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HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting No. 310

Wednesday, April 1, 2009

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Historic Preservation Review Committee (HPRC) was convened at 7:30 PM in the East Conference Room in Borough Hall. Nora Kerr, 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: James Constantine, Jane Faggen, William Howard, Nora Kerr, Celia Tazelaar, and Kirsten Thoft.

ABSENT: Jeanne Perantoni, Carolyn Robertson, and Regan Tuder.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The draft minutes of meeting # 306 and meeting # 307 were reviewed. C. Tazelaar made motion to approve minutes as amended. W. Howard seconded. Motion was approved unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE WAIVERS

**Twist Yogurt/ applicant, 80-84 Nassau Street/ owner
84 Nassau St., Block 20.01, Lot 41.01
CBD/Central Business Historic Overlay District
Non-Illuminated Main Business Sign
Approved-March 6, 2009- Nora Kerr**

DISCUSSION

D. Bridger advised the Committee he had been contacted by the Princeton Theological Seminary regarding their proposed library project concept review. The Seminary informed D. Bridger that they were not going to proceed with the book storage component of the project and had inquired whether a sub-committee of the Historic Preservation Review Committee could be organized to provide the Seminary with input regarding the new building design. The Committee discussed the proposal. There was a consensus among the Committee that a subcommittee was not appropriate in this case. The design of the building was too large in scope and importance to be delegated to a

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subcommittee and required input from the whole Committee. There was also concern among the Committee that a subcommittee would limit public openness and involvement in the process.

The Committee discussed in general the changes to the existing demolition ordinance and revisions to the preservation criteria and standards ordinance. Celia Tazelaar and Carolyn Robertson met with Karen Cayci, Borough Attorney, to discuss changes to the current ordinance including the insertion of the Dept. of Interiors Rehabilitation guidelines as they related to demolition. There was general discussion of the introduction of design standards into the preservation ordinance and consolidating the various sections of the preservation ordinance to make it more accessible.

Kirsten Thoft advised the Committee of a recent seminar she discussed with a colleague concerning the upkeep of historic structures. The program was conducted by Mike Hathaway of Revival Construction. K. Thoft informed the Committee that she was going to contact Mr. Hathaway and see if a future old house work session could be organized combining the themes of sustainability and historic preservation.

At 9:00 p.m. J. Faggen moved that the meeting be adjourned. C. Tazelaar seconded. Motion carried.

The next regular scheduled Historic Preservation Review Committee meeting will be held on May 6, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Danielle Britton, Recording Secretary
Historic Preservation Review Committee