

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MARCH 1, 2016**

ROLL CALL:

Laly Espinoza Kuga, Vice Chair (excused)
Janice Allen
David Danois (excused)
Scott Lamperti
Wendy Schaefer
Curt Climes, Alternate 1 (excused)
Katherine Miller, Alternate 2 (7:55 pm)
John P. Kaplan, Esq., Associate Borough Attorney

Also present recording secretary Stephanie Sherwood.

Call to order at 7:01 pm. Ms. Schaefer agreed to the role of Acting Chair and read the Compliance Statement.

Ms. Sherwood opened the floor to nominating motions for new officers for 2016. Ms. Schaefer nominated Ms. Miller for Chair for calendar year 2016. Motion was seconded by Mr. Lamperti and on Roll Call carried unanimously, pending her acceptance.

Ms. Schaefer nominated Ms. Kuga for Vice Chair for calendar year 2016. Motion was seconded by Mr. Lamperti and on Roll Call carried unanimously, pending her acceptance.

Ms. Schaefer nominated Ms. Sherwood for Recording Secretary for calendar year 2016. Motion was seconded by Mr. Lamperti and on Roll Call carried unanimously.

NEW APPLICATIONS

COA 01-03-01-2016, 63 Grove Street. Jim Greene and Pastor Abdiel Hernandez were sworn in. Mr. Greene explained that the Seventh-Day Adventist Church currently conducts their church services at 45 Craig Place. The congregation has grown to approximately 200 members and they would like to build a church on their property located at 63 Grove Street. Mr. Kaplan explained that they will need to appear before the Planning Board before their application for a certificate of appropriateness may be heard.

Naomi Tate Riddick, 40D Prospect Place, North Plainfield, shared her concerns with the potential for limited parking and increased traffic. Acknowledging the speaker's concerns, Ms. Schaefer urged that she address the Planning Board with same.

Ms. Schaefer made a motion to deny Application 01-03-01-2016 for 63 Grove Street as presented by Mr. Greene and Pastor Hernandez. Do not approve the construction of a church at 63 Grove Street. Applicants must first appear before the Planning Board.

Seconded by Mr. Lamperti and on Roll Call carried all three voting aye.

Ms. Schaefer advised that the Certificate of Appropriateness would be ready within 7-10 business days.

COA 02-03-01-2016, 35 Myrtle Avenue. Steve Dilly was sworn in. Mr. Dilly explained that he had received an emergency approval to replace the existing asphalt shingled roof. He further explained that he would like to remove the existing vinyl windows on the side of the second floor porch and close the openings. He would like to install a wood handrail on both sides of the exterior front stairs and repair the existing stair treads and risers. The gutters will be repaired or replaced to match existing and the patio block walkway will be removed and replaced with paver stones. He then explained that he had received a notice of violation for replacing the lead glass window in the back of the house without a certificate of appropriateness. Advising that the window had been stolen prior to his purchase of the house, he stressed that he had not been able to make a police report because he was not the home owner at the time of the incident.

Frank D'Amore, Sr., 40 Willow Avenue, North Plainfield, inquired after the exact date of purchase of the house. Mr. Dilly advised that he purchased the house on September 11, 2015. Explaining that the lead glass window was a unique architectural feature of the home, Mr. D'Amore urged for replacement of same.

Ms. Schaefer made a motion to approve Application 02-03-01-2016 for 35 Myrtle Avenue as presented by Steve Dilly. Work which has already been done includes the replacement of the asphalt roof in kind. Work to be done includes opening up the window in the front of the second floor porch; closing the windows to the left of the second floor porch which do not face the street and installing vinyl siding to match existing; replace the four windows on the second floor porch in kind with at least one window matching architectural detail of other windows. Install new wood handrails at both sides of the front exterior stairs and repair the existing front stair treads and risers in kind. Remove existing front patio block walkway and install new paver stones. Repair or replace existing front gutters to match existing. Approve the new window currently installed at the rear stairwell which replaced a lead glass window that was stolen prior to

purchase of house. The trim on the new window will include the architectural detail of the house.

Seconded by Mr. Lamperti with Roll Call as follows:

Ayes: Allen, Lamperti, Schaefer

Abstain: Miller

Motion carried 3-0-1.

Ms. Schaefer advised that the Certificate of Appropriateness would be ready within 7-10 business days.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Frank D'Amore, Sr., 40 Willow Avenue, North Plainfield, inquired after clarification of the term "in kind" when used in a certificate of appropriateness. Ms. Schaefer explained that the term "in kind" is used to ensure that the architectural character remains and the appearance of the house remains unchanged. Commenting on the lack of adherence to the certificates of appropriateness at 3 Myrtle Avenue and 45 Rockview Avenue, Mr. D'Amore shared his displeasure with the construction official not preparing reports for the commission as the ordinance mandates. Responding to Mr. D'Amore, Ms. Miller indicated that the owner of 35 Rockview Avenue was issued a stop work order by Mr. Klein.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

Regular Meeting of December 8, 2015:

Ayes: Lamperti, Miller, Schaefer

Abstain: Allen

Regular Meeting of January 5, 2016:

Ayes: Lamperti, Miller

Abstain: Allen, Schaefer

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Lamperti, seconded by Ms. Schaefer and on voice vote carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.