

Historic Preservation Commission Meeting 9/28/21

Attendance:

Chuck Schmidt
Carol Barkin
Sarah Harris
Judith Sacks
Jean Rich
Erin Doherty
Patricia Sanftner – via Telephone
Craig Goss – not in attendance
Erich Huhn – not in attendance

Call to Order – 7:33pm

Approval of the 6/29/21 minutes.

Old Business:

- Allied Chemical relics were discovered in a parking lot. A ceramic urn and plaque were found.
 1. Permission was granted for these items to be displayed outside of Acorn Hall.
 2. A nearby neighbor had discovered the urn while walking. (Robert Fitzpatrick)
 3. Will ask Tim Quinn about having it moved to Acorn Hall.
- The HPC Ordinance was passed on July 14th by the Township Committee
- The HPC visit to Valle Vue produced great photos and a book for GIS and the document center.

Normandy Park proposed Boundary Increase:

- A presentation was given by Margaret Hickey.
- It was tabled by the State due to the massive modifications done to Twin Oaks.
- It will be heard again on November 3rd as Twin Oaks ties into Normandy Park.
- They should have reached out the HPC.
- Twin Oaks was originally rejected from the Register due to changes.
- Certificate of Eligibility was issued for Twin Oaks in 2003
- #'s 20, 30 and 40 Normandy Parkway are protected by the HPC Ordinance

Historical District Signs:

- NJDOT has denied the Historic District sign for the South-bound side of Mt. Kemble Avenue (Rt. 202)
- The Township and HPC are working on a new location for the sign.

Alnwick Hall/ the Abbey (Restoration Hardware):

- Final approval was granted by the Planning Board.
- Carol Barkin & Amy Curry have been going to the site on Fridays to look at the objects being removed.

- RH will be keeping the servants' quarters as a ruin.
- The wine bar has been removed from the plan but the parking count will remain the same.
- A wall will be going up on Madison Avenue ranging in height from 4 ft. to 16 ft. There will be pillars along Canfield Road that say RH with finials.
- The site plan passed 8 to 1.
- There will be a 3 ft. by 6 ft. monument on the corner of the property.

New Business:

Jones Drive:

- Archeological dig of the site is complete.
- HPC has sent a letter of approval for demolition.

Marion Harris:

- The HPC would like to memorialize the passing of Marion Harris, a wonderful preservationist and a force of nature.
- She had spoken with the Township HPC several times and created many preservationists over the years. She had done a certification program with SHPO at Drew University.
- Should the HPC ask to make a proclamation for the Township Committee to enter into the record? She should be recognized for her contributions. Maybe do something in conjunction with Morristown HPC?

Next Scheduled Meeting via Zoom is October 26, 2021.

Adjourned at 8:13pm