

Easttown Historical Commission

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

February 08, 2023

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Bill Friedrich.

Other members in attendance: Joyce DeYoung, Richard DiStefano, John Leone, Palmer Dalessandro (via Zoom)

Also attending: Colleen Gray, Don Curley (Planning), Beth D'Antonio (BoS liaison), Chris Seder (PC), Kayla Anthony (Landmarks), and Michelle Bradley (President, Friends of Historic Waynesborough).

January 11 Meeting Minutes: Approved without comment or revision.

Motion: to move the 2nd and 3rd Waynesborough items to follow HWB update, J.D, approved J.L.

HWB update: Kayla A. informed the HC that the National Park Service approved plans for the roof replacement project. Solicitation of bid proposals sent out shortly. The sign for the site is being replaced, and the fence repaired. Neither activity required a zoning application/ETHC review.

501 S. Waterloo Rd: Andrew Pickens (owner) and Patrick McDonough (architect):

- Extensive renovations planned for interior work to open up the floor plan in a rear wing of the house. The application for exterior work to remove a central chimney and block off a ground level rear door in the wing. The chimney served only as a vent for a basement boiler as there are no fireplaces vented into the chimney. Michael Wacy (public) asked if it was possible to maintain the appearance and place a false chimney in place of the original. McDonough explored supporting the roof to keep the stone chimney, but was not structurally feasible. They will use the chimney stones to fill in the rear door space to maintain the exterior stone façade. Motion to approve the application was approved with 1 vote against.

New Business

Historic Marker Proposal: John Leone: John L. presented a proposal for the ETHC to create a marker program to identify significant Township areas/properties and place markers at the street similar to historic markers commonly used elsewhere. Reaction and comments were positive as it highlights the history of Easttown and raises resident awareness of local history. Questions were raised about criteria to identify sites, sign design/content, and funding. The project will require approval by the BoS. A motion was approved unanimously to establish a subcommittee to develop a plan and a presentation to seek BoS approval. Public comments (Terry Conrad, 23 Main St.) included suggestions for prominent areas and locations. Michael Wacey contributed to the funding discussions.

- **Vision Partnership Program:** Discussion of the Chester County grant program and the opportunity to apply for a funds to support the improvement of our historic asset inventory

content, especially for Berwyn Village properties. A motion to request the BoS approve to have Easttown apply for a grant was approved unanimously.

Status of Current Projects

Pending

- **2022 Accomplishments: (Anna)** Finalize list for the March meeting and present to BoS in March
- **Training:** Joyce waiting for Anna comments and will distribute the revised document to Commission.
- **Research process for homeowners:** Palmer revising first draft
- **Mapping Update:** Anna or Kathleen will work with Richard on his area assignment. Bill will incorporate all updates into a new master list in Excel and ensure we have AIF pages for each property.
- **Neighborhood Walk Arounds:** Bill had no update
- **Resident Information Session:** Bill has a draft presentation, motion approved to have him proceed to schedule the session at the library and promote the event
- **Articles:** Joyce finished an article on the development of the Devon Inn for the History Matters series. Ongoing call for topics for future articles or published information for the Township website.

Completed

- **23 Knox:** ETHC letter to Planning Dept recommending approval of demolition with caveat that new construction be consistent with design standards.

Other Business:

- Terry Conrad (23 Main St.) gave us a preview of porch and exterior renovations for future reviews

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Submitted by: Bill Friedrich