

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 18, 2020**

ROLL CALL

Janice Allen
Sherlock Bender (absent – excused)
Laly Espinoza Kuga (absent – excused)
Scott Lamperti
Steve McIntyre
Wendy Schaefer
Katherine Miller, Chair

Also present:

Dominic DiYanni, Esq., Associate Borough Attorney
Stephanie Sherwood, Recording Secretary

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

NEW APPLICATIONS

COA 01-02-18-2020, 45 Myrtle Avenue. Daniel W. Dunzik, RA. LEED- AP NJ License No. AI11688, was present on behalf of the homeowner, Carlos Cornejo-Orellana. Mr. Dunzik explained that the homeowner is seeking approval for a 7.935 kw Roof Mounted P.V. system for onsite electrical consumption. The array would total 404.57 square feet on the back portion of the roof and would not be visible from the public right-of-way. An emergency rapid shut-down box would be installed on the exterior side wall of the house.

Frank D’Amore, 40 Willow Avenue, North Plainfield, shared his concerns with allowing for solar panels as it would alter the exterior of the house. Reporting that two home owners in the district had already installed solar panels illegally, the speaker called for stronger enforcement.

Mr. McIntyre made the following motion to approve COA 01-02-18-2020 for 45 Myrtle Avenue as presented by Daniel Dunzik.

Work to be done at 45 Myrtle Avenue:

We approve the following:

- Installation of 7.935 kw Roof Mounted P.V. system for onsite electrical consumption as per the attached specs.
- 23 modules will cover approximately 404.57 square feet of the back portion of the existing asphalt shingled roof.
- Panels will sit approximately 18 inches from the ridge line and approximately 6 inches from the roof edge.
- Panels will sit approximately 4 ¼ inches in height above the existing roof shingles.
- A rapid shut-down box approximately 12 inches by 8 inches will be installed to the exterior side wall of the house.

Seconded by Mr. Lamperti with Roll Call as follows:

Aye: Allen, Lamperti, McIntyre, Miller

Nay: Schaefer

Motion carried 4-1.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ketty Flores and Katherine Flores, 129 Grove Street, North Plainfield, explained that they had received a notice of violation to repair their sidewalk. Ms. Flores explained that she believes the Borough tree roots are pushing up the sidewalk causing it to crack and break. The commission instructed them to speak with the Borough Engineer.

Frank D'Amore, 40 Willow Avenue, North Plainfield, commented on the State Historic Preservation Office's letter to the Borough regarding the removal of the obelisk concrete street markers. Ms. Miller confirmed that the Borough had received the letter and responded to same. She then assured Mr. D'Amore that he would receive a copy in response to his OPRA request.

Jose Urbina, the contractor for 110 Park Place, explained that when he altered the layout of the bathroom, he discovered the bathroom window would need to be moved. Ms. Miller advised that he would need to apply for a certificate of appropriateness.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Regular Meeting of January 22, 2020: All in favor.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:31 pm.