

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
REGULAR (virtual) MEETING MARCH 22, 2022**

ROLL CALL

Janice Allen
Peter Beckman
Sherlock Bender
Stephen Harlan (absent – excused)
Scott Lamperti (7:11 pm)
Steve McIntyre, Vice Chair (absent – excused)
Katherine Miller, Chair

Also present:

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

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

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 26, 2021:

Aye: Allen, Beckman, Miller
Abstain: Bender, Lamperti

Minutes of the Special Meeting of February 8, 2022:

Aye: Allen, Bender, Miller
Abstain: Beckman, Lamperti

Minutes of the January 18, 2022 meeting would have to be carried to the next meeting.

APPLICATIONS

COA 01-02-24-2022, 51 & 53 Washington Avenue. Diana Whitman, GD Property Management LLC, was present. Ms. Miller noted that the applicants had already replaced the concrete front steps and needed approval for same. Ms. Miller confirmed that it is a non-conforming house. Ms. Allen and Mr. Beckman spoke in favor of approving the application. Ms. Whitman assured that she would install handrails, either black wrought iron or black aluminum.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

Ms. Miller made the following motion for COA 01-02-24-2022 for 51 & 53 Washington Avenue as presented by Ms. Whitman.

We approve the following at 51 & 53 Washington Avenue:

- Cement front steps that have been redone as they are
- Black aluminum railing or wrought iron railing shall be installed

Seconded by Ms. Allen with roll call as follows:

Aye: Allen, Beckman, Bender, Miller

Abstain: Lamperti

Application approval carried 4-0-1.

COA 01-09-30-2021, 22 Prospect Place. Ms. Miller indicated that the application would be carried to the next regularly scheduled meeting.

COA 01-03-15-2022, 29 Myrtle Avenue. Jose Castro, Piscataway, NJ, was present to talk about the application. Ms. Miller explained that the satellite dishes and wires not in use on the second floor would need to be removed. The porch lattice would need to be framed. The applicant confirmed that he would not use pressure-treated wood for the front steps. Mr. Lamperti suggested the use of pine or mahogany as it could be stained or painted. Explaining that Belgian block may be used for the driveway apron, Ms. Miller reminded that the bluestone curbing must remain.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

Ms. Miller made the following motion for COA 01-03-15-2022 for 29 Myrtle Avenue as presented by Mr. Castro.

We approve the following at 29 Myrtle Avenue:

- Repair the sidewalk and apron with Belgian block
- Repair the porch wood lattice and frame it off
- Create wood steps out of hard wood (not pressure treated wood) which will include risers, treads, railings and balusters. The railing shall be rounded at top to match existing porch railing.
- Satellite dish shall be removed
- The wires shall be removed from the second story of the house
- The shingles on the second floor of the house shall be repaired in kind
- The front screen door shall be repaired in kind

Seconded by Ms. Allen and on roll call carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:41 pm.