

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING AUGUST 20, 2019**

ROLL CALL

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

Also present:

Irene Kim Asbury, Esq., Associate Borough Attorney
Stephanie Sherwood, Recording Secretary

Call to order at 7:01 pm. Ms. Miller read the Compliance Statement.

NEW APPLICATIONS

COA 01-08-20-2019, 96 Mercer Avenue. Carlos Alarcon was sworn in. Mr. Alarcon explained that he had removed the old deteriorated porch railings and stair hand railings and replaced with new railings. Ms. Miller shared pictures of the old railings which had rounded tops and decorative moldings along the sides. She stressed that a straight two by four railing was not an acceptable replacement. Mr. McIntyre reminded the applicant that the architectural features must be preserved.

Ms. Miller made the following motion on Application 01-08-20-2019 for 96 Mercer Avenue as presented by Carlos Alarcon.

Work which was already done at 96 Mercer Avenue:

We do not approve:

- The unauthorized/unapproved removal of the existing front porch railings, spindles and hand railings.
- The unauthorized/unapproved installation of new front porch railings, spindles and hand railings which do not match the design and architectural characteristics of the old railings.

We do approve:

- Removal of unauthorized/unapproved newly installed front porch railings, spindles and hand railings.
- Installation of wood front porch railings and hand railings which will match the design and architectural characteristics of the original porch railings, spindles and hand railings.

***Applicant shall provide a status report at the November 20, 2019 meeting. Please note that it is always recommended to contact the NPHPC prior to any exterior work being done.**

Seconded by Mr. McIntyre and on Roll Call carried all three voting aye.

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

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Draft Historic Preservation Ordinance** – K.M. Ms. Miller announced that the new ordinance would allow for the formation of a committee that would review applications for minor work and repairs. Mr. D’Amore inquired as to why the district residents were not asked to provide input. Advising that the ordinance remains under attorney review, Ms. Asbury indicated that it would be available to the public when introduced. Ms. Miller explained that the new ordinance would also allow for the drafting of a design guideline which would benefit homeowners looking to make repairs to their homes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Frank D’Amore, 40 Willow Avenue, North Plainfield shared his displeasure with the continued deterioration of the property located at 120 Sycamore Avenue. Advising that all work had stopped at 109 and 110 Park Place, he urged the commission to look into the situation as both homes continue to fall into disrepair.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Regular Meeting of July 23, 2019: All in favor.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Asbury advised that the commission would convene in Executive Session under the Open Public Meetings Act to discuss one (1) item under Attorney/Client Privilege. Ms. Asbury further advised the Commission that no formal action would be taken at the conclusion of the Executive Session once the Commission goes back to the public portion of the meeting.

Ms. Miller moved that the Commission convene in Executive Session, seconded by Mr. McIntyre and on Roll Call carried unanimously.

The commission recessed for an Executive Session at 7:41 p.m.

Ms. Miller moved that the Commission return from Executive Session to Open Session, seconded by Mr. McIntyre and on Roll Call carried unanimously.

The meeting reconvened with all three (3) Commission members present as before at 7:57 p.m.

PRESENTATION

Ray Endaya of Andersen Windows and Stephen Flood of Andersen Commercial were present. Mr. Flood provided pamphlets detailing the Andersen Architectural Collection. He presented replica window samples from the E-Series, A-Series and 400 Series. A discussion ensued.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:54 pm.