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City of Plainfield Historic Preservation Commission
Meeting Agenda: Tuesday, October 22, 2013; 7:30 P.M.
City Hall Library, 1st Floor; 515 Watchung Avenue, Plainfield, New Jersey

I. Call to Order

II. Open Public Meeting Statement

This is a regularly scheduled meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission of the City of Plainfield, Union County, New Jersey. Adequate notice of this meeting has been given in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. The annual meeting schedule was published in the Courier-News on January 4, 2013, and copies of the meeting schedule have been posted in the offices of the City Clerk and Planning Division.

III. Roll Call of Commission Members

IV. Adoption of the September 24, 2013, Regular Session Meeting Minutes

V. New Business

1. **1362-66 Randolph Road; Block 13, Lot 40; Fitz Randolph House**

VI. Committee Reports

1. **Architectural Review Committee- Projects Not Requiring a Certificate of Appropriateness**
 - A. 9/13/13: 829 Kensington Avenue- asphalt shingle roof replacement
 - B. 9/20/13: 808 3rd Place- front porch replacement
 - C. 10/1/13: 735 Belvidere Avenue- asphalt shingle roof replacement
 - D. 10/15/13: 716 Watchung Avenue- slate shingle roof replacement (approximately 40 shingles)
 - E. 10/15/13: 744 Watchung Avenue- soffit and fascia repairs
2. **Community Outreach / Historic Preservation Awareness Committee**
 - A. Postcard notifying owners in historic districts / locally designated historic sites
 - B. Report: Meeting with local realtor concerning historic status of properties for sale
3. **Ordinance Revision Committee**
 - A. Discussion- Solar Panels in Historic Districts
 - B. Discussion- Guidelines for Security Grilles / Roll-Up Doors

VII. Planning Division Report

1. **Certificates of Appropriateness Approved by the HPC**
 - A. 9/26/13: 177-185 North Avenue- HPC 12-21
 - B. 10/16/13: 161-167 Crescent Avenue- HPC 13-10

2. **Zoning Officer Approval / Denial Letters**

- A. 9/11/13: 1119-1127 Watchung Avenue- approval for home occupation
- B. 9/23/13: 1202 Watchung Avenue- denial for front porch replacement and conversion from 2 to 3 family
- C. 9/25/13: 1215 Watchung Avenue- approval for rear deck replacement
- D. 10/1/13: 811 3rd Place- approval for basement window replacement
- E. 10/3/13: 202 Park Avenue- denial for new signage

3. **Property Maintenance Code Violation Reports Issued by Division of Inspections**

- A. 9/11/13: 715 Ravine Road, abatement date: 11/4/13
- B. 9/11/13: 740 Belvidere Avenue, abatement date: 11/4/13

4. **Certificate of Compliance Notices Issued by Division of Inspections**

- A. 7/30/13: 1003 Putnam Avenue, re-inspection scheduled on or before 9/20/13

5. **Code Enforcement**

Owner & Property	Chronology
Fabian Soria 202 East Ninth Street Block 824, Lot 17 Crescent Area HD	May 2011: Fire in house- a boarded up 3 family. September 2011: Construction Official reports no update. February 2012: no change. 4/8/13: Inspections Division issues notice for re-securing of the rear door 6/12/13: Resident complains of trespassers into house- not secured
Robert Tolleson 1362-66 Randolph Rd Block 13, Lot 40 Fitz Randolph House	4/26/13: Planning Div. informs Inspection Div. of a compliant that a window is boarded up. 10/22/13: Scheduled for the HPC
Rashid Burney 1127 Watchung Avenue Block 638, Lot 9 Putnam-Watchung HD	4/8/13: Inspections Div. issues notice for removal of commercial vehicles and to repair fence 5/10/13: 1 st zoning violation notice for outdoor storage of commercial vehicles 9/10/13: court date rescheduled to 10/10/13 10/10/13: owner did not appear, bench warrant and fine imposed
William Rose 1202 Watchung Avenue Block 821, Lot 23 Putnam-Watchung HD	8/13/13: 1 st zoning violation notice- removal of front porch railing and replacement w/o a CA 8/26/13: 2 nd zoning violation notice 9/12/13: court summons- court date 10/1/13 10/1/13: owner did not appear; awaiting new court date

VIII. Discussion

- 1. Lampkin House: Union County Grant Application, Creation of 501-C.3
- 2. Spanish Translation of Design Guidelines: Plainfield Cultural & Heritage Commission Application
- 3. Green Brook Park Pedestrian Bridge Replacement, Green Brook Park Historic District
 - Letter to Union County Engineering sent 9/6/13 following up on HPC 6/5/13 letter
- 4. Cedar Brook Park Vehicular Bridge Replacement at Pemberton Avenue- Cedar Brook Park Historic District
 - Letter to Union County Engineer sent 9/23/13 in response to 12/20/12 Union County letter
- 5. Properties in Historic Districts with Active Certificates of Appropriateness or Zoning Violations

IX. Open Public Comment

X. Adjournment