

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING APRIL 13, 2010**

ROLL CALL:

Present

Absent

Bob Hitchcock, Chairman

Laly Espinoza Kuga (excused)

Mark Sharp, Vice Chairman (7:34)

Curt Climes (unexcused)

CB Bowman

David Danois

Scott Lamperti

Also present Attorney Deborah Bracaglia and recording secretary Stephanie Sherwood.

Call to order at 7:05 pm. Compliance statement was read followed by roll call.

NEW APPLICATIONS

COA 01-04-13-10, 49 Myrtle Avenue. Applicants Leszek and Janina Rosinski were sworn in. Chairman Hitchcock began by stating that the new windows have already been installed in the house. Ms. Bowman questioned when the applicants purchased the home and if they were told that the house is in the Historic District; Mr. and Mrs. Rosinski advised that the house was purchased in September via sheriff's sale and they were not advised of the Historic Preservation Commission's regulations for exterior work to the house. Mr. Rosinski explained that he removed the wood framed windows and replaced them with vinyl double glazed windows.

There were no questions from the audience regarding the completed work at 49 Myrtle Avenue.

Mr. Hitchcock announced that he would have denied the application if the work had not already been completed and the house was historically significant. Mr. Hitchcock then motioned to approve Application No. 01-04-13-2010 for 49 Myrtle Avenue as submitted by Leszek and Janina Rosinski to accept the replacement vinyl double-glazed windows throughout the house, provided the owner checks windows to see if the 6 x 6 insert can be installed on the top window, if the window is so designed to accept such an insert.

Seconded by Mr. Lamperti with Roll Call as follows:

Ayes: Danois, Lamperti, Hitchcock

Nays: Bowman

Application approved 3-1.

Leszek and Janina Rosinski were advised the Certificate of Appropriateness would be ready within 7-10 business days. Chairman Hitchcock advised the Rosinski's that in the future they must appear before the Historic Preservation Commission before they perform any exterior work on the house.

Ms. Bowman stated that she feels the Application should not have been approved. She explained that there was an applicant within the past six years that had replaced approximately 100 wood framed windows with plastic windows and when their application was denied, they had to remove the new windows. She stated that the Historic Preservation Commission needs to be consistent in their decisions and if they cannot be consistent going forward, maybe they should disband the Commission.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Hitchcock began a discussion of the Rockview Avenue and Sycamore Avenue roadway improvements. He advised that he had met with the Washington Park Association to obtain their input and then drafted a letter to the Assistant Borough Engineer, Julio Vega, of their findings. He will advise the members of any and all updates received from Mr. Vega.

Mr. Hitchcock then stated that he received a letter from the State Department of Transportation requesting more information from Administration about the Grove Street sidewalk remediation.

Minutes of the January 12 meeting were examined. Mr. Hitchcock motioned to approve the meeting minutes of January 12, 2010, as presented, seconded by Mr. Sharp with Roll Call as follows:

Ayes: Hitchcock, Lamperti, Sharp

Abstain: Bowman, Danois

Minutes of the March 9 meeting were examined. Attorney Bracaglia suggested that the minutes be amended to show that the applicant, Mr. ElSayed, was strongly advised by Mr. Hitchcock to come before the Historic Preservation Commission before beginning any necessary or desired changes to the property located at 11 Rockview Avenue. Mr. Hitchcock motioned to approve the meeting minutes of March 9, 2010, as amended, seconded by Mr. Lamperti with Roll Call as follows:

Ayes: Danois, Hitchcock, Lamperti

Abstain: Bowman, Sharp

Motion to adjourn by Ms. Bowman, seconded by Mr. Sharp and on voice vote carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.