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# HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
# REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, October 19, 2023 - 7:30 PM
Virtual Webex Meeting
To access information on how to use WebEx to join the meeting, please click on the following link: https://www.southorange.org/800/WebEx-FAQs

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**
**Chair Levine call the meeting to order at approximately 7:30 pm:**

1. **Roll Call**

Class A Commissioners
Karen Marlowe, Vice Chair
Anina Rossen - Absent

Class B Commissioners
Jacob Levine, Chair
Amy Dahn - Absent
Gretchen Schumann
David Wright
Jason Martinek

Alternates
Vacant (Class A)
Julie McCourt(Class B) - Absent

Summer Jones, Trustee Liaison
William Sullivan, Commission Counsel
Ojetti Davis, Recording Secretary

2. **Meeting Notice Statement**
**Chair Levine read the following statement:**
Adequate notice of this meeting had been provided to the press in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A 10:4-6. In addition, notice of this meeting was posted in Village Hall and on the Village's website, and has been filed in the Office of the Village Clerk. Official action may be taken.

3. **Approval of Minutes**

A. Regular meeting held on September 14, 2023:
Ms. Marlowe moved to approve the minutes as amended, seconded

by Mr. Wright. All members were in favor and none opposed.

**4. New Business**

A. HPC-2023-02: Bataineh Holdings, LLC
Block 2021 Lot 14
179 Irvington Avenue
Applicant is proposing a new multi-family apartment building with elevator and open parking garage

Benjamin Wine attorney of the firm Prime & Tuvel on behalf of the applicant gave a brief background of the project which is located in a historic district. Mr. Wine introduced Josh Uhl licensed architect for the project. Mr. Uhl discussed his professional background in historical preservation projects and entered Exhibit A1 – Overall presentation consisting of 21 slides. He described the details of the project, showed photos of homes and businesses in the area, building materials and building elevations. In response to board questions, Mr. Uhl discussed building floor layout, roofing, location of AC units and parking details.

Mr. Levine mentioned that he attended the Pre-Sketch plan meeting of this applicant. He was glad to see the applicant took into consideration some of the suggestion from the meeting and have made significant changes. The board members were in favor of this project. Ms. Marlowe move to send an approval non-binding advice letter in favor of the project to the Planning Board as discussed, seconded by Mr. Martinek. All members were in favor and none opposed.

**5. Old Business**
**Trustee Jones discussed the following:**

A. Baird Update – The Trustees toured the building in September and the interior is very nice and getting closer to completion. The project will soon receive a TCO for the staff to start moving in.

B. Library Update – In the process of moving to 298 Walton Avenue after the Baird moves out. The children's library will be located in the Baird Center once it's fully open.

**6. Discussion/Follow Up/Action Items**

A. Trustee Report – There were 47 participants at Community Day, next year the plan is to choose a different date due to the holiday. The

Village Charter has passed and submitted to the legislature with hopes of a final approval in December.

**7. Subcommittee Updates**

A. Master Plan Implementation – no report

B. Ordinance Revision Discussion – Mr. Sullivan discussed the revisions that he made based on the Topology comments. He will forward the revised version to Ms. Doran which will then move to the Planning & Economic Development Committee for review. Trustee Jones suggested this board should consider making a presentation of the amended ordinance to the Board of Trustees prior to the first reading/introduction.

C. Website Update – no update

**8. Public Comments**

There were no questions or comments from the public.

**9. Next Meeting Date**

A. Thursday, November 16, 2023 at 7:30 pm

**10. Adjournment**

There being no further discussion, Chair Levine moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Marlowe. Chair Levine adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Ojetti Davis
Recording Secretary