

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MAY 3, 2016**

ROLL CALL:

Katherine Miller, Chair
Laly Espinoza Kuga, Vice Chair
Scott Lamperti
Wendy Schaefer
Curt Climes, Alternate 1 (excused)
Janice Allen, Alternate 2 (excused)
John P. Kaplan, Esq., Associate Borough Attorney

Also present recording secretary Stephanie Sherwood.

Call to order at 7:00 pm. Ms. Miller read the Compliance Statement.

NEW APPLICATIONS

COA 01-05-03-2016, 54 Myrtle Avenue. Maynard Exum was sworn in. Mr. Exum explained that he would like to remove the second story fire escape door and install a window in its place. He detailed the other work he would like to do which included the replacement of several windows.

Commenting on the need to preserve the homes within the district, Ms. Kuga suggested consulting with the Fire Department regarding the removal of the fire escape door.

Frank D'Amore, Sr., 40 Willow Avenue, North Plainfield, shared his concerns regarding the removal of the fire escape door, specifically the safety of the tenants.

Ms. Schaefer made a motion to approve Application 01-05-03-2016 for 54 Myrtle Avenue as presented by Maynard Exum. We approve the removal of two windows on the third-story and in their place, the installation of a single, newly constructed wood-framed, double-hung window (six lights over one in the upper and lower window sashes). After approval from Construction Official and/or Fire Department, the second-story door to the fire escape will be removed and replaced with a newly constructed wood-framed, double-hung window (single panes in the upper and lower window sashes) approximately 32" wide x 42" high. On that same wall, an existing window approximately 32" wide x 62" high will be removed and replaced with a newly constructed wood-framed, double-hung window (single panes in the upper and lower window sashes) approximately 32" wide x 42" high. Any siding that needs to be

replaced due to the removal of the door to the fire escape or any of the windows will be replaced in kind. The siding covering a wood casement window in the attic shed dormer will be removed to re-expose the window; any necessary repairs to the window will be made in kind and the window trim moldings will be constructed to match the existing trim.

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

Ms. Miller advised that the Certificate of Appropriateness would be ready within 7-10 business days.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Frank D'Amore, Sr., 40 Willow Avenue, North Plainfield, called to question the status of the Master Plan and the inclusion of a Historic Element to same. Ms. Schaefer explained that a State grant will allow for a survey of the district sometime in the fall.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

Regular Meeting of April 5, 2016:

Aye: Lamperti, Schaefer, Miller

Abstain: Kuga

Special Meeting of April 21, 2016:

Aye: Kuga, Schaefer, Miller

Abstain: Lamperti

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm.