

City of Orange Township
Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes

May 20, 2020

The Secretary announced that this is a meeting of Historic Preservation Commission of the City of Orange Township held via audio-video conferencing on Wednesday, May 20, 2020 at 7:37 p.m.

The Secretary asked all to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioner Keith Carroll
Commissioner Kathy Dowd
Commissioner Jody Leight
Commissioner Brandon Matthews
Commissioner Janice Morrell
Commissioner Abdiel Velez
Commissioner Karen Wells

Also Present: Joyce L. Lanier, Secretary
Janine Bauer, Esq.

Absent: Commissioner Troy Simmons

The Secretary announced that the requirement of N.J.S.A. 10:4-9 et. seq., "Sunshine Law" has been met. A notice of this meeting was sent to the Star Ledger on May 8, 2020, published in the Record-Transcript on May 14, 2020, posted on the Bulletin Board in City Hall and filed in the Office of the City Clerk.

MEETING MINUTES

- **December 18, 2019 Meeting Minutes (Commissioners Matthews, Simmons, Velez, and Wells were not in attendance and should abstain)**

Motion to adopt by Commissioner Carroll, second by Commissioner Morrell.

Roll Call

	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstained</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>NP</u>
Commissioner Keith Carroll	X				
Commissioner Kathy Dowd	X				
Commissioner Jody Leight	X				
Commissioner Brandon Matthews			X		
Commissioner Janice Morrell	X				
Commissioner Troy Simmons				X	
Commissioner Abdiel Velez			X		
Commissioner Karen Wells			X		

Motion passed.

- **January 15, 2020 Meeting Minutes (Commissioners Carroll, Matthews and Velez were not in attendance and should abstain)**

Motion to adopt by Commissioner Dowd, second by Commissioner Leight.

Roll Call

	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstained</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>NP</u>
Commissioner Keith Carroll			X		
Commissioner Kathy Dowd	X				
Commissioner Jody Leight	X				
Commissioner Brandon Matthews			X		
Commissioner Janice Morrell	X				
Commissioner Troy Simmons				X	
Commissioner Abdiel Velez			X		
Commissioner Karen Wells	X				

Motion passed.

- **February 25, 2020 Meeting Minutes (Commissioner Carroll was not in attendance and should abstain)**

Motion to adopt by Commissioner Dowd, second by Commissioner Leight.

Roll Call

	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstained</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>NP</u>
Commissioner Keith Carroll			X		
Commissioner Kathy Dowd	X				
Commissioner Jody Leight	X				
Commissioner Brandon Matthews	X				
Commissioner Janice Morrell	X				
Commissioner Troy Simmons				X	
Commissioner Abdiel Velez	X				
Commissioner Karen Wells	X				

Motion passed.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Secretary read into the record the following Public Hearing Notice:

The public will be allowed to question witnesses testifying on behalf of the Application for a Certificate of Appropriateness, after the presentation is completed and after questions from the Commission. During the public hearing on the Application, the public will be allowed to comment on any new Certificate of Appropriation Application upon completion of the Applicant's presentation and questions from the Commission. Each person addressing the Commission shall give his or her name and address in an audible tone for the record, and unless further time is granted by the presiding officer shall limit his or her address to five (5) minutes unless the comments are repetitive of other witnesses in which case the presiding officer may further limit the comment period.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Certificate of Appropriateness Application – 743, 745 and 749 Valley Street, Orange, N.J. (demolition of existing structures and redevelopment to multi-unit residential) (Rescheduled from 02/19/2020 Meeting for not appearing)**

Motion to postpone to June 17, 2020 by Commissioner Matthews, second by Commissioner Carroll.

Roll Call

	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstained</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>NP</u>
Commissioner Keith Carroll	X				
Commissioner Kathy Dowd	X				
Commissioner Jody Leight	X				
Commissioner Brandon Matthews	X				
Commissioner Janice Morrell	X				
Commissioner Troy Simmons				X	
Commissioner Abdiel Velez	X				
Commissioner Karen Wells	X				

Motion passed.

The Secretary announced that the application will be heard at the June 17, 2020 HPC meeting.

B. Certificate of Appropriateness Application – 428 Berkeley Avenue, Orange, N.J. (installation of solar panels) (*Rescheduled from 02/19/2020 Meeting and requested new design*)

Richard Marte from Vivint Solar presented on behalf of the owner Dwayne Dennard. Mr. Marte advised that he had come before the HPC on February 19, 2020 and HPC requested a new design for the solar panel layout. A new design was presented.

Secretary inquired if there were any citizens that wished to make a public comment. None appeared.

Motion to close public hearing by Commissioner Wells, second by Commissioner Matthews.

