

**Minutes of the Plainfield Historic Preservation Commission Regular Meeting  
May 25, 2010, 8:00 PM, City Hall Library, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, 515 Watchung Avenue, Plainfield, NJ**

**I. Open Public Meeting Statement**

Chairwoman Sandy Gurshman called the May 25, 2010, regularly scheduled meeting of the Plainfield Historic Preservation Commission to order at 7:35 PM and read the following into the record: *“This meeting has been duly advertised in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, 10:4-6 et seq. The annual schedule of board meetings has been published in the Courier-News newspaper. In addition, copies of the notice have been posted in the City Clerk and Planning Division offices. This is a regularly scheduled meeting of the Commission.”*

Name, Class Designation (term expires)	1/26/10	3/23/10	4/27/10	5/25/10	6/22/10	7/27/10	8/24/10	9/28/10	10/26/10	11/16/10	12/14/10
Chairwoman Sandra Gurshman / Class B (1/1/2011)	X	X	X	X							
William Michelson, Esq. / Class B (1/1/2011)	X	X		X							
Lawrence Ferrara / Class C (1/1/2011)	n/a	n/a	n/a	X							
Patricia Turner Kavanaugh / Class C (1/1/2012)	X	X	X	X							
Elizabeth King / Class C (1/1/2013)		X	X	X							
Vice Chairman Reginald Thomas, RA / Class A (1/1/2013)		X	X								
David Westlake, RA / Class A (1/1/2013)	X	X	X	X							
Bill Garrett / Class B (1/1/2013)	X	X	X	X							
John Favazzo / Class C (1/1/2014)	n/a	n/a	n/a	X							
Alternate #1 Jan Jasper / Class C (1/1/2011)	X	X	X								
Alternate #2 vacancy / (unexp. 1/1/2011)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a							
HPC Consultant Gail Hunton	X	X	X	X							
HPC Secretary Scott Bauman, PP/AICP		X	X								

Chairwoman Sandra Gurshman welcomed new HPC members Lawrence Ferrara and John Favazzo and introduced them to the Commission.

**II. Adoption of the April 27, 2010, Regular Meeting Minutes**

On motion made by Ms. Kavanaugh and seconded by Ms. King, the HPC unanimously adopted the April 27, 2010, meeting minutes as corrected; all voted in favor, none opposed.

**III. Certificate of Appropriateness Applications**

There were no carried or new applications.

**IV. New Business**

**1. Meeting with Assemblyman Jerry Green**

Chairwoman Gurshman briefed Commission members about the meeting held on May 25, 2010 at the Assemblyman’s office to discuss the benefits to Plainfield of the proposed Historic Property Reinvestment Act now before the NJ Legislature. Bill Nierstedt, Gail Hunton and Sandra Gurshman attended the meeting. Assemblyman Green agreed to sign on as a co-sponsor of the bill.

**2. Request for membership renewal from Preservation New Jersey**

On motion made by Mr. Garrett and seconded by Ms. King, the HPC unanimously approved renewal of the Preservation New Jersey membership.

**V. Old Business**

**1. Historic Preservation Commission Website**

Chairwoman Gurshman reported there is agreement with Chris Payne, the City’s webmaster, that the City’s website will host the HPC meeting minutes, agendas, membership roster, the Design Guidelines, maps, and the portions of the land use ordinance pertaining to the HPC. The HPC website will host the list of historic districts

and sites, a photo gallery of representative historic structures in the City, news, and links to other resources and historic preservation organizations.

**2. Survey of 413 Properties for Proposed Historic District**

The HPC had a brief discussion about the ongoing survey, and Chairwoman Gurshman reminded members that they should complete their surveys of the area so that a decision may be reached about boundaries for a new historic district. She also proposed that the HPC work on the designation of the Evergreen Cemetery, and suggested that it have higher priority than the new historic district due to the need to protect it.

**3. Historic Designated Properties with Code / Maintenance Violations**

The HPC discussed the status of the Lampkin House on Terrill Road. The court hearing has been rescheduled for June 18<sup>th</sup>. Chairwoman Gurshman will follow up about a meeting with the Municipal Prosecutor and Corporation Counsel to review the citations against the property currently in Municipal Court, which in the HPC's opinion only exacerbate the situation and are an obstacle to negotiations regarding any potential sale.

**VI. Discussion with Assemblyman Jerry Green**

At this point Assemblyman Green joined the meeting and there was an informal discussion about a range of historic preservation issues in the City. Mr. Green stated his desire to partner with the HPC on preservation of historic resources in Plainfield, and is concerned in particular about maintenance of older buildings in the downtown area. There was also extended discussion about possible ways to save the Lampkin House without any specific course of action decided.

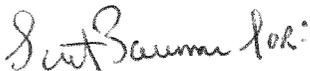
**VII. Sutphen House**

Chairwoman Gurshman reviewed Bill Nierstedt's memo advising the HPC about the current status of the Sutphen House in a development application for the property that will be coming to the Planning Board. The developer (Mr. Cretella of Landmark Properties) wants to move the house and has proposed several options. The HPC would like to invite the developer to an informational meeting in June to discuss the matter.

**VIII. Adjournment**

There being no further business, Ms. Kavanaugh made a motion for adjournment, and seconded by Ms. King the commission voted all in favor, none opposed. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



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Plainfield Planning Division  
June 18, 2010