



THPC Minutes of May 6, 2010

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 Dave Wall, Rita Heller, Don Merino, Karen Neus, Mario Turchi, Paul Stefanowicz, Liz Shanks (Rita Heller arrived at 9:20 P.M.)

Approval of April 15 Minutes

Motion to approve made by Karen Neus; seconded by Don Merino. So carried

No Members of the Public Have Come to the Meeting

Cotswold Fountain Update

Chairman Wall reported residents of Cotswold received notice of hearing on May 6th, 2010 regarding removal of fountain from premises. Dave noted no application to THPC had been received in this regard. Thus, applicant's attorney was advised no hearing could be held before THPC without application being in Building Department. Question raised once again about where fountain is headed. Don Merino and Mario Turchi said Mr. Urdang needs to answer questions where fountain is going. Applicant's attorney asked if it would be permissible to remove even though applicant hasn't decided what he wants to do with the fountain. It might go into storage. Dave said Commission would be looking for evidence of, is he removing it from

Borough, who has right of ownership. Applicant has stated he is the owner. Is it HPC's job to decide if he is indeed the owner. Liz Shanks asked if HPC's position regarding ownership and placement of the fountain is weakened in any way by the ongoing deferment of hearing dates. Mr. Urdang informed Dave he has other important matters in Teaneck and Englewood. Mr. Urdang has raised issues not covered in application. Don revamped the application to three pages, making it bigger and used language taken out of Borough Ordinances.

Certificates of Appropriateness – none at this time

74 Magnolia Avenue

This applicant, Mr. Matsuo, was granted C/A with condition Rubbermaid sheds be removed from sight. Dave said the sheds were moved to other side of driveway and still visible. Dave asked Frank Mottola, Building Inspector, to give warning. Paul Stefanowicz asked what did Matsuos do with historic flagstone, did they save it? It has been replaced with Lowe's flagstone and is an interruption of beautiful, historic sidewalk in the area. Mario said when applicants come in, THPC must make sure sidewalk flagstones stay where they are. Mario asked if any of the members had seen article in New York Times about a home that had building permit and the Historic Commission made them remove an extra floor that had been put in the home.

Virginia T. Mosley Observance

Paul said about 37 people were in attendance for the observance of Virginia T. Mosley. There was an article on the front page of the Suburbanite May 6th. Everyone thought it was a memorable tribute. Paul, Rita, Liz and Dave were in attendance.

Huyler Park

Dave spoke with Bob Beutel, DPW Superintendent, about new sod at Huyler Park. Bob is afraid it will be damaged with all the people in attendance at the Memorial Day celebration. Dave said no grant for new band shell; implementation for Phase II is not expected in foreseeable future. Dave thought he and Borough Historian could send letters to townspeople to raise money. The band shell is crumbling. Borough Historian Alice Rigney would like to see it preserved as in her childhood. Don and Liz said Huyler Park is not the proper location for band shell, but it is fine for smaller events. Karen said nearer the train station would be a better site. Dave said Chamber of Commerce wants action near them. The beech tree will be moved. Liz asked if THPC can say something that THPC is concerned about this. Dave said Phase II isn't going to happen soon. Karen said THPC was never contacted during Phase I. Karen and Mario said gazebo should be designed in relationship to railroad station. Liz said Mr. Passera, deceased, wanted to reconstruct. Dave told Liz Bob Beutel, DPW, has plans and she could see them in his office.

HARBS

a. THPC Presentation to TPB of Policy Review of Historic Planning Element

Karen spoke regarding the May 12th meeting with Planning Board. Dee distributed copies of Policy Review of Historic Planning Element to P.B. members. Don said to Karen that the goal was to get this report into Master Plan revision. Karen said HPC is ready to hand off draft and review of Historic Plan Element after many hours of discussion and revision. THPC has done their homework and included the long-term plan. Dave wants to minimize any more involvement with report.

THPC interests overlap with those of the Open Space and Recreation Plan, and those of the Planning Board. Several of the remaining large tracts of land in Tenafly are historic properties.

Planning Board said only 15 minutes would be allotted to the THPC presentation. Karen said she would prioritize the list of recommendations when she presents the Policy Review to the T. Robins Brown. Don said THPC has done their homework, now P.B. needs to review and THPC would like to see what they come up with. Don said he'd also like P.B. agenda item to be "demolition ordinance".

b. HARBS

Deputy State Historical Officer said in a memo there were no national landmarks along the railroad. Dave wrote to Daniel Saunders to state for the record that the Tenafly Railroad Station is in fact listed on State and national registers. There was a letter in response from Dan Saunders saying that he had received Mr. Wall's letter along with a copy of the historic report written by T. Robins Brown.

Signs

Mario said all signs have been installed. There are two left over. It was requested that Mario be holder of those signs so they are not lost in transition. Mario received positive feedback. Dave said Mario should speak to Mayor and The Record about an unveiling of the signs prior to publication of the article in The Record. A Saturday at 10 AM with Mayor and residents of the area in attendance. Discussion on which sign to photograph. Mario will speak with reporter from The Record about when is best date, he'll drop a note in her mailbox and invite Alice Rigney, Tenafly Historian.

Informational

Dave asked if anyone wanted to walk and/or ride in the Memorial Day parade.

Jane Symis, Magnolia Avenue, asked if THPC had booklet about historical districts. She is selling her home to neighbor and mentioned historical houses in Tenafly. Liz said historical houses increase in value.

11 Knoll Road – T.R. Brown got into the basement. The woman owner wants to leave house to town, at this time you cannot see it from the street.

Dave said T.R. Brown has already enough information on home to do a report. It is from the 1920's. Cost of report will be about \$1,500 and contract has been signed.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Mario Turchi; seconded by Don Merino. So carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah L. Alvarez, Transcriber