City of Orange Township Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes

June 17, 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, June 17, 2020 at 7:33 p.m.

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioner Jody Leight

Commissioner Brandon Matthews

Commissioner Abdiel Velez Commissioner Karen Wells Commissioner Troy Simmons

Also Present: Joyce L. Lanier, Secretary

Janine Bauer, Esq.

Absent: Commissioner Keith Carroll

Commissioner Kathy Dowd Commissioner Janice Morrell

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 Record Transcript on June 9, 2020, published in the Star Ledger on June 12, 2020, posted on the Bulletin Board in City Hall and filed in the Office of the City Clerk.

MEETING MINUTES None.

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 property) (Rescheduled from 02/19/2020 and 05/20/2020)

Andrew Davlouros from Keystone Properties appeared and advised that they want to demolish the existing structures and build a redevelopment of 6 to 10 multi-unit market rate condos possibly 3 stories. They do not have any plans as they want to consult with the HPC first.

Attorney Bauer advised that they would need a zoning variance approval before the HPC approval. Mr. Davlouros insisted on getting feedback from the HPC before going to the Zoning Board. Therefore, he will come before the HPC with preliminary drawings.

Motion to postpone by Commissioner Wells, second by Commissioner Leight.

Roll Call

| | <u>Yea</u> | Nay | Abstained | <u>Absent</u> | <u>NP</u> |
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| Commissioner Keith Carroll | | | | $\overline{\mathbf{x}}$ | |
| 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 this application will be rescheduled once plans are submitted.

B. Certificate of Appropriateness Application – 232 Stirling Avenue, Orange, N.J. (installation of 12 solar PV panels on existing pitched roof surface. Total area of entire PV array to be 216 sq. ft. PV array to be flush and 5 inches above roof surface(s). PV system will not exceed roof ridge in elevation.)

Mr. Jonathan Jones, Operational Manager of Tesla, NJ presented and provided a detailed description of the project. The HPC were very pleased with the presentation.

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

Roll Call

| | <u>Yea</u> | Nay | Abstained | Absent | NP |
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| 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

5-2020 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION GRANTING CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS FOR 207 HEYWOOD AVENUE, CITY OF ORANGE N.J., WHICH IS BLOCK, 6602 LOT 47, ON THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP

TAX MAP, TO CONSTRUCT A 4-BEDROOM, 3-BATHROOM RESIDENTIAL HOME IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REVISED PLANS SUBMITTED DATED MARCH 5, 2020. (Commissioner Simmons was absent and should abstain)

Motion to adopt by Commissioner Matthews, second by Commissioner Wells.

Roll Call

| | <u>Yea</u> | <u>Nay</u> | Abstained | Absent | <u>NP</u> |
|-------------------------------|------------|-------------|------------------|-------------------------|-----------|
| Commissioner Keith Carroll | | | | $\overline{\mathbf{X}}$ | |
| 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.

6-2020

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION GRANTING CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS FOR 381 TREMONT AVENUE, CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP, N.J., WHICH IS BLOCK 5802, LOT 26 ON THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP TAX MAP, FOR CERTAIN EXTERIOR REPAIRS. (Commissioner Simmons was absent and should abstain)

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

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 | | | | |
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Motion passed.

7-2020

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION GRANTING CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS FOR 428 BERKELEY AVENUE, CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP, N.J., WHICH IS BLOCK 5301, LOT 66 ON THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP TAX MAP, TO INSTALL SOLAR PANELS ON THE ROOF. (Commissioner Simmons was absent and should abstain)

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

Roll Call

| | <u>Yea</u> | Nay | Abstained | <u>Absent</u> | <u>NP</u> |
|----------------------------|------------|-----|------------------|---------------|-----------|
| Commissioner Keith Carroll | | | | X | |
| Commissioner Kathy Dowd | | | | X | |
| Commissioner Jody Leight | X | | | | |

| Commissioner Brandon Matthews | X | | |
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| Commissioner Janice Morrell | | | X |
| Commissioner Troy Simmons | | X | |
| Commissioner Abdiel Velez | X | | |
| Commissioner Karen Wells | X | | |

Motion passed.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. ZONING OFFICER APPROVAL: None.

PENDING BUSINESS - None.

Commissioner Wells read into the record a report received by Attorney Bauer from regarding a new DCA regulation regarding permits.

Commissioner Wells advised that the First Unitarian Universalist Church in Orange is interested in being designated a historic property.

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

Meeting adjourned: 8:18 p.m.

The next Historic Preservation Commission Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 15, 2020 virtually at 7:30 p.m.

APPROVED:

Joyce L. Lanier

Secretary

Troy Simmons

Chair