Motion was unanimously approved.

Motion passed.

Motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness Application by Commissioner Matthews, second by Commissioner Carroll.

Roll Call

	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstained</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>NP</u>
Commissioner Keith Carroll	X				
Commissioner Kathy Dowd	X				
Commissioner Jody Leight	X				
Commissioner Brandon Matthews	X				
Commissioner Janice Morrell	X				
Commissioner Troy Simmons				X	
Commissioner Abdiel Velez	X				
Commissioner Karen Wells	X				

Motion passed.

C. Certificate of Appropriateness Application – 207 Heywood Avenue, Orange, N.J. (build a four (4) bedroom residential home) (*Rescheduled from 02/19/2020 Meeting and requested new plans*)

Yassir M. Samra, Project Manager for Fast Flips, LLC presented and advised that he had come before the HPC on February 19, 2020 and the HPC made some recommendations. Mr. Samra presented new plans to the HPC.

Secretary inquired if there were any citizens that wished to make a public comment. None appeared.

Motion to close public hearing by Commissioner Matthews, second by Commissioner Carroll.

Motion was unanimously approved.

Motion passed.

Motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness Application by Commissioner Matthews, second by Commissioner Carroll.

Roll Call

	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstained</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>NP</u>
Commissioner Keith Carroll	X				
Commissioner Kathy Dowd	X				
Commissioner Jody Leight	X				
Commissioner Brandon Matthews	X				
Commissioner Janice Morrell			X		
Commissioner Troy Simmons				X	
Commissioner Abdiel Velez	X				
Commissioner Karen Wells	X				

Motion passed.

D. Certificate of Appropriateness Application – 381 Tremont Avenue, Orange, N.J. (repair existing front covered porch, left side and rear facades and replace windows)

Tommy Saleh, Sal Corvino and Anthony Catalano all appeared and presented the renovation project to the HPC. Mr. Corvino advised that a permit was previously issued by the Building Dept. Thereafter, the project was stopped, a fine was issued and they were referred to the HPC. Contractor Anthony Viola of J&J Property also presented and provided further details on the renovation project.

Commissioner Matthews provided everyone with the HPC guidelines against vinyl siding and windows.

The applicant must provide technical sheet and/or sample of windows to the Technical Review Committee before it can be approved.

Secretary inquired if there were any citizens that wished to make a public comment. None appeared.

Motion to close public hearing by Commissioner Matthews, second by Commissioner Carroll.

Motion was unanimously approved.

Motion passed.

Motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness Application by Commissioner Matthews, second by Commissioner Carroll for siding with like kind materials using same design. Window approval must be approved by the Technical Review Committee.

Roll Call

	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstained</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>NP</u>
Commissioner Keith Carroll	X				
Commissioner Kathy Dowd	X				
Commissioner Jody Leight	X				
Commissioner Brandon Matthews	X				
Commissioner Janice Morrell			X		

Commissioner Troy Simmons		X
Commissioner Abdiel Velez	X	
Commissioner Karen Wells	X	

Motion passed.

RESOLUTION

4-2020 **A resolution of the City of Orange Township Historic Preservation Commission granting certificate of appropriateness for 408 Heywood Avenue, City of Orange Township, N.J., which is Block 6901, Lot 10 on the City of Orange Township tax map, to construct a fence along the property line, and install a driveway and apron two feet from the property line of the residential property. (Commissioner Carroll was absent and should abstain)**

Motion to adopt by Commissioner Dowd, second by Commissioner Leight.

Roll Call

	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstained</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>NP</u>
Commissioner Keith Carroll			X		
Commissioner Kathy Dowd	X				
Commissioner Jody Leight	X				
Commissioner Brandon Matthews	X				
Commissioner Janice Morrell	X				
Commissioner Troy Simmons			X		
Commissioner Abdiel Velez	X				
Commissioner Karen Wells	X				

Motion passed.

OTHER BUSINESS

- ZONING OFFICER APPROVAL: None.**

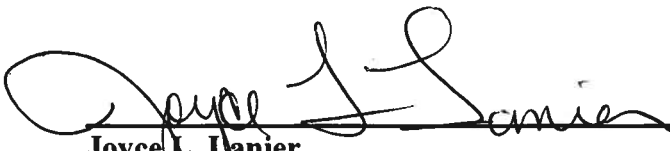
PENDING BUSINESS - None.

**Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Carroll, second by Commissioner Matthews.
Motion was approved by unanimous vote.**

Meeting adjourned: 9:02 p.m.

The next Historic Preservation Commission Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 17, 2020 virtually at 7:30 p.m.

APPROVED:



 Joyce L. Lanier
 Secretary



 Keith Carroll
 Chair