

# WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes for November 5, 2008

Present: Dale Blum, Caryl Brackenridge, Ed Gagne, Keith Hayes, Eileen Stokes, and Susan Penney. Laurie Akin, a member of the public, was also present.

This workshop meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission, having been advertised in the *Observer Tribune* and the *Daily Record*, and posted on the Municipal Building Bulletin Board and the Township web site, was called to order at 7:38 p.m.

## **Discussion Items:**

### **Historic Preservation Ordinance draft and recommendations**

Eileen Stokes had met with Township Administrator Dianne Galletts, Zoning Officer Ginny Kesper and Township Attorney Paula DiBona to discuss this final draft. The HPC went through the document and discussed the changes which had been suggested at that meeting.

Page 12, Section 217-133, L. - The Township Attorney requested the insertion of a definition of "Section 106." The following definition could be inserted between the two sentences of L.:

Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act requires federal agencies to review the effects of any undertaking on historic properties and allow the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation the opportunity to comment on such undertaking. Projects which have any federal involvement, such as federal funds, federal permits or are subject to state or local regulations pursuant to delegation or approval by a federal agency, require Section 106 review.

Page 21, Section 217-135, B.(2) - HPC discussed the black and white photographs and Mylar prints required but concluded that these were the standards required by the U. S. Department of the Interior and should remain as stated.

Page 24, Section 217-135, B.(5) - HPC discussed reasons that assignment of rights granted by a COA to demolish would not be permitted and concluded that allowing the assignment of such rights might make "tear-downs" more likely. No change.

Page 28, Section 217-135, E. (1)(g) and (h) - These sections involved synthetic siding and synthetic materials on window and doors. There was a great of question about what should be permitted on contributing buildings and HPC was not comfortable with the sections as they are currently written. Eileen will discuss these sections with the consultant and/or the State Historic Preservation Office.

Hearing Procedure - Current draft does not provide any guidance about the requirement or ability to waive the requirement for a Public Hearing for COA applications. HPC would like Section 217-135 (Certificate of Appropriateness) to include the wording about

Public Hearings which is in our current ordinance. [Section 217-137, C.(1),(2),(3)]. HPC would also like the new ordinance or the new By-Laws to include the wording about waiving a public hearing which is in our current By-Laws. (IV. Public Hearings.)

Meeting Schedule

HPC agreed that we would schedule workshop meetings on the first Wednesday of odd numbered months in 2009. If the meetings are not needed, they will be canceled.

2009 Objectives

Design Guidelines would be very helpful. A subcommittee of HPC could tackle the job or HPC could seek a grant.

**The next regularly scheduled meeting will be November 19 at 7:30 pm.**

This meeting was adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Caryl R. Brackenridge, Secretary