

ALLENTOWN HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes for September 16, 2021

The regular Meeting of the Allentown Historic Preservation Review Commission was called to order by Chairwoman Jan Meerwarth at 7:00 PM.



Salute to 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 and by transmitting a notice in two newspapers, The Trenton Times and the Asbury Park Press as required by law.

Roll Call:

Present: Brian Mojta, Enzo Nini, Jan Meerwarth, Frank Cincotta, Allison Arnone, Cindy Malsbury, Will Borkowski

Absent: Ed Dallas, Kurt Wayton, Nancy Tindal, David Bamford

Minutes:

Minutes from the July 29 meeting were tabled until next month.

Public Comment – no comment

Presentation:

Andrea Tingey and Lindsay Thivierge from the NJ Historic Preservation Office presented on Certified Local Government

CLG Benefits:

- CLG's are eligible for state grants for historic site surveys, historic preservation planning projects, Master Plans. No local match is required.
- HPO will provide training sessions for local HPC members and technical assistance for grant writing for federal grants.
- HPO aids in National Register applications

Criteria/requirements:

- Establishment of a local historic preservation commission
- Initiation and/or continued progress towards completion of a comprehensive survey and inventory of local historic resources
- Designation and protection of local landmarks and historic districts
- Development of a process which ensures public participation
- Yearly annual reports are required once certified

Process for Certification:

- Elected official requests certification from SHPO along with an application and supporting documentation
- SHPO will review the request to ensure that the local government meets the minimum certification requirements
- SHPO will notify elected official if we meet requirements

Q: Does CLG expire? A: No, but decertification can happen.
Jan will send copy of ordinance for preliminary SHPO review.

Next meeting scheduled for October 21, 2021