

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
BOROUGH OF CLOSTER, NEW JERSEY

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

Monday,
November 24, 2008
8 p.m.

I. Mr. Douglas Radick, Chairman, called the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission of the Borough of Closter, New Jersey held on Monday, November 24, 2008 in the municipal chambers of the Borough Hall to order at 8:10 p.m.. He stated that the meeting was being held in compliance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey.

II. Mr. Radick invited all persons present to join the Board members in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. The following Board members and professional persons were present at the meeting:

Doug Radick
Irene Stella
Jennifer Rothschild
Jayne Rubinfeld Waldron
Bobbie Bouton Goldberg
John Kashwick, Council Liaison
Andy Ouzoonian, Planning Board Liaison

Absent: Grisha Davida
Wilson Reimers

IV. MINUTES: Minutes of October 27, 2008 adopted MSC Stella, Reimers

V. MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC RE: MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA: No public present

VI. Correspondence:

A. Incoming: Arts and History in Bergen County, approval of Raymond Dressler, . . . Jack Siegel 40 Susan Drive; 2009 Budget request; Loretta Castano, Boro Clerk regarding appointments B. Outgoing: From Jennifer Rothschild, Sec'y to Carol Messer, Bergen County; flyer sent to everyone in District for Library Exhibit and program 11/18

VII. REPORTS: Bergen County Grant: Bobbie Bouton Goldberg met with John DiStefano and has forms that will be filled out and given to him for reimbursements. Discussion of grant application processes. Ms. Bouton Goldberg will be finalizing the grant contract and meeting with the Mayor to expend funds to transfer the exhibit to Borough Hall. The Mayor wishes for larger photos; Mr. Radick expressed that we can then give the homeowners the photos from the Exhibit.

AWARDS SUBCOMMITTEE: Jayne Rubinfeld-Waldron: We now have a lot of information regarding houses in the District and need to have a meeting. Ms. Bouton Goldberg feels that nominating a house would give a better feeling to the public. Four houses within the District are being considered. Lobosco, Urso and Cochran and Bradbury are nominated for consideration.

VIII. LIASON REPORTS

PLANNING BD. Mr. Andy Ouzoonian: Master Plan Reevaluation Report has been distributed. Four pages are devoted to Historic Preservation. Ms. Stella states that she attended the meeting and had questioned some information and wonders if they have corrected this. Mr. Ouzoonian states that the report is coming before the Planning Board next Wednesday, so we had better become familiar with it. Ms. Bouton Goldberg made copies of the relevant portions for everyone. Mr. Radick will attend this meeting. Ms. Stella suggests that a subcommittee meet after this meeting to correct the language and get it to Mr. Ouzoonian. Suggestion that a letter go out from the Commission.

COUNCIL: Mr. Kashwick: Open Space allocations were voted upon and the HPC will receive \$12,000. (Cemetery and street signs)

ZONING: Ms. Rothschild: No report; nothing pending before Zoning Board of interest to the Commission.

ENVIRONMENTAL: Ms. Bouton Goldberg. No report.

IMPROVEMENT: Irene Stella: Sign ordinance revision. Upcoming before the Planning Board Wednesday night is the Radio Masters application. There is an application for "Helio" in turquoise. The CIC recommends that signs applied for that are not in complete compliance, within the Renaissance District, should be reviewed by the CIC and the Historic Commission. Discussion of sign colors, size, lighting, etc.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

- A. WEST ST./HARRINGTON AVE. DISTRICT: Discussion of Library Display, event and brochure. Ms. Stella suggests that another press release go out. Ms. Bouton Goldberg wishes to formally thank Jack Murphy and send him a token gift as a thank-you. MSC Rothschild/Stella to send thank you letters to Jack Murphy, CJ Clarke at Northern State Bank, Paul and Monica Lee at Allstate Insurance for her Korean translation of our press release, and Jeanne Stella Walling for her layout.
- B. Naugle/Auryansen Cemetery Open House: Letter thanking Tim Adriance needs to be sent out. Discussion of letter from Jack Siegel of 42 Susan Drive regarding trees that are affecting his property. Discussion of use of open space funds to address the MSC Goldberg Stella to get an estimate from Palisades Tree Service to do the tree work. Ms. Rothschild will e-mail Mr. Siegel for more information from his tree expert and will forward it to the Commission for their review.
- C. Goals and Attainments: Ms. Bouton Goldberg states that several of us took courses at Drew. She also suggests that Historical Society/Pat Morillo's artifacts and files be put into archival condition. We could get a grant, possibly, to cover these expenses. There is a CAPES grant available to get an evaluation of what needs to be done. Ms. Bouton Goldberg will report back on this.

X. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Newsletter: Mr. Radick has produced another newsletter that is at the printer right now and that 600 are being printed. He will send it out to 300 people. Ms. Stella suggests that the people who lived in the District be showcased in the next newsletter.
- B. Decorative Historic Street Signs: We now have funds now to do these.
- C. Budget: There is a worksheet. The mailing will have to be done by certified mail; the cost of each letter will be approximately \$5.00 each. Drew courses. Attornies fees. Speakers fees. Secretarial costs. Publication costs. Discussion of what the Commission has accomplished this year.
- D. Drew course on Preservation law on a Saturday in January. Ms. Stella states that we all should attend this and that this will be a line item for the budget.
- E. Discussion of Village School's condition and the letter from Mr. Parsells. Board determined that a letter should be sent to the Building Department, Maintenance Department, that we are concerned that the building is deteriorating and should be protected.
- F. MSC Bouton Goldberg/Rothschild to nominate the West Street/Harrington Avenue District.

XI. ADJOURNMENT: MSC Rubenfeld-Waldron, Bouton-Goldberg to adjourn at 10:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Rothschild

