



Westfield Historic Preservation Commission (WHPC) Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: March 27, 2023

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting of the Commission

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, notice of this meeting was provided by noticing this meeting in the Westfield Leader, TAP and by posting it on the bulletin board in Town Hall.

Attendees: Maria Boyes (Chair), Jennifer Jaruzelski (Vice-Chair), Kelly Kessler, Ann Freedman (Planning Board), Greg Blasi, Kathryn Reed Alt #1, Mary Anne Healy, Maryellen McVeigh, Alt #2

Absent: Jacqueline Brevard, Mark LoGrippo (TC), Katie Spikes, , Barton Ross (HPO) , Carol Tener (Town Historian)

Approval of minutes: February 27, 2023 A motion to approve the minutes was made by Jennifer Jaruzelski and seconded by Ann Freedman, motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Historic Streetlights: Barrett Williams reached out to Commission Member Kelly Kessler to advise that Westfield has a substantial number of historic streetlights. Kelly will be working with Craig Gibson in the Public Works Department who has expressed his intent to preserve these fixtures. As the incandescent bulbs for these fixtures are no longer being made, it will be necessary to work with PSE&G to identify what LED lights would work in these fixtures.

Three types of historic streetlights were identified:

1. Radial Wave
2. Admiral's Cap
3. Teardrop

The need to obtain an inventory of these streetlights with locations and a possible collaboration with the Westfield Green Team was discussed.

Historic Preservation Officer Update: Discussion of New Jersey Historic Trust grant status and whether an RFP would be required to move forward with provisions of the grant including preparation of an updated historic master plan, architectural survey of the downtown historic district, and a National Register of Historic Places nomination. It was determined that a clarification of requirements was needed.

Status of the ordinance was discussed and it was reported the ordinance will go to Code Review after the April 5th Town Council Meeting

Old Business

Committee updates: Devlin Committee determined there would be an exhibition of Harry Devlin paintings later this year at the Center for Creativity at the Rialto. The possibility of aligning the WHPC's Devlin Awards with this exhibition was discussed.

Discussion of a designation plaque for the train station kiosk. It was determined marker/signage may already exist in Public Works. Contact will be made with Public Works to determine what information is contained on existing marker. It was also noted residents of another Stoneleigh Park property may be interested in pursuing designation.

National Preservation Month: Discussion of possible activities in celebration of National Preservation Month in May. Possibility of holding a pop up kick off meet and greet at the train station to promote the work of the Commission was discussed. Jennifer Jaruzelski suggested a May Madness Bracket activity that would allow participants to vote on favorite architectural styles found throughout the town, raising public awareness of Westfield's historic architecture.

No members of the public were in attendance at the meeting.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Kelly Kessler and seconded by Jennifer Jaruzelski. Motion was carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.