NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2012 AT 6:00 P.M.

MINUTES OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION SEPTEMBER 27, 2012

Chairman Robert Olson called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m., it having been duly noted that this meeting is being held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., notice of which was published in The Record on the 30th day of December 2011, and sent to the Star Ledger on the 28th day of December 2011. Roll call was taken. Members present were: Robert Olson, David Bilow, Gerard Garofalow, James Manfredi and Jeff Hoffman.

The minutes of the July 26, 2012, meeting were approved. There was no meeting in August.

APPROVAL NOTES: ANY APPROVALS REMAIN SUBJECT TO THE APPLICANT SECURING CONSTRUCTION PERMITS FOR ALL WORK REVIEWED BY THIS COMMISSION. ALL APPROVALS FOR SIGNS ARE SUBJECT TO CONFORMANCE WITH ZONING ORDINANCE AND MUST BE APPROVED AS SUCH BY THE ZONING OFFICER.

IF THERE ARE ANY DEVIATIONS TO WHAT IS APPROVED, ANY AND ALL CHANGES MUST BE PRESENTED TO THE HPC PRIOR TO ANY WORK BEING DONE. THIS INCLUDES ANY CHANGES IN PLANS, MATERIAL, COLORS, ETC., WHICH HAVE BEEN GIVEN FINAL APPROVAL BY THE HPC.

Public Comments (not pertaining to applications): None at this time.

New Business: None submitted.

Old Business:

Rialto Theatre, (09-07-01) 172 Main Street - The HPC is still waiting to hear back from Mrs. Choi on future plans. At this time, a letter will be sent to Mrs. Choi advising that the application was first opened in July 2009 and since it has been many months since any activity has been brought before the HPC, the application will be closed unless the applicant contacts the HPC before the next meeting scheduled for October 25, 2012, a new application must then be submitted before any further work can be done on the building.

Riverside Medical Group, (11-09-01) 204-206 Main Street. A letter will be sent to Riverside Medical Group inquiring about the status of the approved lighting fixtures that still have not been installed even though the HPC was informed that time was of the essence to install lighting.

Correspondence and Notes:

 A. Discussion on reviewing guidelines. A short discussion was held on the gaps in the guidelines and members asked to make a list of items of importance that need to be discussed in the future.
 B. Funds were encumbered to order supplies under PO #7318

C. Bob Olson will make a list of the historic buildings so that it can be distributed to all members for input
D. Signage applied to windows without permits. Several stores have applied window signage without permits – RP Bagel, Dante's, CVS, Touch Hair Salon now has ATM signs. A letter will be sent to the Building Dept. advising that the HPC will recommend fines be issued if signs are not addressed.
E. Post Office & Centennial House – the HPC should look into having these designated as historic to maintain the character of this building for the future. The post office building is in need of property maintenance even if it is just painting of the front door. There is a lot of historical significance in this building that has never been changed. The inside mural is beautiful and historically significant. NOTE: Letter was sent to Postmaster inviting him to July meeting to discuss property maintenance needs but he did not attend or contact the HPC.

F. Jade Lee – a letter was sent to Jade Lee that maintenance needs to be done to the side window, – taped up paper was removed and new paper applied but an acceptable, permanent solution needs to be done to the window.

NOTE TO BUILDING DEPT. -- permanent solution still not done, it is requested that a fine be issued as the window has not been properly addressed.

G. The HPC needs to do an updated walking review of the district. Donna McEntee and Jeff Hoffman said they are interested in doing this. Donna McEntee said she will begin taking pictures

H. There is still some money left over from last year as well as the 2012 budget. The HPC would like to get some signs for Main Street similar to that of Hackensack or Jersey City. The HPC will probably have to hire someone to do this job.

I. Viva Roma – discussion on updates to building. Letter sent to Property Manager asking him to attend meeting. Bob Olson spoke with Leo Pfleiger who advised that they are not spending any more money. He said that the Building Dept. advised that the door is a safety issue. There cannot be two doors in a row without seven feet between them. He said that the Building Dept. said that it could not recommend any type of door that would be suitable and they need to find that type of door. Letter sent to Building Dept. stating that until exterior issues are resolved that there should be no further construction or certificates of occupancy issued. The apartment doors were approved as glass with grids and that is not what was installed. This project is now on hold.

Announcements:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

The next meeting will be October 25, 2012, at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara DeLuca

cc: Building Dept./Zoning Board Mrs. Candice Choi (Rialto) Future Image Signs (Riverside Medical Group) CVS Jade Lee