

Fair Lawn Historic Preservation Commission (FLHPC) Meeting Minutes for December 16, 2008

- 1) 7:35 PM Call to Order
- 2) Confirmation of Notice to Comply With Open Public Meeting Act
- 3) Roll Call
Felice Koplik – present
Lou DiGeronimo - absent
Pam Coles - present
Maureen Moriarty – present
Ray Richter – present
Amy Hummerstone - present
- 4) Quorum Declared
- 5) The Commission welcomed several guests to the meeting and invited their participation: Eric Bal and Kevin Gunn of the Sons of The American Revolution, Kevin and Joyce Webb, owners of the Ferdon Coverlet, Marcia Ballis and Jon Williams, former residents of the Naugle House, Roy Spellman, Bill Neumann, Bergen County Historic Preservation Advisory Board and Nancy Terhune, local historian and candidate for appointment to the FLHPC.
- 6) Kevin and Joyce Webb displayed their Ferdon Coverlet which is believed to have been a wedding gift to Mary Ferdon, a member of the “Naugle” clan and one time owner of the Naugle House in the 1800’s. The coverlet was probably made by David Haring, a well know Bergen County weaver in the 1800’s and it is believed to have been used by Ferdon in the Naugle House circa 1834. A discussion of Ferdon, Haring and the connections to the Naugle family and house followed. All the meeting guests joined in the coverlet discussion which led to further discussion of the Naugle family and house history and local lore. The Webbs have displayed the Coverlet at the Coverlet Museum in Bedford, Pennsylvania.
- 7) Maureen provided an update of the Naugle site as it was discussed at the recent Open Space Meeting. Maureen will keep the FLHPC advised of any further discussion at the Open Space Meetings.
- 8) The FLHPC discussed possible ways to save both the Naugle and Vanderbeck houses and sites with resources available at the county and state levels as well as local solutions.
- 9) Felice advised she spoke to the Borough Attorney who stated there has been no action on the proposed amendments to the Borough’s historic preservation ordinance.

He further stated we have the right to bring the matter up again for consideration at a council meeting in 2009.

10) Felice also spoke to the Borough Attorney regarding the FLHPC membership and the resumes submitted for candidates for appointment to the FLHPC. Eric Bal summarized the applicable rules of the HPC section of the MLUL regarding commission membership and suggested we should strive to get the FLHPC up to a 9 member commission and also to properly classify the membership as A, B or C according to the specifications of each category of membership.

11) The FLHPC decided to informally coordinate efforts with the Bergen County Historic Preservation Advisory Board. Bill Neumann, a Board member, will advise when a county agenda item may be relevant to our Naugle preservation efforts.

12) Ray advised of the need to request 2009 PO's in early January for the upcoming Drew workshop on January 24th. He will verify commission members expecting to attend and request the PO's from the Borough Clerk.

13) Ray moved and Amy seconded a motion to postpone remaining agenda items until the next meeting. The motion passed.

14) Public Comments

Bill Neumann encouraged the FLHPC to continue their good work.

Nancy Terhune suggested the FLHPC have procedures for follow up of projects and ideas to prioritize the next steps and prepare action plans for these ideas and projects.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ray Richter