

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING MARCH 9, 2010**

ROLL CALL:

Present

Absent

Bob Hitchcock, Chairman

Mark Sharp, Vice Chairman (unexcused)

Laly Kuga

CB Bowman (excused)

David Danois

Curt Climes (7:04)

Scott Lamperti

Also present Attorney Deborah Bracaglia and recording secretary Stephanie Sherwood.

Call to order at 7:03 pm. Compliance statement was read followed by roll call.

Chairman Hitchcock announced that the Historic Preservation Commission has a new member and introduced David Danois.

COA 01-03-09-10, 151 Grove Street. Applicants Ethan Chen and Mabel Huynh were sworn in. Mr. Chen presented a slide show detailing the deteriorated condition of the existing slate roof, the rafters and gutters. They would like to tear off all of the existing slate, replace the rafters and install an asphalt roof.

There were no questions from the audience regarding the proposed work at 151 Grove Street.

Mr. Hitchcock motioned to approve Application No. 01-03-09-2010 for 151 Grove Street as submitted by Mr. Chen and Ms. Huynh to replace existing slate roof with a new imitation slate asphalt roof, which includes replacing wood sheathing directly under the new roof and replacing any of the existing wood rafters, fascia boards or soffits that need replacing. The existing Philadelphia box gutters will be replaced with standard aluminum gutters hung from the roof adjacent to the fascia board. The existing front porch to be replaced in-kind and railing to be replaced with whatever the owner decides to replace it with, either wood or wrought iron.

Seconded by Mrs. Kuga and on Roll Call carried all five voting aye.

Mr. Chen and Ms. Huynh were advised the Certificate of Appropriateness would be ready within 7-10 business days.

COA 02-03-09-10, 11 Rockview Avenue. Applicants Karim and Bassem ElSayed were sworn in. Mr. ElSayed explained that the work he presented had already been completed. The metal Bilco basement entry door in the back of the house was leaking severely; Mr. ElSayed removed the Bilco door and built a small vestibule with a wooden door which leads to the cellar stairs. Members asked several questions about the materials used.

There were no questions from the audience regarding the completed work at 11 Rockview Avenue.

Mr. Hitchcock motioned to approve Application No. 02-03-09-10 for 11 Rockview Avenue as submitted by Karim and Bassem ElSayed to accept the work done as presented. The work that has already been completed lists as follows: replace a metal Bilco basement entry door with a small vestibule and wood door providing entrance to the cellar stairs at the back of the house. Materials used are wood clapboards, asphalt shingles, wood soffit and fascia and wood door, subject to inspection by construction officials and verification of all necessary paperwork.

Seconded by Mrs. Kuga and on Roll Call carried all five voting aye.

Karim and Bassem ElSayed were advised the Certificate of Appropriateness would be ready within 7-10 business days. Mr. Hitchcock advised Karim and Bassem ElSayed that in the future they must appear before the Historic Preservation Commission before completing any work to the exterior of the house.

Mr. Hitchcock provided an update on the Rockview Avenue and Sycamore Avenue roadway improvement project. He will attend a meeting with the Washington Park Association to gather their input on the project and after the meeting he will draft a letter of these findings to the Borough Engineer.

Mr. Hitchcock motioned to authorize the Chairperson to provide a letter confirming the results of a March 10, 2010 meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the North Plainfield Library with the Washington Park Association confirming the results of that meeting with regards to the proposed roadway improvement project on Rockview Avenue. Mr. Hitchcock will draft this letter and send it to the Borough Engineer without the input of the rest of the Commission.

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

Motion to adjourn by Mrs. Kuga, seconded by Mr. Climes.

All in favor: Meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm.
