



100 Riveredge Road, Tenafly, NJ 07670

**MINUTES**  
**Thursday, April 8, 2021**

Chairwoman Karen Neus called the Webex meeting to order at 8:00 pm.

The announcement was made regarding compliance with the Open Public Meetings Law.

**Roll Call**

Members Present: Karen Neus, Richard Bennett, Mike Barone, Rita Heller, Dave Wall, Emily Yang,  
& Council Liaison Jeff Grossman

Members Absent: Reno Danese

Members of the public: Former Chair, Kevin Tremble

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes for March were so approved. Moved by: Ms. Heller, Seconded by: Mr. Barone. Unanimously approved.

**Certificates of Appropriateness**

Ms. Neus states that the HPC has not received any new Certificate of Appropriateness applications.

Ms. Neus states that there will be a meeting with the Building Department to go over the process for the Certificate of Appropriateness. This meeting will be to brief the new Building Department staff of the ordinance, the HPC, the binder, Table 13 and our process with these certificates.

**Old Business**

- a. Roosevelt Monument Project**—Ms. Neus informs the Commission that there have been weekly meetings to keep the project moving forward in the face of the many changes in personnel at Borough Hall. The next step is for Colliers Engineering to present a proposal with cost estimate for preparation of the bid package, project management and oversight. Construction documents were prepared by Focus Lighting and transmitted to Colliers last month, to be incorporated into the bid package. The Borough is still waiting for Colliers to present their proposal for work.

Ms. Neus informs the Commission that Bob Carpenter came out to Tenafly a week earlier to complete his seasonal inspection of the Roosevelt Monument. Mr. Carpenter has not submitted his written report, though he did verbally report finding indications of some additional damage to the Monument. It appears that since the last inspection there has been additional water damage to the steps, and there is evidence that rocks have been thrown at the front face of the monument causing pock marks all over the carving of President Roosevelt's panel. Mr. Carpenter feels that it is important for him to do his work while the electrical installers are on site due to the fact that the electrical contractors will be drilling to create a conduit space for the electrical components and Mr. Carpenter can supervise where and how the contractors are drilling. Ms. Neus says that there will be a meeting in the next few days with the Borough Administrator, Police & DPW to discuss the security of the Monument and the area.

- b. Inness Road Gates**—Mr. Barone informed the Commission that he met again with the artisans at LMC in Paterson to review next steps for the gate restoration and its columns. The project cost as estimated by LMC has increased due to a rise in material costs. Due to continuing rust and exposure to weather, the creation of a forward maintenance plan is recommended to keep the gates in good condition for the next one hundred years. The question now is how to pay for this restoration as the gates are owned by the Borough of Tenafly. Mr. Barone offered to create a presentation to the neighbors with Mr. Schiffman coordinating to help raise

funds for the project and get information out to the neighbors about the history of the gates and their importance to Tenafly.

- c. **Tenafly Walking Tour**—Ms. Yang informs the Commission that the graphic designer Kat Youn, has been drafting some possible designs for the brochure. The Walking Tour Committee is at a point where they're reviewing possible covers and themes that would carry over into the brochure interior. Ms. Yang is confident that the committee will be able to show some sample pages to the entire Commission at the next meeting.
- d. **Historic Markers Status Report**—Ms. Neus informs the Commission that two of the three markers have been delivered to the DPW while the third marker is to be shipped soon. Once it arrives, a meeting with the DPW Director Mike Cassidy will be scheduled to go over placement of the markers.
- e. **Railroad Station Project**—Ms. Neus states that Focus Lighting is still working on their lighting design for the exterior of the RR Station. Once completed, the design will go through the same process of review by SHPO as the Monument lighting design.

### **Updates from Council Liaison**

Councilman Grossman informed the Commission that the 2021 HPC budget is pretty much the same as last year. At the next Mayor & Council meeting a proclamation will be presented in honor of HPC member, Reno Danese's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

### **New Business**

Ms. Neus states that she has received several calls from real estate agents with questions about the property at 177 Hudson Street, Tenafly, and about what renovations are permitted under Tenafly's Historic Preservation Ordinance.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm by Ms. Neus.

Respectfully submitted,  
Amanda Booth  
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