

Hightstown Historic Preservation Commission Minutes

Thursday, April 19, 2018

7:00pm @Borough Hall

Call to Order: Chairwoman Jean Mair called the meeting to order at 7:05pm

Open Public Meeting Act Statement: Chairwoman Mair read the Open Public Meetings Act Statement.

Attendees:

Jean Ruggiero-Mair, Chairwoman
Dimitri Musing, Borough Council Liaison
Meg Frantz
Dodie Colavecchio, Planning Board Liaison
Philippe Cardoso
Rich Teller

Approval of Agenda: Ms. Frantz moved to approve agenda, Ms. Colavecchio seconded. All in favor.

Approval of Minutes: Ms. Frantz moved to approve Feb. 15, 2018 mtg minutes, Ms. Colavecchio seconded. All in favor. Mr Teller abstained.

Public Comment: None

New & Old Business:

1. RBG Hightstown, LLC – The Lofts at Hightstown Phase 1:

HPC's response to Preliminary & Final Site Plan for Phase 1 of Mill project –

- Questions about what color palette is proposed for Townhomes. HPC hopes the proposed colors are comparable to existing Hightstown's period homes. The modern design is fine, but we don't want colors wildly different from the colors used on the period homes.
- The proposed windows on the townhomes need to be more in line with the surrounding homes. The period houses have large divided double-hung windows.
- The vertical wood siding proposed on the Townhomes is not consistent with surrounding homes.
- Happy that the red brick mill's exterior is to remain untouched.

2. Pole locations on Stockton Street:

Pole locations still needed to be located for the decorative banners- Mr Musing will provide. The remaining hardware and poles have been delivered for hanging the banners.

Committee Reports:

Mr. Musing confirmed that Borough Council agreed to \$4,000 for the HPC's 2018 budget.

Ms. Colavecchio informed the HPC that the Planning Board's special meeting April 30, 2018 at 7:30pm will start with an informal discussion with Javier Blanco and Ino Gomez discussing their ideas for subdividing and building two new houses on the 421 North Main Street property. The HPC is encouraged to attend this meeting to let the potential buyer know HPC's desire is to renovate the existing house and not demolish it.

Adjournment: Ms. Colavecchio motioned to adjourn at 7:58 pm, Chairwoman Mair seconded, all in favor.

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 17, 2018