

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING MAY 7, 2013**

**ROLL CALL:**

Present:

David Danois  
Scott Lamperti  
Edward Potosnak III  
Curt Climes, Alternate 1  
Wendy Wright-Schaefer, Alternate 2

Absent:

Mark Sharp, Chairman (excused)  
Laly Espinoza Kuga, Vice Chairperson (excused)

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Also present Attorney Patricia Melia and recording secretary Stephanie Sherwood.

Call to order at 7:00 pm. Acting Chairman Potosnak read the Compliance Statement.

**NEW APPLICATIONS**

**COA 01-05-07-2013, 17 Rockview Terrace.** Denise and Paolo Lorenzi and their contractor, William Santoriello of Plainfield Restoration were sworn in. Mr. Lorenzi explained that a tree had fallen on their home during superstorm Sandy destroying their front porch. The front porch and dormer roof will be replaced in kind; mahogany balusters, yankee gutters and copper downspouts will be installed.

There were no questions from the audience regarding the proposed work to be done at 17 Rockview Terrace.

Mr. Potosnak made a motion to approve Application No. 01-05-07-2013 for 17 Rockview Terrace as presented by Denise and Paolo Lorenzi. Work to be done consists of the replacement of the front porch; dormer roof to be repaired in kind; installation of mahogany balusters, copper downspouts and yankee gutters and any ancillary roof materials to be repaired/replaced in kind.

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

Acting Chairman Potosnak advised that the Certificate of Appropriateness would be ready within 7-10 business days.

**COA 02-05-07-2013, 63 Grove Street.** Maria Aguirre, 1123 West 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Apt. B, Plainfield, NJ was sworn in. Representing the SDA Spanish Church, Ms. Aguirre explained that they would like to install a fence around the perimeter of the lot to deter illegal dumping and illegal use of the field for recreational purposes.

Mr. Potosnak opened the floor to comments from the audience regarding Application No. 02-05-07-2013 for 63 Grove Street.

Harrison Levy, 57 Grove Street, North Plainfield, spoke in favor of fencing in the property as it may deter illegal dumping, specifically those liquids which may be environmentally dangerous.

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Frank D'Amore, Sr., 40 Willow Avenue, North Plainfield, suggesting a review of the fence ordinance to ensure proper height, warned that a fence may not eliminate illegal dumping entirely.

Mr. Lamperti suggested the installation of a light from PSE&G which may help to deter nighttime trespassing.

Mr. Potosnak made a motion to approve Application No. 02-05-07-2013 for 63 Grove Street. Work to be done consists of the installation of a wood picket fence along the street facing portion of the property and a chain link fence around the interior perimeter of the property.

Seconded by Ms. Wright-Schaefer and on Roll Call carried all five voting aye.

Acting Chairman Potosnak advised that the Certificate of Appropriateness would be ready within 7-10 business days.

## **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

Minutes of the October 16, 2012 meeting will be carried over to the next meeting.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Frank D'Amore, 40 Willow Avenue, North Plainfield, voiced his concerns with the loss of historic value to the district as the owners of 151 Grove Street received approval to remove a slate roof; 15 Prospect Place received approval to remove a second story cosmetic balcony; 114 Grove Street received approval to remove a slate roof and replace with a synthetic roof which no longer carries the same design. Mr. D'Amore commented on 167 Sycamore Avenue, explaining that as per the certificate of appropriateness, the new garage doors should give the appearance of barn doors. Advising that this was brought to the attention of the Historic Preservation Commission on April 10, 2012, the speaker noted the violation has yet to be corrected.

Recalling the Department of Transportation's illegal removal of bluestone sidewalk from Grove Street approximately ten years ago, Mr. D'Amore reminded of the \$56,000.00 owed to the Borough. Urging the Commission to inquire after the status of the funds, the speaker also requested a certified tree expert be used when the project is underway to ensure that no trees are damaged or lost.

Sherlock and Francine Bender, 41 Willow Avenue, North Plainfield, advised that they were in attendance to observe and learn the process necessary to obtain a certificate of appropriateness.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm.