

**Borough of Pitman
Historic Commission**

Minutes of May 9, 2019

Call to Order:

Chairman Madison called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Attendance:

Chairman Madison, Mrs. LaPlante, Councilman Blass, Mr. Millard, Ms. Corma

Historic Commission Purpose & Standards:

Read by Chairman Madison

Applications for Certificate of Appropriateness:

The following **applications** were presented by Chairman Madison and reviewed by all members in attendance.

Application No. 2019-15

Giuliano Apadula

111 East Ave.

Bl-1 / L-22

Painting of Porch

Mrs. LaPlante motioned and second by Ms. Corma to recommend **Application No. 2019-15** to the Planning/ Zoning Board.

Chairman Madison: Yes

Mrs. LaPlante: Yes

Mr. Millard: Yes

Ms. Corma: Yes

Application No. 2019-16

Giuliano Apadula

62 S. Broadway

Bl-2 / L-4

Painting of Fire Escape/Front porch and 1st fl.
Wood Shingles

Mr. Millard motioned and second by Mrs. LaPlante to recommend **Application No. 2019-16** to the Planning/Zoning Board.

Chairman Madison: Yes

Mrs. LaPlante: Yes

Mr. Millard: Yes

Ms. Corma: Yes

Application No. 2019-17

Kim DeCant / Karen Giandrone

62 S. Broadway

Bl-2 / L-4

Replace Panel in Existing Hanging Sign

Mrs. LaPlante motioned and second by Mr. Millard to recommend **Application No. 2019-17** to the Planning/Zoning Board.

Chairman Madison: Yes

Mrs. LaPlante: Yes

Mr. Millard: Yes

Ms. Corma: Yes

Application No. 2019-18

Jenna Alvarado

50 S. Broadway

Bl-2 / L-2

Sign

Mrs. LaPlante motioned and second by Ms. Corma to recommend **Application No. 2019-18** to the Planning/Zoning Board.

Chairman Madison: Yes

Mrs. LaPlante: Yes

Mr. Millard: Yes

Ms. Corma: Yes

Application No. 2019-19

Joseph Fulton

10 Pitman Ave.

Bl-74 / L-5

Paint Front of Building

Mrs. LaPlante motioned and second by Mr. Millard to recommend **Application No. 2019-19** to the Planning/Zoning Board.

Chairman Madison: Yes
Mr. Millard: Yes

Mrs. LaPlante: Yes
Ms. Corma: Yes

Application No. 2019-20

Exurbia Boutique
52 S. Broadway
Bl-2 / L-11

Lettering in Window

Mrs. LaPlante motioned and second by Mr. Millard to recommend **Application No. 2019-20** to the Planning/Zoning Board.

Chairman Madison: Yes
Mr. Millard: Yes

Mrs. LaPlante: Yes
Ms. Corma: Yes

Application No. 2019-21

Bill Evans
134 North Ave.
Bl-5 / L-12

Installation of Windows/Doors/Siding
Soffit/Fascia/Gutters

Mr. Millard motioned and second by Mrs. LaPlante to recommend **Application No. 2019-21** to the Planning/Zoning Board.

Chairman Madison: Yes
Mr. Millard: Yes

Mrs. LaPlante: Yes
Ms. Corma: Yes

•Chairman Madison recognized an unidentified couple in attendance of the meeting.

They stated that they were interested in purchasing a specific home in the Grove section of the Borough, located next to the Historic Museum. It is their opinion that the foundation of the home is totally collapsed. Their question to the

Commission was, what is required by the Historic Commission, to have the structure taken down and replaced with a similar structure.

There was then discussion amongst the members of some of the conditions and history of the current house. The topics of other Borough properties and empty building lots in the Grove were also suggested by the members.

It was concluded that in order to have the dwelling removed it would need to come before the Historic Commission with an Engineers report proving that it was not cost worthy of being rehabbed. In addition, a copy of house plans should be submitted. It was suggested that when choosing these plans, they choose something that keeps the new home, looking as much like it does currently, and it should be indistinguishable from original homes in the area.

April 2019 Minutes to be approved at next months meeting.

New Business:

There was discussion amongst the members in reference to residents doing repairs and making changes to their properties without securing permits or board approval. There was also discussion of the Zoning Officers position and role concerning these offenses.

It was decided that all emails sent to the Zoning Officer, in reference to these infractions, would be copied to the Planning & Zoning Board officials going forward.

In order to guide homeowners, a brochure was presented by Mr. Millard, that could be made available to all residents of the Historic District. A copy of the brochure will be distributed to the members of the Historic Commission, and suggested changes and additions to the brochure can be made by the members. Mr. Millard also confirmed the email addresses of the attending members.

Council Report:

Councilman Blass reported that the new bronze markers on First Ave. and the Auditorium are now in place.

Mrs. LaPlante and Mr. Millard then began to discuss the plans for Merryman's Pub. There was concern that the owners, had not come before the Historic Commission, particularly in reference to the location of the handicap ramp

proposed for the building. Councilman Blass stated that they had come before Borough Council with the plans for the ramp, and it was a requirement according to the ADA. Mr. Millard suggested that there were other options where they could locate the ramp. He also stated that he felt they could ask council to reinvestigate where the ramp should be installed.

There was then discussion pertaining to the requirements on length and size of the ramp, the entrance location into the restaurant of the ramp, and whether the current windows should be replaced or restored to their historic value.

Adjournment:

A motion was made and second by Mrs. Laplante to adjourn. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Connie Anderson