

Fair Lawn Historic Preservation Commission (FLHPC) Meeting Minutes for August 11, 2010

- 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 – absent
Ray Richter – present
Maureen Moriarty – absent
Rich Ball – present
Jayshree Patel – absent
Jasvinder Arjani - present
- 4) Quorum Declared
- 5) Nancy Terhune submitted her resignation from the FLHPC effective today, August 11, 2010. The FLHPC thanks Nancy for her service.
- 6) Jane Diepeveen, Craig Miller, Pam Coles and Sam Groysman, Fair Lawn residents, were welcomed to the meeting.
- 7) The minutes of the July 21, 2010 meeting were discussed. Rich moved to approve the minutes and Jasvinder seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- 8) The new Fair Lawn Master Plan was discussed. Even though adoption of the new plan is likely to be delayed until 2011, the Master Plan sub committee of the FLHPC will continue to work on the historic preservation elements section of the plan and if possible, seek outside assistance.
- 9) On August 10, 2010, Felice and Ray met with Daniel Saunders, Historic Preservation Office, NJDEP, and the consultants hired by T-Mobile for their proposed cell tower on George Street, Alana Knorr and Lawrence Schmidt. Only the impact on local historic sites was discussed. The group met at Borough Hall, walked to the site and then walked to observe the visual impact from the GVH Berdan House (Bethany House) on River Road. Everyone agreed there would be a visual impact from the proposed cell tower. Alana indicated there would be no balloon test as T-Mobile would concede the existence of a visual impact. Dan indicated the proposed tower would have an adverse visual impact on the GVH Berdan House.
- 10) The FLHPC and Fair Lawn residents in attendance at this meeting discussed the current status of the proposed George Street T-Mobile cell tower. The matter, originally scheduled for a Zoning Board hearing on August 16, 2010 has been postponed at T-

Mobile's request. It is believed T-Mobile may be preparing to submit a bid to lease space on the tower being proposed for the Borough Hall site. All interested parties are encouraged to check the upcoming Zoning Board meeting agendas and attend when and if the T-Mobile George Cell Tower matter is heard.

11) Felice provided an update on the Naugle House and Site. Ray will investigate possible funding sources from historic land trusts to enable buying the house and site from the developer. Pam indicated an announcement was made at this week's council meeting that the county grants available to the Borough for the Naugle site have been extended. Ray discussed the model used at The Hermitage in Ho-Ho-Kus where a separate meeting and exhibit facility was constructed next to the historic building and rentals of the meeting and exhibit facility provided cash flow for the historic site. This model may possibly prove workable at the Naugle site.

12) Felice suggested an additional meeting of the FLHPC be held on August 25, 2010 for the purpose of finalizing plans for the October Program night. Ray will query the FLHPC membership to see if a quorum is available for that night. If so, Felice will prepare the necessary public notices and arrange a meeting place.

There were no public comments offered.

Felice moved and Jasvinder seconded a motion to adjourn. The motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ray Richter