

ALLENTOWN HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes for May 18, 2023

The annual reorganizational meeting of the Allentown Historic Preservation Review Commission was called to order by Chairwoman Jan Meerwarth at 7:01 PM.

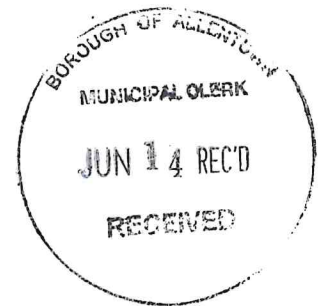
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Compliance Statement:

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 TRENTON TIMES and THE ASBURY PARK PRESS as required by law.

Roll Call:

	Present	Absent	Absence Excused
Allison Arnone	X		
Brian Mojta			X
Cindy Malsbury			X
David Bamford	X		
Enzo Nini	X		
Frank Cincotta	X		
Jan Meerwarth	X		
Nancy Tindall	X		
Will Borkowski	X		
Vince Tavernite		X	
Bob Mayer	X		
Mayor Fritts	X		



Public attendees: none

Also attending: Mary Fleres

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- February 16
- Motion: Nancy 2nd: Enzo, motion carries, minutes approved

PUBLIC COMMENT

- none

APPLICATIONS

- 32 Church Street – privacy fencing and shed – Fleres

Motion: Nancy, 2nd Frank, Motion carries

MINOR APPLICATION APPROVALS

- 21 High Street – Wood Replacement Windows
Approved

NEW BUSINESS

- Discussion with Jerry & Nino Lo Presti – Renovations to Di Mattia building
Not present; HPC discussed history of building and commission's role in the refurbishment. Things to consider if they do the outside: siding, lighting, signage, roofing, architectural details, porch, gutters, windows, door, trees. Does exterior scope include liquor store?
- Parking signs
Reviewed design, Nancy presented background on design. How do we move this forward between HPC and PPS? Proposal to put a generic, universal sign up which can be modified later to add historical/other design details. Critical issue is getting signs up quickly. Post design is a critical element that also works with streetscape design and other signage needs and is consistent with other posts in town. Recommend a subcommittee (Will, Enzo, Frank) to survey what's out there and make recommendations for a post design.
Motion to table "Tin Lizzy" design: Nancy, 2nd Frank. Motion carries.

OLD BUSINESS

- Fencing - Union AME Cemetery
Church doesn't feel selections by HPC are culturally appropriate. Reaching out to the Black Cemetery Network (BCN), planning to register cemetery with national network. BCN will make a recommendation.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

- Homeowner Brochure
Consider adding info on construction requirements; Jan will talk to Laurie about options to make sure if in historic district homeowners know the requirements. How can we distribute the document once complete?

MAYOR'S UPDATE

- Need proactive permitting process to insure compliance with historical guidelines
- Stein property issues; May 25th 2:00pm, meeting needs attendees
- Westhaven property issue
- Will look at a way to develop & fund a wayfinding system

Meeting adjourned at 8:54pm

Next meeting scheduled for June 15, 2023