

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING DECEMBER 6, 2016**

**ROLL CALL**

Katherine Miller, Chair  
Laly Espinoza Kuga, Vice Chair  
Scott Lamperti (absent – excused)  
Wendy Schaefer  
Janice Allen  
Curt Climes, Alternate 1 (absent – excused)  
Sherlock Bender (absent)  
Steve Siegler, Esq., Associate Borough Attorney

Also present recording secretary Stephanie Sherwood.

Call to order at 7:06 pm. Ms. Miller read the Compliance Statement.

**NEW APPLICATIONS**

**COA 01-12-06-2016, 167 Sycamore Avenue.** James Fox was sworn in. Mr. Fox explained that he had been granted an emergency permit to make repairs to the front porch, specifically the rotted wood framing and floor boards.

There were no questions from the audience.

Ms. Schaefer made a motion to approve Application 01-12-06-2016 for 167 Sycamore Avenue as presented by James Fox. We approve the following repairs to the front porch which were already done with emergency approval from the Construction Office: level front porch, replace rotted framed header boards, rotted flooring, and lattice in kind.

Any repair or replacement of balusters/spindles and handrail on porch and attached steps will require a new C of A prior to any work being started.

Seconded by Ms. Kuga and on Roll Call carried all four voting aye.

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

Ms. Miller referenced COA 01-07-12-2011 which authorized the demolition of the existing garage as well as the construction of a new garage in its place. She questioned why the

new garage door did not include hardware to give it the appearance of carriage doors as indicated in the certificate of appropriateness. Stating his uncertainty of the guidelines within the COA, Mr. Fox relayed his desire to confirm same prior to his consideration of installing the hardware.

**COA 02-12-06-2016, 58-60 Grove Street.** Jason Wu was sworn in. Mr. Wu explained that he will need to replace the main roof and the upper rear roof as well as the soffits in the front and back of the house.

There were no questions from the audience.

Ms. Schaefer made a motion to approve Application 02-12-06-2016 for 58-60 Grove Street as presented by Jason Wu. We approve the following repairs: replace the main roof and the small roof over the kitchen of apartment 1R in kind. Repair soffits in the front and back of the house in kind with wood. Repair/replace the corbals in kind to match existing.

Seconded by Ms. Kuga and on Roll Call carried all four voting aye.

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

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Vishal Pujara, 1A Blue Ridge Avenue, Green Brook, NJ, inquired after the process needed to obtain a certificate of appropriateness. He detailed his plans for the house at 31 Grove Street, specifically his desire to remove the chimney, replace the windows and doors, install a wood hand rail to the front porch, repair the existing aluminum gutters, and repair the roof. He further detailed long term plans including installing a new asphalt roof, new vinyl siding, Azek column wraps, and new gutters and leaders.

Frank D'Amore, Sr., 40 Willow Avenue, North Plainfield, voiced his continued concerns with the lack of enforcement within the historic district. Citing 104 Sycamore Avenue as an example, he explained that the unique wood trim has continued to deteriorate despite his numerous reports of same to the zoning office. Responding to Mr. D'Amore, Ms. Schaefer explained that the Commission would like to update the survey of the historic district.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Ms. Miller announced that the first meeting of 2017 would be held on January 10.

Ms. Schaefer requested clarification from Mr. Bernstein's office regarding the proper procedure when applicants must appear before both the Planning Board and the Historic Preservation Commission.

## **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

Regular Meeting of October 18, 2016:

Aye: Kuga, Schaefer, Miller

Abstain: Allen

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:03 pm.