



THPC Minutes of January 8, 2009

Roll Call:

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

Chairman Saunders called the meeting to order at 8:05 P.M.

Open Public Meeting Act

Chairman Saunders recited the Open Public Meetings Act.

Reorganization, Taking of Oaths and Swearing in

Newly appointed Commissioner Eric Kahn was unable to attend. The other members present recited their oaths and signed appropriate paperwork.

Agenda

1. 72 MAGNOLIA – Mr. and Mrs. Matsuo

Don gave Mr./Mrs. Matsuo a list of their neighbors within the 200 foot area. The Matsuos must place a public notice in the newspaper and send out certified letters to their neighbors regarding demolition and work to be done on their garage. THPC also sends out a letter to the neighbors. There are 16 on that list, plus the Presbyterian Church. Borough Clerk Hatten advertises in Press Journal. This process takes about two weeks. February 5th is the next regularly scheduled THPC meeting.

It was suggested they bring their architect or builder and have samples of materials to be used on a poster board. Mr. Matsuo said his architect charges extra for appearances. Dave read the demolition criteria set forth in the ordinance. Don said he would be witness for approval of the demolition, as he did survey of neighborhood and took photographs and spoke to Commission. Dave thought the architect or builder's appearance would not be required. Public portion of this meeting will be tape recorded. Don suggested they give copy of drawings of garage to Building Department.

Commissioners went over drawing again. Don thought they were making the garage look like their aluminum sided house. Mario thought the overhang in front looks good, but suggested adding overhang in back so it is the same.

Mr. Matsuo asked if garage door can be as close as possible to drawing as he's having a problem finding one that looks like drawing. Mario offered to help find a door. He's done a lot of searching re: garage doors. He'll email Mr. Matsuo. Mario asked how important it was to have four-paneled door. Don said the garage sits far back on the property.

Bill said they'd get back to Mr. Matsuo with a final date. Don will get other pictures printed. Dave said that if Don testifies he cannot vote, but feels has done great work on this project.

2. SIGNAGE – Mario Turchi

Mario showed a new rendition of sign, now approximately 24 x 23. Lance Wyman took off about nine inches. Don asked about making symbol smaller, words larger. Dave disagreed. Discussion re:

A/rounded sign

B/type san serif

C/Magnolia

D/Corners sharp

E/Dave likes Times New Roman

Lance liked A/rounded sign with san serif combination. Mario will email just two versions to others. Dave would like it ASAP. Bill prefers san serif. Price quoted is for sign 24 x 30 (sign we see). Picture is 24 x 23, which should be lower in cost. Bill wondered how long delivery would take. Don said invoice should say specific: Magnolia Avenue, Highland Park. Mario will deal with Lance. Lance said vinyl letters. Mario likes silk screen letters.

Mario will make a 24 x 23 sample, cut it out, put on street, take picture, then email to all concerned. Vote was: san serif or serif and motion made:

Motion made by Mario Turchi; seconded by Don Merino that quorum favors use of modular marker in reddish brown color with sans serif font. Font color is "antique yellow". So carried.

Bill will check with DPW re: erecting signs. Don thought the post composition for the sign is decided by DOE.

(At this point in the meeting, Karen Neus came in – 9:05 P.M.)

3. BROCHURES – Rita Heller

Rita reported the brochures in library are very popular. She tries to keep a supply at Clinton Inn also and gave the Manager a rack for the brochures. Someone had stopped at Borough Hall and took seven copies.

4. 2009 BUDGET – Rita Heller

\$1,000 of encumbered money is for Lance Wyman to make a presentation to Mayor & Council in 2009. There is money for T. Robins Brown to do requisite research as needed for additional nominations of houses for landmark status.

4A. Mayor & Council formally approved our three 2008 landmark homes. Karen will look at inventory of houses, pitch some articles, and get people interested in the houses in Tenafly. She'll bring a list to meeting soon. Don asked if she was getting a medallion for her home. Mario thought as a Commission they should use the icon and have medallion made. Stanton House has one next to their front door.

5. INFORMATIONAL

Bill talked about James Blauvelt DeMott. The Mayor wants to know if HPC wants to take this on, adding his name to monument.

Dave stated that he would favor inclusion of James Blauvelt DeMott on a memorial in Huyler Park even though at the time of DeMott's death and for just a few years beforehand and afterward, Tenafly was referred to as North Englewood rather than by its previous name of Tenafly.

Karen talked about Historic Plan Element and Donna Harris, free lance consultant hired by Preservation New Jersey to do work with various municipalities' Master Plan/Historic Preservation Elements. Donna and Karen spoke in October. Donna was rewriting the Tenafly history. Karen drafted easy parts, and needs to compare different parts of Master Plan, she needs all Commissioners to get involved and take one section of the Master Plan. She's already done five parts. Donna wants Table 13 the way it was before. Karen's request to Commissioners was i.e., land use – read/take notes/cite page numbers/do positive and negatives. Five sections are: land use, housing, circulation, facilities, recycling and appendixes to Master Plan.

Don wondered how Master Plan impacts historic preservation. Bill said Planning Board had a big meeting last year re: open space, which addressed historic preservation areas in town.

Don said make assignments. Karen will deliver either Saturday or Sunday portions to the Commissioners. Question was can we get work to Donna by end of January and schedule a meeting in February after Donna reviews the notes. Don said give her everyone's email and telephone numbers.

Rita asked where does the money come from to pay Donna. Karen said she has grants. Goal and objective is to update Tenafly historic plan element. Document was written in 1992 and updated in 2005. Karen needs to involve Planning Board and Dee. Karen said Donna said to develop an in-house contract or contract out (October meeting). Discussion ensued, everyone said they would read their sections and say if they didn't understand it. Kevin thought back in October that HPC should have their input before Master Plan is rewritten.

Rita would have preferred spending a Saturday afternoon with the expert going over the book.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Mario; seconded by Don. So carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah L. Alvarez, Secretary

Next meeting is Thursday, February 5, 2009 – 8:00 P.M.

(Please note: These minutes were approved at the 2/5/2009 meeting of THPC and forwarded to Borough Clerk and Borough Administrator on 2/25/2009 by Secretary Alvarez)