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HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Historic Preservation Commission Ocean City, New Jersey

Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 5, 2014

City Hall – 9th & Asbury Avenue – 7:00 P.M.

Roll Call: Jack Ball, Ken Cooper, Susan Matthews, Jeffrey Sutherland, Marian Talese, Jeff Frost, Leslie Skibo

Absent – John Loeper, James Stever

Diane Chase – Recording Secretary

Mark Stein – HPC Attorney

Flag Salute

Jack Ball called the meeting to order. The meeting has been advertised pursuant to P.L., 1974 Chapter 231, also known as the Open Public Meeting Act.

Minutes were read from the June 3, 2014 Historic Preservation Commission meeting. A motion to accept the June 3, 2014 Historic Preservation Meeting Minutes was made by Ken Cooper and a second motion was made by Jeffrey Sutherland. All were in favor.

Jack Ball opened the meeting with a discussion regarding spacing of railings. The membership would like to see the spacing be no more than twice the size of actual dimension of the spindle with a maximum of four inches. A motion was made by Jeffrey Sutherland agreeing that spindle spacing cannot exceed two times the actual diameter of the spindle up to a four inch space and a second motion was made by Marian Talese. All were in favor.

Jack Ball opened the floor to Public Comment

Michael Flaherty – 624 Lincoln Avenue, Pitman, NJ

Mr. Flaherty had several questions and concerns regarding the spacing of spindles.

Dominick Sassi – 144 N. Pennsylvania-Auburn Road, Carney's Point, NJ 08069 – Spoke about his railings he will be having installed and asked the membership to reconsider the spacing from 3 ½ inches Center to Center to something a little more open. Mr. Sassi showed the members of the commission photos of his home from earlier years and stated the photos reflect the home as not being historic.

Helen Sassi – 144 N. Pennsylvania-Auburn Road, Carney's Point, NJ 08069 – Spoke about the spacing of the railings and stated she and her husband do not want the railings to look like fencing because of the close spacing.

Jack Ball closed Public Comment.

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HPC14-005 – Thomas McCouch - 704 – 7th Street - Blk: 703 Lot: 4. Mr. Flaherty approached the podium and spoke in detail regarding the proposed exterior renovations. The owner of the property Mr. Thomas McCouch – 428 Poinsette Avenue – Pitman, NJ 08071 – was sworn in by Mr. Stein. Mr. McCouch explained to the members exactly what work has been done to the house from the time of purchase and what work Mr. McCouch intends to do with the house in the near future.

Justin Waits – 202 Lowell Avenue, Sewell, NJ was sworn in by Mr. Stein. Mr. Waits also discussed some of the proposed renovations.

Exhibits – A-1 plans consisting of four pages. A-2 – an e-mail describing details of the proposed work.

Susan Matthews would like to see the original window on the upper left side reinstalled. Jack Ball asked for a vote to reinstall the window. A motion to have the original window on the upper left side reinstalled was made by Susan Matthews and a second motion was made by Jeff Frost. The vote was 1-Infavor and 6 Opposed.

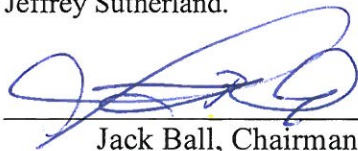
A motion to accept the proposed renovations to 704 – 7th Street with revisions stated was made by Leslie Skibo and a second motion was made by Jeffrey Sutherland. All were in favor.

Revisions – the siding for the ground floor clapboard would be double four siding; the corners would be six inch beaded corners; columns to remain, the existing railing reused wherein conformity, all other railings will be replaced with conforming railings on the front steps and porch; beaded soffit materials at 3 1/3 for the porch and overhang or restore the existing; all crown moldings removed will be replaced; gutters must be half round gutters, windows casings need to be four inches; six inch head with draft; freeze boards will remain in place or replaced with a replica, composite decking will be edged banded, 2nd flr. door will be replaced with conforming doors, freeze boards with Azek-like trim, sill to be Azek antique, j-pockets will use Azek trim, the small window on the upper left side of structure will have a grill insert.

Jack Ball let the members know Joe Clark from the Purchasing office may attend next month's meeting to talk about an Architectural Firm that deals with the city. The commission may be interested in hiring this firm or someone new for the year 2015 as the reviewer for architectural plans in the Historic District.

Jack Ball let the members know he and Jeff Sutherland will be meeting with Dotti McCrosson, Councilman Allegretto, Councilman Wilson and Councilman McClellan to discuss the proposed changes to the ordinance for the Historic District. Leslie Skibo asked if the members of the commission can receive a summary of the meeting. The members asked Jack & Jeff when meeting with Council to please have a discussion about the installation of lights on Asbury Avenue, Tax Abatement, waiving of fees and having a representative from council attend the monthly HPC meetings.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Leslie Skibo and a second motion was made by Jeffrey Sutherland.



Jack Ball, Chairman



Diane M. Chase, Recording Secretary