

**TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING – VIRTUAL WEBEX MEETING
JULY 15, 2021 7:30 PM**

MINUTES

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

Roll Call:

Present: Jacob Levine Chairperson, Karen Marlowe Vice Chair, Jason Martinek, Gretchen Schumann

Also present: William Sullivan Counsel, Summer Jones Village Trustee
Ojetti Davis Recording Secretary

Absent: Amy Dahn, Anina Rossen, David Wright Gretchen Schuman

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

Mr. Martinek moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on June 16, 2021, seconded by Mr. Levine. All members were in favor and none opposed.

New Business:

- Founders Park - Removal of asphalt within a certain area of the park
David Kraiker member of the Planning Board, Environmental Commission, Shade Tree Committee and Founders Park Conservancy along with Jessica Miller member of the Shade Tree Committee discussed the area of Founders Park where they would like to remove the asphalt and add more greenery. Mr. Kraiker explained they have been before the Recreation and Cultural Affairs and the Department of Public Works and neither department had any issues with removing the asphalt. The board members thought the proposed modification would be good for the park. Mr. Sullivan and Trustees Jones agreed there needs to be a clear definition on who is responsible for the parks. Mr. Sullivan explained the HPC has no jurisdiction and no response is required from this board.
- Resolution for Grove Park – Trustee Jones discussed a proposed Resolution before the Board of Trustees to place a Celebration Garden in Grove Park. She explained the current memorial had been there for 5 years and the BOT had a straw poll for the memorial in 2017. The board members felt a policy should be put in place for memorials in the parks before a resolution is adopted.
- Chairman Levine discussed changing the position to "Chairperson" to be gender neutral. Ms. Marlowe moved to approved the position from "Chairman to

Chairperson", seconded by Ms. Schumann. All members were in favor and none opposed.

- 393 Irving Avenue – Trustee Jones asked about a proposed application for 393 Irving Avenue. Chairperson Levine explained the property is not a key contributing property. Mr. Sullivan explained the applicant is rebuilding within the same footprint and if they decided to not build within the footprint they would need to go before the Zoning Board of Adjustment or the Planning Board.

Old Business:

- Library Update – There was no update; still waiting on the decision for the grant.
- Baird Update – Trustee Jones explained the construction is ongoing and all asbestos has been removed.
- 167 N. Ridgewood Road – There was no update
- The Y Group – 14 Second Street – Mr. Sullivan discussed the amendments for the project. The applicant had signed leases for July 1st but there were significant issues with the project.

Discussion/Follow up items

- Trustee report – Trustee Jones discussed the following:
 - The next Board of Trustee meeting scheduled for July 26th will be a joint meeting with Maplewood to discuss the Fire Department Merger.
 - The Gaslight Newsletter is now out!
 - The application for 270 Irvington Avenue will be before the Planning Board on August 2nd.

Subcommittee Updates:

- Master Plan – There was no update.
- Website – There was no update.

Public Comment:

There were no questions or comments from the public.

Meeting Adjournment:

There being no further discussion, Chairperson Levine adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:30 pm. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 19, 2021.

Submitted by
Ojetti Davis, Secretary
Historic Preservation Commission