

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING MAY 10, 2011**

**ROLL CALL:**

Present

Absent

Robert Hitchcock, Chairman  
Laly Espinoza Kuga (7:06pm)  
David Danois  
Scott Lamperti, Alternate 2

Mark Sharp, Vice Chairman (excused)  
CB Bowman (excused)  
Curt Climes, Alternate 1 (excused)

Also present Attorney Deborah Bracaglia and recording secretary Stephanie Sherwood.

Call to order at 7:04 pm. Compliance statement was read followed by roll call.

**NEW APPLICATIONS**

COA 01-05-10-2011, 118 Grove Street. Miguel Cruz was sworn in. Mr. Cruz explained that he had received a permit to erect a 6 foot vinyl fence approximately three years ago; after purchasing the vinyl fence, he was told by a neighbor that he also needed to obtain a Certificate of Appropriateness from the Historic Preservation Commission. Mr. Cruz explained that he would like to fence in the backyard of his property. He explained that he would like to repair the concrete porch floor in the front of the house and reset the wood porch columns as they are uneven. He would also like to expand the concrete patio floor in the back of the house and widen it by two feet.

There were no questions from the audience regarding the proposed work at 118 Grove Street.

Mr. Hitchcock made a motion to approve Application No. 01-05-10-2011 for 118 Grove Street as presented by Miguel Cruz. Approve the installation of a solid 6' vinyl fence which will run along Park Place from the back corner of the house along Park Place to the driveway, along the driveway to the garage, from the back of the garage away from Park Place to the property line and from that corner towards Grove Street to the back corner of the house (see attached property survey). In addition, to replace the existing concrete porch floor in the front of the house and replace the porch overhang wood columns with the same (wood for wood) with same design, if necessary; expand the existing concrete patio floor at the back of the house to run the entire length of the

back of the house and increase the depth by two feet providing the water permeation requirements for the Borough are met. This work must comply with any and all North Plainfield Construction Codes.

Seconded by Mrs. Kuga and on Roll Call carried all four voting aye.

Chairman Hitchcock advised Mr. Cruz that the Certificate of Appropriateness would be ready within 7-10 business days.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mike Yocum, 264 Duer Street, North Plainfield, commented that he would like to obtain some information from the Commission regarding the house located at 40-42 Washington Avenue. He explained that he has considered purchasing the property, tearing down the existing fire damaged house and building a two-family house. The new house would have vinyl siding and an asphalt roof. The Commission recommended that he speak with the Zoning Officer, Mr. Rodino, to ensure that his plans comply with the Borough Ordinances.

Minutes of the April 12, 2011 meeting will be carried over to the next meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Lamperti, seconded by Mrs. Kuga and on voice vote carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 pm.