

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING FEBRUARY 16, 2010**

Present

Robert Hitchcock, Chairman
Mark Sharp, Vice Chairman
Scott Lamperti

Absent

CB Bowman (excused)
Curt Climes (unexcused)
Laly Kuga (unexcused)

Also present Mayor Michael Giordano, Borough Administrator David Hollod, Assistant Borough Engineer Julio Vega and recording secretary Stephanie Sherwood.

Call to order at 7:00 pm. Compliance statement was read followed by roll call.

Mr. Hitchcock introduced Assistant Borough Engineer Julio Vega and turned the floor over to him. Mr. Vega began his presentation by stating that the proposed improvements to Rockview Avenue will cover approximately 1,193 feet of roadway on Rockview Avenue; from Grove Street to Rockview Terrace, as well as approximately 40 feet of Sycamore Avenue. He explained that the drainage issues will be improved, Belgian block curbing will be installed, handicapped accessible ramps will be installed, the bluestone sidewalk will be reset and/or replaced where necessary and all driveway aprons will be reinforced concrete. He stated the project will cost an estimated \$550,000 depending on bids; the New Jersey Department of Transportation will subsidize approximately \$220,000 of that. Mr. Vega then opened the floor to questions from the Commission and the public.

Mr. Hitchcock asked if any trees will have to be removed; Mr. Vega stated that no trees would be lost. Mr. Hitchcock then asked if the Borough will be responsible for the \$330,000 not covered by State funding. Mr. Hollod advised that this project is already included in a 2009 Capital Bond Ordinance. Mr. Hitchcock questioned if bluestone was necessary for the sidewalks as it is very expensive. Mr. Vega advised that the 5,200 square feet of bluestone sidewalk will cost approximately \$200,000; it was determined that using colored concrete instead of bluestone will cost approximately \$50,000, which could save the project approximately \$150,000. If bluestone is used, the homeowners will be assessed approximately \$11,000 per 100 linear feet of bluestone sidewalk.

At this time Mr. Bellew questioned if the homeowners will be assessed for the Belgian block curb improvements; Mr. Vega explained that the curb improvements are a part of the project and homeowners will not be assessed for them. He questioned if the roadway will be widened in this project; Mr. Vega advised that it will not be widened. He then questioned when the project will begin; Mr. Vega advised that he is hoping to have the project out to bid by early spring, as the Borough will lose the State funding if the project is not awarded by June. It was requested that Mr. Bellew set up a meeting with the Washington Park Association, Mr. Hitchcock and Mr. Sharp as soon as possible to discuss the project. The Historic Preservation Commission will then respond to the Borough Engineer.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Hitchcock, seconded by Mr. Sharp.
All in favor: Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.