Cranford Historic Preservation Advisory Board (HPAB)

Meeting Via Zoom

March 25, 2021, 7:30pm

Attendees:

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| Steven SaltzmanBill KingKinney ClarkLoretta SmithSteve PriceNancy Price | Alan LiebermanSarah OliverJustin Van DykAmy ImhoffJeffery Pistol |

Meeting called to order by S. Saltzman at 7:35pm

**Treasurers Report:** No discussion. A. Lieberman volunteered to serve as treasurer for the remainder of 2021.

**Report from the Chair:**

Mailing Address: S. Saltzman announced that HPAB’s formal address will be 8 Springfield Ave (Municipal Building).

Resumes: Those that haven’t already done so are requested to please get them to S. Saltzman.

Plaques: New order to arrive very soon. 2 new plaques ordered by residents. Of the new shipment, most are now sold.

Awards: S. Saltzman spoke with Margaret Gerlach, Cranford. Historical Society. Joint awards will now be separate awards, presented jointly. Both for 2021 will be Masonic Building; HPAB’s award to be presented to the owner, Historical Society award to be presented to the Architect. No response to prior request for individual homes to be recognized. Several potential residences discussed by the group. Future of joint vs. separate awards discussed and merits of each approach.

Discussion ensued regarding HPAB guidance on partial demolition vs. minimal exterior changes and what is allowable under current zoning.

**Old Business:**

**Sunny Acres Design Guidelines:** Current status and options for continuing this effort discussed. L. Smith will discuss with Sunny Acres organization and touch base with M. McDougall for status.

**QR Tour:** S. Saltzman working on finalizing paperwork for the Union County Grant.

**Plaques:** Thanks to A. Imhoff for sharing photos of for articles about the plaques. Plaque orders have increased because of the newspaper articles.

**River Brochure:** T. Bulger is continuing to work on the brochure. Discussion of funding for printing. S. Price suggested reaching out to Weaver Printing for an estimate.

**Cruise through Cranford:** K. Clark noted he was unable to extract clips from the DVD for use on YouTube. B. King noted he has the original video files and could put together a 30-60 second clip for YouTube. K. Clark and B. King agreed to discuss further.

**Website.** S. Saltzman acknowledged B. King’s recent improvements to existing website. S. Price noted Westfield HPC website has a lot of good content from national sources that HPAB could include. S. Saltzman asked for interest in working on web overhaul with B. King and S. Price. J. Pistol willing to review sites for content. Members should email suggestions to S. Price. Subcommittee will meet to discuss and plan changes to HPAB’s web content.

**NJ Historic Preservation Conference:** Dates announced. Members encouraged to sign up.

**New Business:**

**Cranford Canoe Club:** Former owner Betz seeks help in listing Canoe Club on NJ / National Register. K. Clark will provide contact info and links to information about the nomination process at NJ Historic Preservation Office to provide to Mr. Betz.

**Celebration in Honor of Maureen Strazdon:** S. Saltzman asked Township for recognition of Maureen’s service. No response to date. Discussion regarding holding a gathering in the fall including dates, options, costs, and COVID implications of an in-person event.

**HPAB Mission:** S. Saltzman provided the powers and duties of HPAB from enabling ordinance. Members requested to review and consider HPAB’s mission and whether we are missing any key actions on which we should be focusing.

**Architectural Survey:** Discussion of lack of progress and whether this should remain a priority for 2021.

**Master Plan Element:** Discussion of current status and lack of interest by the Township.