

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION OF THE VILLAGE OF MONTEBELLO WAS HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2010 AT VILLAGE HALL. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:05 PM FOLLOWED BY THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Roll call.

Members Present: Hannelore Renud
Lisa Levin
Kathryn Cupak
Lois Williams-Ad Hoc
Sandra Ward

Members Absent: Josephine Bracken-Chairwoman (Florida)

Others Present: Warren E. Berbit, Village Attorney
Craig Long-Village Historian-(arrived late)

Recording Secretary: Shelly Flanagan-Ramos-Deputy Village Clerk

Resolution: 10-001 Village of Montebello (HPC)

Title: Approval of Minutes

BE IT RESOLVED, the Minutes of the Meetings of the Historic Preservation Commission of December 3, 2009 be and are hereby approved.

Motion: Member Ward

Second: Member Cupak

Upon vote, the Resolution carried unanimously

Member Renud chaired the meeting due to Chairman Bracken being in Florida. Member Cupak spoke with Jill Fisher regarding the architectural survey. She read an email from their conversation. (copy of email inserted in the minutes).

Ms. Fisher has been in contact with Scott Shedler, the assessor at the Town of Ramapo. Mr. Shedler sent her a file containing a Tax Parcel Database and GIS information, but with Ms. Fisher is having a hard time accessing the information, she stated in the email she is not computer savvy. The Village may have to pay a nominal fee for the GIS information to be accessed. Member Cupak to work with Ms. Fisher on examining this data. Warren Berbit will speak to Mr. Shedler as well.

Member Renud announced that herself and Chairwomen Bracken visited the Rio Vista property on October 8th, 2009, because Mr. Turco wanted to enlarge the garage doors 6' on the carriage homes, for safety reasons. After this visit a memo was issued to the Planning Department stating how the HPC felt about this revision. This was an incorrect procedure; Mr. Turco should have formally appeared before the HPC with a formal application and plans with the sketch design change. Members have discussion on the enlargement, which may require Site Plan change from the Planning Board. Mr. Turco will be advised as to the next step on requesting this change. Attorney Berbit drafted a resolution to be read into the record.

The Village Clerk/Treasurer spoke with Member Renud and advised that the HPC members should keep in touch with the properties that have been designated as historic. Particularly the Mansion, there seemed to be exterior deterioration occurring. A letter should be written to the property owners when this takes place. Member Ward noted she did not feel the HPC was qualified to make structural assessments. Warren Berbit stated that the mayor has asked the Building Inspector to "add to his duties the task of inspecting the HPC designated properties", so he may alert the HPC of any concerns. Also of concern is the barn on the Fant Property, which the Village Engineer has done a site inspection. Warren Berbit explained that once a property has been given historic designation it must be maintained, it's the Law. Members mentioned possibly meeting with the Building Inspector every once in a while to go over his reporting of these properties.

Member Renud relayed a message from Chairperson Bracken, she would like everyone to think of things the HPC can do at Montebello Day this year. She will be back in April from Florida to talk about this.

Craig Long and Lisa Levin took a tour of the Village with Jill Fisher and Neil Larson from Larson Fisher Associates back around October/November 2009. He touched base on where they went and what was talked about. Member discussed designating the Bayard Lane area.

Member Renud read the Resolution regarding widening the garage doors at Rio Vista.

Resolution: 10-002

Village of Montebello

Title: Rio Vista- Garage Door Change

BE IT RESOLVED, with respect to and in furtherance of the informal communication of Chairman Bracken dated 10/18/09 regarding widening the garage doors at Rio Vista of Montebello, that the developer make an application to the HPC in the form of a sketch and explanation, such that the Commission can give the request due consideration in order to justify possible issuance of a Certificate of Appropriateness for the change pursuant to §195-60 (K) of the Village Code.

Motion: Member Cupak

Second: Member Ward

Upon vote, the resolution carried unanimously

The next meeting of the HPC will be February 24, 2010 at 7:00 PM.

A motion was made by Member Levin to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Member Ward. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm