



100 Riveredge Road, Tenafly, NJ 07670

MINUTES
Thursday, June 3, 2021

Chairwoman Karen Neus called the Webex meeting to order at 8:02 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 HPC Chair Kevin Tremble, Beatriz Paleaz-Martinez

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for April & May were approved. Moved by: Mr. Bennett, Seconded by: Mr. Barone. Unanimously approved.

Certificates of Appropriateness

Ms. Neus stated that the HPC has not received any Certificate of Appropriateness applications since last meeting. Ms. Neus did state that she drove past 172 Serpentine Road and it appeared that the work reviewed at May's meeting has not started as of yet.

Old Business

- a. **Tenafly Walking Tour**—Ms. Neus informed the Commission that for the past few weeks, the design work has taken a hiatus so the subcommittee could focus on editing and finalizing the text. The text has been reviewed by Ann Gordon, who is the editor of the Elizabeth Cady Stanton's papers and archives. Mr. Wall has taken into consideration the comments made by Dr. Gordon and revised the document along with Ms. Neus. The Committee plans to resume design work sometime in June. Ms. Neus stated that the subcommittee hopes to receive three informal printing proposals to establish an estimated cost to publish the brochure.
- b. **Historic Markers Status Report**—Ms. Neus informed the Commission that all three blue historic markers have been installed by the DPW. It was suggested that HPC members discussed to think about whether other locations in town should have a marker, such as the Maugham School, as it is the oldest school in Tenafly, and bring those ideas to the next meeting.
- c. **Roosevelt Monument Project**—Ms. Neus informed the Commission that there is nothing new to report. The DPW has established a water supply for Bob Carpenter. Mr. Carpenter with the assistance of the DPW has installed a lock on the construction gate to keep it properly closed. Mr. Carpenter is waiting for better weather to start his restoration work as we have had a lot of rain recently.
- d. **Railroad Station Project**—Ms. Neus informed the Commission that there is nothing new to report.
- e. **Inness Road Gates**—Mr. Barone has not had the opportunity to schedule a meeting with another contractor. He did reach out to Mr. Schiffman, though has not heard back from him. The Inness Road Gates are protected by local ordinance because they are included in the ordinance landmarking the Cotswold Estate. It was decided that a file or document would need to be created with all the important data in it

including the survey by David Halls – this will be initiated by Ms. Neus and Mr. Barone.

Updates from Council Liaison

Councilman Grossman informed the Commission that he has spoken with the Mayor about the Gates and that this is something the Borough will need to discuss..

C. Grossman reported that the Borough will be receiving a matching grant from the County to complete the additional path from the Oresko Monument to Washington Street directly.

New Business

New Jersey History & Historic Preservation Conference—Former Chair, Kevin Tremble talked about conference session on the Subcode and Advocacy conferences that he attended virtually earlier today, presented by the New Jersey Historic Trust. Some opportunities talked about were the historic preservation tax credit for rehabilitation of historic buildings and the subcode. In the advocacy section an attorney who specializes in historic preservation cases spoke about the capabilities of historic preservation commission and what we should be thinking about in making adjustments to the ordinance to make it stronger.

Ms. Neus suggested that if the Borough holds its annual Community Night in September, that THPC have a table where information about the HPC and historic homes be circulated to the community.

Ms. Neus reported that she has been fielding calls from potential home buyers for information on historic homes in Tenafly. On the other hand she has received a call looking for information in regards to selling a house that is landmarked. She has explained the historic preservation ordinance to the callers, and then directed them to the Borough's website where links are provided to the Tenafly Design Guidelines and the Borough ordinance.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:07pm by Ms. Neus. Moved by: Mr. Barone, Seconded by: Mr. Bennette. Unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda Booth
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