

LANDMARKS PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes of Meeting of March 5, 2012

Present:

Naomi Curtis, Chair

Eileen Kennedy

Mike Santoro

Leslie Guerci

Jean Davis

Peter Bafitis

Bruce Treiber

Absent:

None

1. 131 Brown Street. The Commission has determined not to commence landmarks designation proceedings at this time. The Commission notes that the applicant will be retaining the existing porch posts. If the railings and balusters are replaced, as currently proposed, they will need to be rebuilt to current code height. This may cause difficulties with tying into the posts, and the Commission recommends that further drawings concerning this detail be requested. The balusters are unique, and although in compromised condition, if they could be saved, this would alleviate the difficulty of tying into the posts.
2. The Commission would like to begin approving its minutes by email, in order to expedite the approval process. By unanimous vote, moved by Bruce Treiber and seconded by Jean Davis, the Commission agreed to request the Board of Trustees and Village attorney to prepare whatever code revisions are necessary to permit approval of minutes by email, and that the failure of a Commission member to object or otherwise comment on minutes within 5 days of email distribution constitutes approval.
3. Interns. There was a general discussion concerning the need to complete the survey of all village structures. The Commission determined that a professional such as Nancy Solomon should be engaged to supervise one or more interns.
 - a. Bob Haim has offered to host Kelly McCauley at his home if she is available again this summer.
 - b. Naomi Curtis is going to post a request for an intern at Cornell.
 - c. Naomi will forward a job description and salary to Leslie Guerci, who will post this at Gaucher.
 - d. Leslie will follow up with Bob Vogt to see whether NY Tech has a preservation program.
 - e. Naomi will contact the Preservation League and Alex Wolf to find more leads on interns.
4. Budget Request. Naomi will prepare and forward a budget request to Marianne Lennon, which is due in March.

5. Past Minutes. Minutes of the past meetings were unanimously approved as follows:
 - a. 1/3/12: moved: Peter Bafitis; seconded: Peter Bafitis
 - b. 1/17/12: moved: Bruce Treiber; seconded: Peter Bafitis
 - c. 2/6/12: moved: Leslie Guerci; seconded: Naomi Curtis
 - d. 2/20/12: meeting canceled.

Next meeting dates: As a reminder, the Commission meets on the first and third Mondays of each month at 7:30 in Village Hall. Our next meeting date is March 19, 2012.