

# **MEETING MINUTES**

## **BOROUGH OF CALDWELL HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

**May 8, 2018  
Regular Meeting**

### **Roll Call:**

Present: Ms. Crifasi, Mr. Kaplan, Mr. Vere, Councilman Rodger, Ms. King, Mr. Colaizzo

Absent: Mr. Godlewski

**STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE:** Adequate notice of this regular Caldwell Historic Preservation Commission meeting was given in The Progress on January 11, 2018 and on the Borough of Caldwell web site. All persons requesting notice were sent same.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

November 14, 2017-tabled until available

April 10, 2018

- Approval motioned by Ms. Crifasi, seconded by Mr. Vere
- All present voted to approve, except Mr. Colaizzo (abstain) and Ms. Crifasi (abstain)

### **AGENDA:**

#### 1. Knollwood Progress Report

- The property became a Caldwell Landmark on May 1, as approved by the Borough Council
- The next step will be a ceremony / presentation on the history of the property and a presentation of a plaque to the homeowners
- Mr. Kaplan will be contacting Claudine at the library to schedule a ceremony. The ceremony will be either at the library or the Confessore's house, possibly before the end of June.

#### 2. Grant Progress Report

- Mr. Kaplan and Ms. Crifasi went to a training session in Bordentown about administrating the grant.
- We awaiting receipt of an executed grant agreement from the State, to start working on the grant.

#### 3. Library Grant Application Progress Report

- The application was submitted. Ms. Crifasi passed around a copy of the application for the commissioners to review. Caldwell must obtain certification from the SHPO that the library is eligible for listing on the NJ Register of Historic Places. Ms. Crifasi and Mr. Godlewski are applying for the certification.
4. Status of the 'Doo-Wop' Bank
    - Developer has applied for a demolition permit, and once all items are submitted, he will get the permit
  5. Status of 30 Smull Avenue
    - Nothing new. No one has applied for a demolition permit for this.
  6. The White House
    - Mr. Godlewski is working on landmark designation for its architecture
    - Ms. Crifasi has researched and has some information
      - Maps for 1906 and 1933, Information when it was known as the Anton Ravin estate and information on the family, information garnished from our brochure
      - She also found that the property was purchased by Anton Ravin for \$800, and sold for \$10,000.
    - Mr. Kaplan will make a draft proposal for the landmark designation.
  7. Strategy for Protecting Endangered Historic Houses
    - Ms. Crifasi suggested nominating buildings to the NJ Registry of Historic Places
    - Ms. King will look into information on the Flynn house.
  8. New Business
    - Ms. Crifasi: in May 2017, Mr. Robert Calandra wrote a letter to The Progress about veterans.
      - He wants the town to recognize soldiers from all wars with a request to Mayor Dassing for a plaque on the Green.
      - Ms. Crifasi sent him information on soldiers and requested that he write another letter to The Progress to continue this effort.
      - Mayor Dassing will be in touch with veteran's groups also.
    - Ms. King: wanted to know the address of the Edison house. It is 71 Elm Road
    - The HPC needs someplace permanent to store our paperwork, such as a file cabinet. This is TBD

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to Adjourn by Ms. Crifasi, seconded by Mr. Vere  
 Meeting Adjourned at 8:58 PM