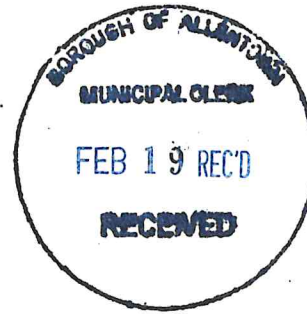


MINUTES
Allentown Historic Preservation Commission
Regular Meeting
<https://zoom.us/j/94032045445>.
 The meeting ID is: 940 3204 5445.
 Dial in by phone at 1-646-558-8656.
 January 16, 2025



CALL TO ORDER 7:03pm

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

In compliance with the "Open Public Meetings Act," Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, Section 5, adequate notice has been given of this meeting by posting a Notice in a public place, on the Borough's website Allentownboronj.com, the Borough's Facebook page, the Borough's Twitter account and by transmitting a Notice to two newspapers, "THE TIMES" and "THE ASBURY PARK PRESS" as required by law.

ROLL CALL

	Present	Absent	Absence Excused
Cheryl Willois	X		
Brian Mojta	X		
Cindy Malsbury			X
David Bamford			X
Enzo Nini			X
Frank Cincotta	X		
Nancy Tindall			X
Will Borkowski	X		
Vince Tavernite		X	
Bob Mayer	X		
Angela Gurrera	X		
Mayor Fritts	X		

ALSO ATTENDING

- Lester Erbe

PUBLIC COMMENT

- None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- December 19, 2024, Motion: Brian, 2nd Bob. Motion approved

2025 ELECTIONS

Incumbents were reelected:

Nominations

Chair – Frank Cincotta - Motion: Bob, 2nd Cheryl. Motion approved

Vice Chair - Brian Mojta - Motion: Wil, 2nd Cheryl. Motion approved

Secretary - David Bamford - Motion: Frank, 2nd Bob. Motion approved

APPLICATIONS

- **15 -17 North Main**

Motion: Frank 2nd Angela

The application for residing the front of the house be approved with the agreement from the owner Lester Erbe to consider using siding and window trim with Hardiboard rather aluminum or vinyl. In addition, the idea of adding shudders be rejected since most windows did not provide adequate space for shudders.

Motion passed unanimously

Wil Borkowsky volunteered to consult with Lester Erbe and his contractor about the use of Hardiboard

MINOR APPLICATIONS

- None

OLD BUSINESS

- **2024 Annual Report**
Motion :Bob 2nd Cheryl
Motion to accept the Annual report was unanimously approved
- **Historic District Brochure Distribution was reviewed**
- **George Ashby Park Sign**

The HPC was asked to review the plan for a new park sign and make comments and recommendations. The HPC discussed the sign at length and recommendations:

- Replace the presently existing sign at the Broad Street entrance with a new sign, but the replacement sign should be of the same type as the original sign. This type of sign was used for the Allentown Gateway signs and the Pete Sensi Park sign, so it would provide some consistent signage in Allentown.
- The original sign should be saved and possibly placed at the Hamilton Street entrance, if there is not a permanent sign at that entrance to the park.
- Suggestions for what to keep, add or change with the design for the new sign.

1. Keep the wording at the top "Sergeant George Ashby Memorial Park"

2. Add back in the design with the canons
3. Keep the dates
4. Combine and reword the line beginning "In Honor of..." and the line beginning "Proud African American..." . There was the suggestion that "Colored", as in "Colored Troops" should be included in the wording since it was the wording used at the time of the Civil War. Brian Mojta and Frank Cincotta will work on a suggested rewording for the sign and we will send it to Town Administrator Laurie Roth.

- Keep the line 'Dedicated By First Commerce Bank
- Add a QR code, so that more detailed information about George Ashby can be accessed by phone.

NEW BUSINESS

- **2025 Goals**
 1. Purchase a sign for the "Old Burying Ground" cemetery
 2. Investigate possible Historic House markers
 3. Research mural designs for the side walls of the Allentown Pharmacy and the Allentown Liquor Store

PARKS AND OPEN SPACE UPDATE

- Parks recommendation for the George Ashby Park Sign.

MAYOR'S UPDATE

Mayor Fritts is working with elected government officials on new plans that could slow or halt developments at the Stein property. Letters have also been sent to the state DEP encouraging the denial of permits that would stop the development.

ADJOURN: 8:24pm