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HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW COMMITTEE Regular Monthly Meeting No. 296 Wednesday, March 5, 2008

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Historic Preservation Review Committee (HPRC) was convened at 7:30 PM in the Conference Room in Borough Hall. Jeanne Perantoni, Chairperson, opened the meeting in accordance with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, Section 5, Chapter 231, P.L. 275 by reading the following statement:

In conformance with the requirements of the Law, Notice was provided of the date, time and location of this regular meeting by posting a copy of the adopted Schedule of Regular Meetings in the Borough Hall, by mailing copies to the Trenton Times, Princeton Packet, and by filing a copy in the Office of the Clerk of Princeton Borough. Adequate notice was provided to the public and to all parties concerned.

PRESENT: Jane Faggen, Jeanne Perantoni, Nora Kerr, Celia Tazelaar and Kirsten Thoft

ABSENT: James Constantine, William Howard, Carolyn Robertson, Regan Tuder

ALSO PRESENT: Derek Bridger, Historic Preservation Review Officer; Danielle A. Britton Acting Recording Secretary

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The draft Minutes of the February 6, 2008, Meeting Number 295 were reviewed. J. Perantoni moved to approve minutes as amended. N. Kerr seconded and motion was approved.

DISCUSSIONS/ISSUES

CLG Grant Application

To target interested and qualified professionals, the Committee suggested a distribution of proposals through the State Preservation Office, the Princeton Borough and Princeton Borough Historic Preservation websites. The deadline for soliciting proposals is March 31, 2008. Submission of the CLG Grant Application is April 25, 2008.

D. Bridger provided the board with the HPRC 2004 CLG application for review and discussion. This application was approved. However, the cost estimates to conduct an architectural survey of properties within the proposed zone and to develop design standards far exceeded the available grant funds. A more recent 2006 grant application concentrated only on obtaining funds for the survey component of the creation of a Buffer District but was not selected. The 2007/2008 grant application focus will be on activity Section # 5 (Survey Identification) and Section # 6 (Historic Preservation Planning and Education/Publication Activities).

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J. Faggen asked for the rating scores from the previous 2006 grant application in order to facilitate making revisions and improvements to the current grant application now in process. The Committee suggested D. Bridger to obtain a copy of the score sheet from George Chidley, the Certified Local Government Coordinator, at the State Historic Office, to use as a reference for the completion of the grant application.

The Committee also reviewed the new grant application guidelines. N. Kerr volunteered to draft a preliminary written narrative description and gather information to address Section # 8 of the application.

Department of Interior-National Rehabilitation Standards

K. Thoft shared a section of Hopewell Township's Historic Commission's Design Guideline Components to serve as a comparison within the Borough.

The Committee noted that the Historic Preservation Ordinance and the Department of the Interior's National Standards are both vague in addressing and regulating design standards. There was general discussion about how the Borough's current standards enable the HPRC to work effectively with the community in its diverse architecture. J. Perantoni suggested the committee draft preliminary guidelines that would encourage or discourage certain standards, and identify standards for specific items such as windows, siding and roofing.

There was no public comment.

At 9:10 p.m., K. Thoft moved the meeting be adjourned. J. Faggen seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

The next regular scheduled Historic Preservation Review Committee meeting will be held on April 2, 2008 in Princeton Borough Hall, Conference Room.

Respectfully Submitted,

Danielle A. Britton
Acting Recording Secretary