

Approved October 7, 2021



100 Riveredge Road, Tenafly, NJ 07670

MINUTES
Thursday, September 9, 2021

Chairperson Karen Neus called the Zoom meeting to order at 8:01 pm.

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

Roll Call

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

Members Absent: Reno Danese,

Members of the public: Aki Benjamin, Eelke Tuininga & Beatriz Pelaez-Martinez

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for July were approved with the amended changes. Moved by: Mr. Barone, Seconded by: Ms. Yang. Unanimously approved.

Certificates of Appropriateness

Ms. Neus stated that the HPC has not received any Certificate of Appropriateness applications since last meeting. Ms. Neus introduced Mr. Eelke Tuininga, the new owner of 10 Huyler Avenue to the Commission. Mr. Tuininga said he is working with a historic preservation consultant to see what work is needed to be completed at the residence and to be in compliance with the HPC.

Old Business

- a. **Inness Road Gates**—A second proposal was received by Mr. Barone for the repair of the Inness Road Gates from Olek Restoration in Orange, NJ. Mr. Peter Triestman was not on the call to answer questions from the Commission about the proposal. Questions were asked about the Mayor & Council funding the project as this is a safety issue. Councilman Grossman responded with the amount of damage to the town received due to the flooding the week earlier, that may be a hard sell to Mayor & Council. Mr. Barone will follow up with Mr. Schiffman again as he has not heard a response to see if the community would be in favor to assist with fundraising for the Gates.
- b. **Roosevelt Monument Project**—Ms. Neus informed the Commission that there is nothing new to report on this project at this time.
- c. **Tenafly Walking Tour** —Ms. Neus informed the Commission that they are still working on the final edits for the brochure. At this point in the meeting, Ms. Booth asked if she should let all the people in the waiting room into the meeting. Ms. Neus said to let them in as it was a public meeting. At this time the screen was hijacked by the newcomers and after inappropriate images were shared, Ms. Booth removed and reported the unwanted people from the meeting.

- d. **Elizabeth Cady Stanton Park**—The discussion of naming or renaming a park after Elizabeth Cady Stanton continued from last meeting. High school student Mr. Benjamin went to the Mayor & Council about this topic and was directed to speak with the HPC for their recommendations. The Commission discussed different parks and areas in town by the train station that might have a connection to Stanton. Mr. Barone suggested to rename a section of a park or garden after Ms. Stanton. At this time the matter would be tabled till next meeting. A subcommittee was formed to develop recommendations and bring them to the full HPC.

Updates from Council Liaison

Councilman Grossman updated the Commission on the Borough's request for another extension for the Roosevelt Monument grant project. For the Railroad Station, they have some items to iron out with the tenant. The Borough had over \$1.8 million dollars in damage from the flooding that occurred on September 1, 2021. The focus is to repair the road damage and to reopen the roads. The Borough will be hosting a music festival and fireworks on September 19, 2021. The Planning Board has a site plan application from the JCC that is being currently heard.

Mr. Barone added that the blue historic marker on Magnolia Avenue was vandalized. He was able to remove the graffiti with hand sanitizer and contacted Mr. Cassidy at the DPW to keep him informed.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20pm by Ms. Neus. Moved by: Ms. Heller, Seconded by: Mr. Barone. Unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda Booth
Secretary | Administrative Assistant