

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 7, 2012**

ROLL CALL:

Present:

Laly Espinoza Kuga, Vice Chairperson
Edward Potosnak III
Scott Lamperti
Curt Climes, Alternate 1
Wendy Wright-Schaefer, Alternate 2

Absent:

Mark Sharp, Chairman (excused)
David Danois (excused)

Also present Attorney Deborah Bracaglia and recording secretary Stephanie Sherwood.

Call to order at 7:02 pm. Vice Chairperson Kuga read the Compliance Statement.

NEW APPLICATIONS

COA 01-02-07-2012, 91 Mercer Avenue. Zdzislaw Kwasniewski and Joan McDaniel were sworn in. Mr. Kwasniewski explained the need to replace not only the deteriorated trim along the roof line of the house, but all deteriorated elements to the yankee gutter system as well. The applicant advised that the slate mansard roof will be replaced with an imitation slate which will have the same look and appearance of the current slate roof.

There were no questions from the audience regarding the proposed work at 91 Mercer Avenue.

Mr. Potosnak made a motion to approve Application No. 01-02-07-2012 for 91 Mercer Avenue as presented by Zdzislaw Kwasniewski and Joan McDaniel. Work to be done consists of removing and replacing in kind the deteriorated trim along roof line; removing and replacing in kind the deteriorated dormer trim and roofs; removing and replacing in kind the deteriorated elements to the yankee gutter system; removing and replacing the slate mansard roof with slate and/or imitation slate which will have the same look and appearance as the current slate roof; any and all roof components needing repairing/replacing to be repaired/replaced in kind.

Seconded by Mr. Lamperti and on Roll Call carried unanimously.

Vice Chairperson Kuga advised Zdzislaw Kwasniewski and Joan McDaniel that the Certificate of Appropriateness would be ready within 7-10 business days.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Frank D'Amore, 40 Willow Avenue, North Plainfield, commented on the responsibilities of the Historic Preservation Commission, specifically updating the survey of the Historic District. He reminded the Commission that funding is available through the State as North Plainfield is one of the few towns in New Jersey to hold the Certified Local Government status. Ideally, a survey should be completed every five to ten years, yet North Plainfield has not completed one in twenty years. He urged the Commission to look into this. The speaker then commented that better enforcement of the Historic Preservation Ordinance is needed. Citing 104 Sycamore Avenue as an example, he explained that the deteriorated wood trim was brought to the attention of the Zoning officer and to date, nothing has been done to correct the situation. Mrs. Bracaglia reminded that the Commission does not have the authority to issue summonses to residents for failure to comply with the ordinance.

NEW BUSINESS

Commission members reviewed the new single page document to be distributed to applicants to assist in their process of applying for a certificate of appropriateness. Suggestions were offered by several members and the document will be updated and brought before the Commission at the next meeting for review.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the January 10, 2012 meeting were examined.

Vice Chairperson Kuga called for a Roll Call on the minutes:

Regular Meeting of January 10, 2012: All in favor.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Potosnak, seconded by Mr. Climes and on voice vote carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:44 pm.