

THE BOROUGH OF FANWOOD

Historic Preservation Commission
Minutes of the Meeting of June 6, 2019

Present: Joan Skubish (Chair), Scott Pierce, Joe Nagy, Cheryl Gain and Jack Molenaar

Absent: Jeffrey Banks (liaison)

The meeting commenced at 7:37 p.m. Prior to the regular meeting, Architect Thomas DiGiorgio presented the plans for renovations and additions to 118 North Martine Avenue, a house located in and designated as part of Fanwood's Historic District.

Joan recited the Open Public Records Act announcement.

Museum Sub-Committee:

The archival materials obtained from part of the grant money have been received and will be used in cataloging some of the material in the file cabinets.

Joan reported that McGinn School's visit took place yesterday, June 5th and was well-received. Dr. Slocum, the school's principal also accompanied the classes. This is the first visit by McGinn School in many years and the Fanwood Museum will now be added to their schedule next year. School One is scheduled for a June 12th tour, Evergreen School on June 13th and Brunner Elementary School on June 14th.

The Fall Sunday schedule for the Museum opening was discussed; Scott will volunteer for September 8th, Jack for October 6th, Cheryl for November 3rd and Joan for December 1st.

Joan is working on the 2018 report to the State of NJ and discussed the State requirements for the report. Joan requested resumes from the HPC members for inclusion in the report. She will look into State grant opportunities for next year. We will be applying for a Union County grant for refinishing/repair to the flooring in the Carriage House.

Joan had approached John Prescott at the Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs last year regarding a County historic card for Mrs. Edward (Alice) Harding, a world-famous horticulturalist from Fanwood. John researched and had the card printed for use with the "Four Centuries" weekend. Cards were given to each member of the

HPC.

Jen Rohman has had to resign from the Commission due to her work schedule. Recruitment of new members was discussed.

Joe outlined some ideas for programs including the Barbershop Quartet that serenaded at Four Centuries, a talk on The Homestead and the Fanwood Rescue Squad's history by Ed Winsor.

The "Four Centuries In A Weekend" will be Saturday, October 19th and Sunday, October 20th from noon to 5:00 both days. The planning for this event is underway and more planning and scheduling will take place at September's meeting. Joan has ordered some items for the weekend from the Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs.

Building Sub-Committee:

De Biasse & Seminara's Site Improvement Plan for the Train Station has been given to Mayor Mahr for her review and submission to the Council.

The "Wish List" for the building still includes:

Hiring an architect/engineering firm a firm to do a full building assessment of the train station. A firm would be hired that specializes in this type of assessment and would be a "top to bottom" condition report. The last condition report was done in 1997.

Replacing the linoleum flooring currently in the Museum.

Site improvements (i.e., air conditioning, a fence, bulletin board for community announcements).

Announcements:

The next meeting will be held on September 5, 2019.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Skubish
for the FHPC