



### THPC Minutes of April 2, 2009

#### Roll Call:

Present: Chairman Bill Saunders, Rita Heller, Don Merino, Dave Wall, Karen Neus, Mario Turchi

Also present: Kevin Tremble, Carol Hoernlein (Counsel Liaison)

#### Open Public Meetings Act:

Chairman Saunders opened the meeting at 8:15 P.M. and recited the Open Public Meetings Act.

#### Agenda:

##### 1. Master Plan – Historic Element – Karen Neus

Karen thanked each of the members for their reviews and comments on the latest draft of the HPE, and asked that in the next level of review, the Members specifically look at the Recommendations Section and offer comments/revisions by email about what the HPC's priorities should be going forward. Karen does not feel the document is ready to share with TPB, and needs at least one more round of review. Don thought they would redo Recommendations. James-Robert Sellinger, Tenafly Planning Board, is looking forward to seeing the document. Bill thought a deadline of 4/17 was feasible for returning remarks to Karen, and then THPC will be able to get this on the docket before the Tenafly Planning Board, perhaps May 13<sup>th</sup>. Don thought they should put "draft" discussion on paper. Don and Bill have not added their input to the report. Rita asked Karen if she'd seen Dave's report on Railroad Avenue presented to the M & C in April 2003.

Kevin thought the Planning Board may want to review the work, and then have dialogue, if necessary.

##### 2. Historic District Signage – Mario Turchi

Mario thought the April 7<sup>th</sup> presentation to Mayor & Council was just to show them what the signs look like. HPC is paying for designer and Borough paying for signs from already allocated capital funds. Rita will obtain a purchase order for fabrication of the signs. Mario will get bill from Lance Wyman. Kevin suggested showing slides of signs for Magnolia and Highwood Park.

At this point in the meeting, Mario did a presentation for the members. Everyone thought the map was fine, not necessary to show photograph of area with "red arrow". Cost for signs will be

approximately \$5,300 including an amount for spare signs. With 8 signs needed, it was suggested to add five percent, bringing cost to \$7,000. Money for design of signs is already spent and majority of work already done. Proposed Huyler Park sign might match our design.

3. C of A for 165 Serpentine – W. Saunders

The C of A was approved (minor).

4. 2009 THPC Budget – R. Heller

Rita wanted to get an update on the budget, but the Mayor & Council and Borough Administrator are working on it; hence was not possible to get an update by March meeting. Rita will reduce one line by \$425, as requested by M & C for overall budget reductions.

5. Passenger Rail – 3/3/2009 NJ DEP letter

Kevin said there was no such thing as levels of integrity form. Some things have not changed in 50 years. Karen asked if THPC should respond to this letter as a Commission. Kevin thought a copy of Dave's report with further comments, did you know this and such, should be sent. Alice Rigley should be consulted regarding the Charles Holmes House. Karen wondered if T. Robins Brown should do pump house review or railroad district review.

**Motion that Tenafly Historic Preservation Commission respond to Natural & Historic Resources, Historic Preservation Office letter of March 3, 2009 that the THPC disagrees with finding regarding eligibility for National Register of Tenafly Railroad Station Historic District, Charles Holmes House and Tenafly Sewage Disposal Plant as to Northern Branch Corridor Rail Project made by Don Merino; seconded by Bill Saunders. So carried.**

6. 53 Knickerbocker Road – R. Heller

Kevin asked Rita if Alice Rigney knows Mrs. Clyman. He thought Mrs. Clyman should be given Bill's home phone number. Rita said she would send a letter to Mrs. Clyman regarding 53 Knickerbocker with a copy to Alice Rigney.

7. Newsletter – K. Neus

Karen handed out copies of the article submitted for the next Borough newsletter, written by Dave Wall on the new plaque to be installed on the Huyler Park monument honoring James Blauvelt DeMott, Tenafly's only known Civil War casualty.

8. NVE Bank – Lithographs of early Tenafly – B. Saunders

Bill said many of the lithographs were from 1911. He would like to see the map and photograph showing the DeMott Farm reduced. Carol said people at the bank were worried that the lithographs would "disappear" if THPC waited too long to obtain them for the Borough.

9. Approval of Minutes of March 5, 2009 Meeting

**Motion to approve made by Bill Saunders; seconded by Don Merino. So carried.**

#### 10. New Member Recommendations

Bill said they are still looking for a new member. Elizabeth Kurianski Scott had declined the position. Bill or Karen will ask Paul Stefanowicz.

#### 11. Non-Resident Members – B. Saunders

Bill's house is sold and the closing is April 30<sup>th</sup>. A member does not have to be a resident as per Mr. McClure. Class A – could be non-resident; Class B – could be non-resident; Class C – must be a resident.

(At his point in the meeting, Dave Wall was present.)

#### 12. Planning Board Minutes for Meeting of 3/25 – K. Tremble

Kevin talked about COAH.

(#3 – DeMott Plaque and #8 – Roosevelt Commons TR Monument as listed on the THPC Agenda for this evening's meeting were not discussed.)

#### **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn meeting made and seconded. So carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah L. Alvarez, Secretary

Approved 5/7/09