

## **Fair Lawn Historic Preservation Commission (FLHPC) Meeting Minutes for January 9, 2008**

- 1) 7:45 PM Call to Order
- 2) Confirmation of Notice to Comply With Open Public Meeting Act
- 3) Roll Call  
Felice Koplik – present  
Louis DiGeronimo - absent  
Pam Coles - present  
Maureen Moriarty - present  
Ray Richter – present  
Amy Hummerstone - present
- 4) Quorum Declared
- 5) New member Amy Hummerstone was welcomed to the FLHPC and the floor was opened to nominations for officers for 2008. The following nominations were made, seconded, unopposed and unanimously approved: Felice Koplik, Chair, Louis DiGeronimo, Vice-Chair and Ray Richter, Secretary.
- 6) Old Business – The meeting with Rich Ball to review software and other alternatives for the FLHPC website is now scheduled for January 10, 2008 with Felice and Ray.
- 7) New Business

Pam and Felice provided highlights of the FLHPC activities during 2007 including the town wide meetings on the Fish Weir and Fair Lawn's Historic Sites as well as the Library display. The Save The Naugle House efforts culminated with the presentation to the Fair Lawn Council by many interested local school children. Their presentation was well received and provided good publicity for the Save The Naugle House efforts. It was agreed that the FLHPC needs to stay in contact with the school children regarding their Naugle House efforts.

Ideas for 2008 included asking Cate Litvack Executive Director of the Crossroads of the American Revolution Association to speak at a town wide meeting. Other speaker possibilities mentioned were members of Preservation New Jersey.

May is Preservation Month and the idea of using the Library's Art Gallery display space for the month was suggested. Pam will inquire as to availability and other guidelines for use of the gallery. The FLHPC would need to coordinate such a display with the Cadmus and Garretson organizations to ensure availability of artifacts and other display items. If May proves not workable, alternate months will be investigated.

The continued and increased involvement of local school age children was discussed. Ideas included coordination with the Fair Lawn BOE and/or PTA's for field trips to local historic sites as well as participation in meetings and other activities.

Pam suggested the FLHPC start a campaign to obtain framed photographs of past and present Fair Lawn historic sites to place in the hallways of Borough Hall.

Ray questioned the need to formalize FLHPC budget matters with the Fair Lawn Council and if the FLHPC could raise funds independently for furthering the work of the FLHPC. Anticipated spending would include software and server space (hosting) for the FLHPC website as well as covering fees for FLHPC members to attend workshops and conferences. Felice will contact Tom Metzler, Borough Manager, to begin the discussion.

A discussion of the various levels of Historic Registration/Designation of local structures led to a discussion on the need for a local ordinance to accomplish designations that would provide legal protection for structures designated as historically significant. Felice, Maureen and Pam provided a summary of previous efforts in this area. Perhaps one of the upcoming conferences will provide fresh ideas that would be workable in Fair Lawn.

The next discussion centered on the possible local confusion between the FLHPC and the Fair Lawn Historical Committee. Felice will follow up her contact with Councilwoman Jeanne Baratta to clarify and possibly correct the Agenda and Minutes for the Council's reorganization meeting. The FLHPC did not appear as a Resolution in the Council Reorganization Agenda for 2008 raising the question of the terms of new members and the appointment of a Council liaison.

Felice encouraged all FLHPC members to attend the upcoming meetings, conferences and workshops sponsored by Preservation New Jersey and/or local colleges and universities. Upcoming dates for these include January 26, 2008, March 1, 2008 and June 4, 2008. Felice requested FLHPC members to advise her of their intentions to attend any or all of these. She will also inquire of Tom Metzler as to reimbursement for these expenses.

8) There were no formal public comments offered.

9) 9:40 PM Motion to Adjourn

Respectfully Submitted,

Ray Richter