



THPC Minutes of June 4, 2009

Roll Call:

Present: Chairman Bill Saunders, Rita Heller, Don Merino, Dave Wall, Karen Neus, Mario Turchi

Open Public Meetings Act

Chairman Saunders called the meeting to order at 8:05 P.M. and the Open Public Meetings Act was recited.

1. Four Seasons Fountain – C of A Request to remove foundation – discussion and decision

Members discussed Secretary Don Merino's letter dated 6/3/09 to Mr. Fish. Application is incomplete.

MOTION MADE BY DAVE WALL THPC INDICATE ITS APPROVAL OF LETTER TO MR. FISH C/O COTSWOLD, LLC DATED 6/3/09 RE: COA; 2ND BY RITA HELLER.

Vote: 4 Members in favor/2 abstained: Don Merino/Bill Saunders

Dave said Mr. Urdang went through papers THPC members sent to Borough Clerk, as requested.

2. Chairman Saunders announces his resignation as Chair

Chairman Saunders has to step down as Chairman of THPC. He is now Class C member. Rita is Class B member. Don is Class A member. Dave and Mario are Class C members. Karen is an alternate. Class A and Class B members may reside outside the municipality.

3. 203 Serpentine – replace 10 windows on 2nd floor

Alex Wiseman, Home Depot Window Installer, was with Homeowner Liu Wang. Alex explained the windows will have white vinyl exterior, single screen, are double paned, warranty is 50-60 years. Mr. Wang said you can get a tax rebate this year for windows. Home is now one family. Chairman said THPC will discuss this, if it is a major or minor

and let Alex know. Mr. Wang asked if he decides to replace downstairs windows, does he have to get another permit. Bill said please reapply. Rita said it would be useful to see how Phase 1 of the window replacement looks. Don said replacement of doors and porch was minor. Dave agrees windows are minor. Karen said she was concerned re: wrap. Mario said state THPC prefers no wrap.

MOTION TO APPROVE AS MINOR APPLICATION FOR 10 2ND FLOOR WINDOWS @ 203 SERPENTINE WITHOUT WRAPPING BRICK MOLD AND SILL SURROUNDING WINDOW MADE BY DON MERINO; 2ND BY MARIO TURCHI.

Vote: AYES/All Present Members

Dave Wall will sign COA.

4. Railroad Station

Don Merino said Dara Callender, Supervising Compliance Specialist , NJT has a conflict of interest as she works for NJT and didn't approve anything on list of 4/30/09 – NJ Transit Northern Branch Corridor Rail Project, Hudson & Bergen Counties. Rita asked what Dara's credentials are to approve or disapprove the submitted list of potentially affected historic properties.

Rita said someone with responsibility has to challenge Dara. THPC is hiring T Robbins Brown. If designation takes place, it will delay NJT six months. Mario says T Robbins Brown just needs to refute it. Karen asked who is Daniel Saunders? Should THPC appeal to him? Karen said call Lynn Drobbins back and tell her THPC plans to appeal. The Railroad Station is on the cover of book published by Rutgers University Press called Architecture of Bergen County. Don said raise an objection or appeal.

Rita said call T Robbins Brown, pick her brain as to how THPC should approach this, maybe Kevin Tremble knows someone. Bill asked Karen to call T Robbins Brown. THPC will ask T Robbins Brown to look at multiple buildings, not just one district including area of West Railroad Avenue between Washington and West Clinton.

Rita said \$2,500 is budgeted in Architectural Historian line, the one specifically earmarked for T Robbins Brown. However, there are monies in other lines which have not yet been projected for spending, such as \$920 in Education & training and \$1500 in printing and binding, both of which could be used to pay T Robbins Brown for research.

Bill showed plans of Railroad Station. Tenant wants to use aluminum ladder to get into attic. Don said you must have two means of egress in attic. The attic does not cover entire first floor. Bill said THPC has no official role and THPC opinion it should be passed to Building Inspector.

Don said they would have to restructure a window, so someone could get out. They are already working up in the attic. Dave said there has been no application or request for HPC intervention. Mr. Mottola gave it to Bill. Don said it is not THPC responsibility to

monitor safety. Bill said there is nothing to stop an individual from stating their concern re: safety. Rita asked about lease renewal and THPC conditions re: fewer garbage cans on north side of railroad station.

5. 91 West Clinton Avenue – request for door

Nothing new has come in regarding wooden fence being erected. Proposal is to remove windows and make a door. Bill showed plans to other Members. He understands they are applying for day care status. Mario said as long as the new doors match rest of home.

Motion to approve removal of window and to make a new door with condition that door needs to be in same style as exterior doors on rear section of building made by Don Merino; 2nd by Rita Heller.

VOTE: AYES/All Present Members

Dave asked if they sought COA for fence.

6. 53 Knickerbocker Road (Mrs. Evelyn Clymer)

Still no response from Mrs. Evelyn Clyman, 53 Knickerbocker Road, to HPC letter of April 13, 2009.

7. Historic District Signage

Mario said Lance Wyman has not had time to work on Tenafly signs. Small items still need to be defined. Bill asked that one sign be made with sample color to make sure that the Members like it.

8. National Trust for Historic Preservation – PDF re: Demolition

Invoice from National Trust for Historic Preservation for \$11.25, cost of PDF on “Protecting Landmarks Through Demolition Review”.

9. June 2, 2009 Communication from Erica Reiner – “The Game of Tenafly, NJ”

Erica Reiner sent an email to Bill stating she had been “The Game of Tenafly, NJ” 25 years ago and it is in very good condition.

10. Communication from Barbara Stillman – “The Story of Tenafly” by Eva Browning Sisson, published by the Tenafly Trust Company, 1939, First Edition, one of 200 copies.

Barbara Stillman sent a book printed in 1939 showing district in 1889. Dave said THPC should keep a copy as the Library already has a copy. Bill will send Barbara a thank

you.

10. Huyler Park, Revised Landscape Budget

Paul Keyes Associates had a Preliminary Landscape Budget dated 2/27/09 of \$375,765. It has been revised and is now \$145,000. There is hope the Chamber of Commerce might add \$17,000. The C/C needs to get behind the project.

11. DeMott Memorial Plaque

Don said to look at The Suburbanite dated 6/4/09. There is a picture of Pvt. DeMott's family's descendants. Don commends Dave for his hard work and in getting so many of the descendants there at the dedication.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by the Members at 10:00 P.M. So carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah L. Alvarez, Transcriber

Approved 9/3/09