

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MAY 22, 2018**

ROLL CALL

Katherine Miller, Chair
Wendy Schaefer
Laly Espinoza Kuga
Scott Lamperti
Janice Allen (absent – excused)
Steve McIntyre, Alternate No. 1
Sherlock Bender, Alternate 2 (absent)
Nick Milewski, Esq., Associate Borough Attorney

Also present recording secretary Stephanie Sherwood.

Call to order at 7:02 pm. Ms. Miller read the Compliance Statement.

NEW APPLICATIONS

COA 01-05-22-2018, 31-33 Myrtle Avenue. William Leary was sworn in. Ms. Miller shared her concerns, most notably that the driveway had been resurfaced and widened without a certificate of appropriateness or permit. A discussion ensued.

Frank D’Amore, 40 Willow Avenue, questioned if the homeowner had received a copy of the historic ordinance via certified mail when he purchased the house; Mr. Leary stated he was unsure if he had received it.

Ms. Miller questioned why the two stained glass windows in the front of the house had not been repaired in kind as indicated in COA 01-06-21-2016. Mr. Leary explained that both wood window frames were rotted and/or warped and some of the panes had broken. All members agreed that the stained glass windows must be repaired and rehung in order to keep that unique architectural feature of the house.

Ms. Miller then noted that the railings on the front porch stairs were not installed per the provisions of COA 01-06-21-2016. Mr. Leary agreed to install railings and spindles to match the porch as was indicated in the COA.

Ms. Miller made the following motion on Application 01-05-22-2018 for 31-33 Myrtle Avenue as presented by William Leary.

Stain Glass windows:

We do not approve

- Replacing original double hung stained glass windows with replacement windows.
- Hanging any original stained glass window on the outside of replacement windows.
- Modifying, of any kind, to the two double hung stained glass windows flanking the bay window in the front lower level of the house.
- We do not approve the installation of broken original stained glass windows.
- We do not approve using duct tape in lieu of solder to hold the stained glass together, or as a repair tool.
- We do not approve gluing/taping or another form of adhesive to secure the original stained glass to a new window.

We do approve:

- The original wood frames and sashes shall be repaired.
- The intact original double hung stained glass windows shall be if necessary repaired to original and reinstalled.
- Stained glass of same size, color and pattern of the original stained glass shall be installed in place of broken panes.
- Protective glass may be hung on the exterior of the stained glass windows.

Driveway:

We do not approve:

- The unauthorized/unapproved newly resurfaced asphalt driveway as replacement of parking concrete strips.
- The unauthorized/unapproved driveway expansion.

We do approve:

- Allowing the newly resurfaced asphalt driveway with the following modifications:
- Approximately half of the driveway pavement from the sidewalk to the front corner of the house shall be removed, returning the driveway to its original single width approximately ten feet wide.
- Grass shall be planted between the front walk and newly defined driveway boundaries up to the front of the porch.
- The apron shall be cut back to a single width apron with appropriate turn out.

Since the owner has allowed tenants to reside without Borough approval and the renovations were overextended, we urge the applicant to complete the work within two months.

Let it be noted:

- During the June 21, 2016 meeting while applying for the original certificate of appropriateness, owner stated the stained glass windows were not going to be replaced and not in scope of work to be done.
- Owner was notified during preparation to resurface driveway that a certificate of appropriateness was needed.
- Owner was issued a stop order for work on the driveway.
- Owner ignored stop order for driveway and continued to pave without and certificate of appropriateness.
- Railings on the front porch stairs were not installed per the provisions of COA 01-06-21-2016. Owner agreed to install railings and spindles to match the porch as was indicated in the COA.

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Frank D'Amore, 40 Willow Avenue, inquired after the status of the work to be done at 110 Park Place, 109 Park Place and 104 Sycamore Avenue. He then called attention to the date and fee amount of the vacant property registration filed for 3 Myrtle Avenue.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Regular Meeting of November 1, 2017:

Aye: Lamperti, Schaefer, McIntyre, Miller

Abstain: Kuga

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:43 pm.