

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING MARCH 13, 2012**

ROLL CALL:

Present:

Mark Sharp, Chairman
Edward Potosnak III (7:09 pm)
David Danois
Curt Climes, Alternate 1
Wendy Wright-Schaefer, Alternate 2

Absent:

Laly Espinoza Kuga, Vice Chairperson (excused)
Scott Lamperti (excused)

Also present Attorney Deborah Bracaglia and recording secretary Stephanie Sherwood.

Call to order at 7:03 pm. Chairman Sharp read the Compliance Statement.

NEW APPLICATIONS

COA 05-10-02-2007, 40-42 Washington Avenue. The applicant, Alike Muhammad, requested a reexamination of the application. Ms. Muhammad was not present at the meeting. Chairman Sharp explained that a fire in 2003 had severely damaged the house leaving it virtually roofless. Ms. Muhammad appeared before the Commission in 2007 requesting permission to demolish the structure and the application was denied. A subcommittee was formed in an attempt to save the house, but ultimately the Borough opted not to purchase the house. A few months ago Ms. Muhammad received an order to demolish the house from Howard Klein, the Construction Official, which she has appealed.

There were no questions from the audience regarding the proposed demolition of the house at 40-42 Washington Avenue.

Regarding Application No. 05-10-02-2007 for 40-42 Washington Avenue, Chairman Sharp motioned to reverse the original decision and allow the applicant to demolish the structure.

Seconded by Mr. Danois and on Roll Call carried unanimously.

Chairman Sharp announced that the Certificate of Appropriateness would be ready within 7-10 business days and Ms. Bracaglia offered to notify Ms. Muhammad's attorney of the decision.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Cammyline Mahaga-Ajala, 114 Grove Street, North Plainfield, commented that she had received authorization from the Commission on January 10, 2012 to replace the existing slate roof on her home. Providing a sample of the imitation slate, she requested confirmation from the Commission members that it will be acceptable. All members were satisfied and thanked Ms. Mahaga-Ajala for taking the time to attend the meeting.

NEW APPLICATIONS

COA 01-03-13-2012, 34 Rockview Avenue. Anthony Baker was sworn in. Mr. Baker explained the need to replace the asphalt shingles on the back portion of the roof of his house. Many damaged windows in the house need to be replaced. The garage door needs to be replaced and the asphalt driveway needs to be repaved. The wood sided clap boards on the house need to be treated for termites and ants.

There were no questions from the audience regarding the proposed work to be done at 34 Rockview Avenue.

Chairman Sharp made a motion for Application No. 01-03-13-2012 for 34 Rockview Avenue as presented by Anthony Baker. Approve replacement of the asphalt roof in kind with asphalt shingles; all gutters, downspouts and ancillary roof materials to be repaired/replaced in kind; all windows to be repaired/replaced in kind; all shutters to be repaired/replaced in kind; repave asphalt driveway in kind; install new garage doors which will have a similar appearance to the current damaged garage doors; all wood clapboards on the house to be repaired/replaced in kind. Do not approve the installation of a backyard deck or the enclosure of the current backyard sunroom.

Seconded by Mr. Potosnak and on Roll Call carried all five voting aye.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Sharp advised the Commission members that Andrea Tingey of the State Historic Preservation Office will attend the June 12, 2012 meeting to conduct a training session. He urged all members to make every effort to attend.

Chairman Sharp made a motion to replace the old multi page booklet with the single page document entitled "6 Simple Steps to a Certificate of Appropriateness" to assist applicants in their process of applying for and obtaining a certificate of appropriateness. Seconded by Ms. Wright-Schaefer and on Roll Call carried all five voting aye.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Chairman Sharp acknowledged a memo from Frank D'Amore, 40 Willow Avenue, North Plainfield, regarding a violation of 11-4.2 within the Historic District; the memo was distributed electronically to all Commission members.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the February 7, 2012 meeting were examined.

Chairman Sharp called for a Roll Call on the minutes:

Regular Meeting of February 7, 2012:

Ayes: Potosnak, Climes, Wright-Schaefer

Abstain: Danois, Sharp

Motion to adjourn by Chairman Sharp, seconded by Mr. Potosnak and on voice vote carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.