

Westfield Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Monday September 24, 2018

In Attendance: Kelly Kessler, Jennifer Jaruzelski, Doug Stokes (TC), Joseph Biren, Robert Wendel, Maria Boyes, Alison Carey (A1), Michael LaPlace (PB), Neal Acito, David Hagan, Jenn Czarnecki, Michael Fisher (A2)

Absent: James Corcoran.

- Minutes of 6/25/2018 meeting reviewed and approved by Commission.

The following agenda items were discussed:

1. New Business

- Announcement to Commission that Neal Acito will be resigning his position due to the fact that he is moving to Las Vegas. Neal will leave all of his research and documentation with the Commission and will be missed. Some of the statistics and graphs he has created may be added to the Master Plan.
- Discussion of article found by commission member regarding Tax Credits for historic properties. Rob also found information on deed restrictions and has sent to Tom Jardim (Town Attorney) for input.

2. Old Business

Communications Committee

- Next Speaker Series is on Thursday, October 18th at 7:00 pm and will be Rob Wendel and he will be speaking about the history of Westfield. More advertising on social media needed as well as WHS news paper, school newsletters, The Leader and TAP.
- Discussion regarding tie-in to Addams Fest and promoting the November speaker

Historic Research Committee:

- Interns working on photographic library of historic homes is complete

Designation and Historic Homeowner Relations Committee:

- Letters of Consent for Reeves House has been sent to Tom Jardim for review and will then be sent to Mayor Brindle. Letter for Triangle park is in progress. Rob W. sending Alison historic background this week, at which time it will be sent to Tom Jardim as well.
- Attempt for Stoneleigh Park failed again by one vote. Discussion regarding ability to modify our charter to allow for % approval in the future (eliminate ability for one vote to affect outcome)
- Brief discussion regarding Endangered Homes packet but no specifics on timing or recipients

Historic Preservation Plan Committee:

- No update

Funding Incentives Committee:

- No update

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Certified Local Government Committee:

- No update

Historic Preservation Ordinance Review Committee:

- No update

3. Public Comments:

- a. Pam W, 729 DDDDD: Pam informed the Commission that the Westfield Green Team has a pending proposal for the Architecture Review Board seeking approval for front-facing solar panels on residences.

Mike LaPlace (HPC Planning Board liaison) confirmed the proposal and that it is being considered by the Board.

Discussion and concern among some Commission members regarding the impact on street scape and options for placement.

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 PM