

**TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING – VIRTUAL WEBEX MEETING
JUNE 17, 2021 7:30 PM**

MINUTES

Chairman Levine called the meeting to order at approximately 7:30pm

Roll Call:

Present: Jacob Levine Chairman, Amy Dahn, Jason Martinek, David Wright,
Anina Rossen

Also present: William Sullivan Counsel, Summer Jones Village Trustee
Joycelyn White Recording Secretary

Absent: Karen Marlowe Vice Chair, Gretchen Schuman, Jonathan Wiesmeth,
Ojetti Davis Recording Secretary

Chairman Levine read the following:

Adequate notice of this meeting has 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.

Approval of Minutes

Ms. Dahn moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on May 20, 2021 as amended, seconded by Mr. Wright. All members were in favor and none opposed.

New Business:

- Swearing in of new member – Mr. Sullivan administered the Oath of Office to Greg Spreeman as Class A Alternate.

Old Business:

- Library Update – Trustee Jones stated the Library grant application has been submitted for the second round. They have privately raised \$300,000.00, which would go towards the obligation needed to match the grant if awarded.
- Baird Update – Trustee Jones discussed the construction of the Baird which is currently in progress. There had been a few Change Orders with regards to asbestos and other small issues. A Trustee walk-thru is planned in the near future along with a ground breaking ceremony.
- 167 N. Ridgewood Road – Mr. Sullivan gave a brief update. The project is in the resolution compliance stage where the applicant is required to make any changes the board has asked as a condition of approval. These changes will allow them to submit for building permits.
- The Y Group – 14 Second Street – Mr. Sullivan explained the applicant was supposed to be heard on June 9th for a special meeting of the Planning Board. However, the revised plans were not submitted in a timely matter for the board professionals to review and

provide their recommendations to the board. The special meeting has been rescheduled to Monday, June 21st at 7pm and the applicant has requested to have the resolution adopted on the same night if the application is approved. The request is due to the applicant having signed leases for July 1st. Mr. Sullivan mentioned the comments of this board and the Design Review board was taken very seriously by the Planning Board.

Discussion/Follow up items

- Trustee report – Trustee Jones discussed the following:
 - A permit has been submitted to the building department for demolition at 393 Irving Avenue.
 - Trustee Jones is the new Chair of the Citizens Engagement Committee and she will be forwarding the board members a demographic survey. The committee is asking all boards, committees and commission of South Orange to participate in the survey to determine who's on the committees, who's missing and ways to target new members.
 - Julie Doran is currently updating the project construction page and will eventually show the projects stages.
 - The Gaslight Newsletter should hit residents homes the 1st week of July. This will go out quarterly.

Subcommittee Updates:

- Master Plan – Ms. Dahn spoke with William Kurzenberger and he has received the revised property list and has incorporated the County properties and the Montrose Historic District properties. The Master Plan as a whole is still in progress. Mr. Sullivan mentioned they are in discussion of meeting dates for the public hearing.
- Website – There was no report.

Public Comment:

Bob Adler – 120 Ralston Avenue – Mr. Adler recalled when he brought to this board's attention in 2019 regarding a memorial that had been placed a Grove Park. He discussed a resolution that is going before the Board of Trustees on June 28th. The resolution is to place a celebration garden in Grove Park. Mr. Adler expressed his concerns that the resolution calls for public comment but has not been brought before the Historic Preservation Commission. He urged this board to reach out to the Board of Trustees regarding the proposed resolution prior to the meeting.

Debbie Adler – 120 Ralston Avenue – Vice President of the Montrose District Association – Mrs. Adler discussed her concerns of the inappropriateness of the memorial and thinks it should be removed. Her thought was instead of a resident placing a memorial, a tree could be donated and possible put a plaque. She urged the board members to do what they can to stop the resolution from being adopted.

Petra Chu – 22 Park Place – Ms. Chu agreed with the comments of Mr. and Mrs. Adler. She mentioned the Montrose Association is looking into a Historic Preservation Grant to hire a consultant who could best advise them about Grove Park.

The board agreed to place the Resolution on the July agenda for discussion prior to it being adopted by the Board of Trustees.

Meeting Adjournment:

There being no further discussion, Chairman Levine adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:30 pm. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 15, 2021.

Submitted by
Ojetti Davis, Secretary
Historic Preservation Commission