions.

11) Felice and Ray provided updates on the Naugle House and site. Felice will inquire as to the status of the Bergen County grant to acquire the property. Ray advised the tract is being cleared of brush and debris.

12) Felice discussed the proposed George Street cell tower. The Zoning Board postponed action on the proposal until August 16, 2010 and T-Mobile indicated they will schedule a balloon test at the site.

13) The October 2010 public education program was discussed. Current ideas are programs on Radburn's historic significance, a video recorded Fair Lawn Living History night and a presentation on the Historic Elements of the new Master Plan highlighting designated Fair Lawn sites. Jayshree, Amy and Felice volunteered to be on a Programs Committee. The new committee will book the Community Center auditorium and library display space as soon as possible and the full commission will vote on the program topic at the regular May or June meeting.

14) Felice discussed the Fair Lawn History Puzzle given to her by Jeanne Baratta, Councilwoman at the April 8, 2010 Green Fair. Jeanne was given the puzzle by Fair Lawn resident Anna Dinardo to give to the Historic Preservation Commission. Felice also advised she was told (also at the April 8, 2010 Green Fair) by Dennis Cummins that he has a painting of the Naugle House that he would like to give to the borough of Fair Lawn. Felice will call Mr. Cummins to discuss his painting and his offer to give it to the borough and will investigate the condition of the frames for each of these and the possibility of hanging them in the Council chambers with the previously framed Fair Lawn Historic Photographs.

15) Felice, Amy and Ray summarized the status of work on the Historic Elements of the new Master Plan. Maureen indicated she will not be able to serve on the Master Plan Committee of the FLHPC. The next Master Plan Committee meeting will be at 7:30 PM on April 28, 2010 in Room 110 at the Fair Lawn Community Center. As a quorum of the FLHPC will not participate in Master Plan Committee meetings, public notice is not necessary though Committee meetings are open to the public. Similarly, minutes of the Master Plan Committee meetings will not be taken. Wayne McCabe, an experienced New Jersey Historian and Planner will attend the May 12, 2010 FLHPC meeting to discuss the new Master Plan with the FLHPC.

There were no formal public comments offered.

Jayshree moved and Nancy seconded a motion to adjourn. The motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ray Richter