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Historic Preservation Commission Ocean City, New Jersey

Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 7, 2015
City Hall – 9th & Asbury Avenue – 7:00 P.M.
Roll Call: Jack Ball, Ken Cooper, Jeff Frost, Jeff Sutherland, Leslie Skibo Absent – Susan Matthews, John Loeper, Marian Talese and James Stever Mark Stein – Attorney for Commission
Diane Chase – Recording Secretary

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.

<u>Minutes</u> were read from the March 3, 2015 Historic Preservation Commission meeting. A motion to accept the March 3, 2015 Historic Preservation Meeting Minutes was made by Jeff Sutherland and a second motion was made by Jeff Frost. All were in favor.

HPC15-002 - Ricky & Tracy Uhl - 332 Ocean Avenue - Blk: 305 Lot:17

Mike Fusco, Attorney - represented the property owners. Mr. Fusco stated the owners would like to convert a rear duplex condominium unit into a single family condominium unit with renovations.

John Halbruner, Architect from Hyland Design Group spoke about the conversion. Commission would like the applicant to provide a sample of all materials to be used for a By-Law review.

Mr. Cooper made a motion to grant the changes and renovations to the structure and Ms. Skibo seconded the motion.

In Favor - 5 Opposed - 0

Leslie Skibo mentioned if you can't see a unit or garage etc. from a named or numbered street questioned why a property owner in the Historic District have to come in front of the commission. Mark Stein explained it is Council who wants this process as per the ordinance. The decision cannot be done with a sub-committee. The members of the Commission would like to see the process changed. Mr. Stein is going to put something in writing to attempt to change the review of an application if it can't be seen from a named or numbered street.

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Jack Ball asked the commission to review an application (626 Central Avenue) for any changes that would need to be made prior to coming before the commission in the next month or so. Leslie Skibo would like to see windows to break up the brick in the front of the structure and would like to see something besides a solid wall on the proposed north side of the structure.

Jack Ball had a discussion with Dotti McCrosson regarding the ordinance change - definition of survey. Mr. Stein said it came from the Clerk's Resolution for that survey definition.

Jack Ball said Antwain McClellan introduced the ordinance changes for the Historic District to Council. The full discussion of the proposed changes will be coming up in two weeks at the Council meeting.

Jack Ball opened Public Comment – Jeff Sutherland made a motion to open public comment and a 2nd the motion was made by Jeff Frost - All in favor

Mark Crego mentioned years back there was a professional survey done to what the Historic District would be. Mr. Crego feels the commission is making changes to the ordinance adding stricter rules. Mr. Crego would like to see certified mail go out to all property owners in the Historic District with the proposed ordinance changes. Mr. Stein stated the commission has nothing to do with what Council does.

A motion was made by Ken Coopers to Close Public comment and a second motion was made by Jeff Sutherland.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ken Cooper and a second motion was made by Jeffrey Sutherland.

Jack Ball, Chairman

Diane M. Chase, Recording Secretary