



### **THPC Minutes of February 5, 2015**

Chairman David Wall called the meeting to order at 8:05 P.M. and read the Open Public Meetings Act.

#### **Open Public Meetings Act**

In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, P.L. 1975, Chapter 231, the notice requirements have been satisfied.

Meeting dates for the year are confirmed at the Annual Meeting, and posted on the public bulletin board in the lobby of the Municipal Center and published in the Press Journal and The Record within the first 10 days of the New Year.

Copies of all revised or additional meeting notices are sent via fax to the Press Journal, The Record, Suburbanite and Northern Valley News and are posted on the public bulletin board in the lobby of the Municipal Center.

#### **Roll Call**

Present: Chairman David Wall  
Dr. Rita Heller  
Reno Danese  
Karen Neus  
Mario Turchi

Also Present: Paul Stefanowicz, Mayor's Liaison  
Nick Stefanowicz, Student Liaison  
Kevin Tremble, Planning Board Liaison  
Richard Bennett  
Christine Evron, Member of the Public

Excused: Michael Barone

#### **Informational**

Mr. Bennett, a possible Class A Member to THPC, spoke regarding his background and architectural experiences with historical buildings. He is a life-long Bergen County resident, now living in Englewood, and a New Milford High School graduate. Family history in Bergen County dates back to 1969. Richard's great grandfather was a stone mason. Richard has also been asked to join Englewood Historical Preservation Commission. Chairman Wall has emailed

Richard's resume to Mayor Ruskin.

### **Honoring Retired Class A Member**

A small dinner will be held at Knickerbocker Country Club to honor retired Class A Member Don Merino after many years of service to THPC. The Merinos are now living on Cape Cod, MA.

### **Remarks of Citizens**

Motion to open meeting to public made by Rita Heller; seconded by Reno Danese. So approved.

CHRISTINE EVRON, President of Tenafly Chamber of Commerce, requested more THPC booklets, as she distributes them to newcomers in Tenafly. Christine is hoping to revitalize downtown, making it more attractive to shoppers. Christine hopes to have a high school summer intern for the Chamber of Commerce, creating pages on a web site for each business in town, using THPC words and drawings, and include any business located in Tenafly. HS seniors will take photographs of buildings now and write descriptions of each. The historic report for Tenafly Railroad Station could be the basis. Kevin Tremble showed the article from 201 Magazine about Ridgewood, which has the only historic, designated downtown area. Karen suggested getting building owners to put up CIRCA signs, cost is \$250. Business Improvement District (BID) and Chamber of Commerce should like this idea, but it is owner's choice. Mario said a smaller version of CIRCA form could go into the proposed booklet. Christine suggested CIRCA sign be available for everyone and information go out in their mailing soon, and another in June. She'd like to place THPC flyers in all businesses in Tenafly.

Christine discussed Huyler Park. \$17,000 was raised 25 years ago, and her group is looking to do something there that would get people interested – suggesting twinkle lights, perhaps an 80" TV screen to show old movies during the summer, a good speaker system for concerts. Perhaps rest of money could come from capital improvement fund. Dave like the summer intern project with THPC involvement in guidance and correctness. Regarding CIRCA signs – the building would have to have architectural or historic significance and be 100 years old. Mario and Kevin commented on age of buildings. Kevin said national register allows for 50 year old buildings. Dave wants to discuss age requirements more.

Dave said he is working with Elizabeth Cady Stanton's great, great granddaughter to erect a bench with statues of Elizabeth and Susan B. Anthony on either end and space in the middle for someone to sit and have their photograph taken. Dave suggested to Christine that in her letter to COC members, she put in an application for CIRCA plaque and picture of it. Wording on bottom of sign could be changed to "over 50 years" and home to "building". Paul suggested wording to owners "to celebrate historic part of Tenafly". Don Merino has recommended an historic trail guided by an electronic device for people to follow throughout the downtown into Huyler Park and railroad station.

### **Sgt. Nicholas Oresko Sign**

Mario and Karen met with Mayor & Council showing them renditions of Green area and what memorial could look like. Kevin's firm, TECHREPRO, donated a full sized photo of plaque with Sgt. Oresko's photograph on photo board, showing clearly the Medal of Honor in color. It is estimated plaque would be \$8,000 and stone \$5,000. Tenafly DPW would also be involved, as well as memorial designer and landscaper. Paul said project was well received by Mayor &

Council. Mario would like to speak with a memorial designer to get a sense of cost. DPW would be involved with benches and paths. Mayor & Council would like two comparing budgets. Karen asked could Mayor & Council use Open Space Funds or Bergen County Historic Funds. Rita asked if the Mayor & Council expect this to be completed by Memorial Day 2015. Karen said no, but completed this year. She did find a video with Sgt. Oresko speaking. Mayor & Council waiting on THPC now.

### **Other Signs**

ATWOOD POND HOUSE – Karen sent out the rewrite, but has nothing further to report.

### **Tenafly Railroad Station**

Mike Barone is working on this and has attempted to contact Kaitsen Woo many times via telephone calls and emails. Kevin said Joann Toll has been recommended as an architect to contact. There was renovation in 2005 and bid specs. Many areas were fixed at that time. Dave emailed HPC members a copy of Borough Administrator Jewell Chin's report to Bergen County. T. Robins Brown has retired from Bergen County Historic Commission. Rita said Jewell wrote in an email that the new DPW Director has reviewed the maintenance manual and that work will commence in the Spring. Dave asked Kevin should they hire Joann Toll of Common Toll Architect, LLC. Dave will contact Mike to reach out to Ms. Toll. Kevin said Mike should ask Ms. Toll for estimate on cost of repairs.

### **County Preservation Awards**

Discussion amongst members that Chairman Dave Wall be nominated for this leadership portion of this award. Paul said Dave has done countywide walking tours; given talks at Westwood HPC; Dave came up with idea for CIRCA sign, it was then designed by Karen and Mario.

Motion that HPC support nomination of Chairman David Wall for County of Bergen Historic Preservation Award for Leadership in 2015 made by Rita Heller; seconded by Mario Turchi. So approved.

### **Approval of January 2015 Minutes**

Motion to approve January minutes made by Reno Danese; seconded by Rita Heller. So approved.

### **Certificate of Appropriateness**

81 Westervelt Avenue, Home of Kevin Tremble, received Certificate of Appropriateness without conditions and approved by Chairman Wall.

### **Approval of New Class A Member**

Motion to recommend to Mayor & Council to approve the appointment of Richard Bennett as a Class A Member of HPC made by Mario Turchi; seconded by Reno Danese. So approved.

### **Motion to Adjourn**

Motion made to adjourn meeting made by Mario Turchi; seconded by Karen Neus. So approved. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah L. Alvarez, Secretary

MINUTES APPROVED MARCH 9, 2015