

# **MEETING MINUTES**

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

**June 13, 2017**  
Regular Meeting

### **ROLL CALL:**

Present:

Mr. Kaplan, Mr. Colaizzo, Ms. Crifasi, Mr. Cummings, Mr. Vere, Mr. Godlewski

Absent:

Councilman Rodgers

### **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:30PM**

**STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE:** Adequate notice of this regular Caldwell Historic Preservation Commission meeting was given on January 6, 2017 in the Progress. Notice was posted on the bulletin board of the first floor of the Borough Hall, One Provost Square, Caldwell, NJ. All persons requesting notice were sent same.

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

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

April 12, 2017:

Motion by: Mr. Kaplan. Seconded by: Ms. Crifasi. All present voted to approve.

May 9, 2017:

Motion by: Ms. Crifasi. Seconded by: Mr. Godlewski. All present voted to approve.

### **AGENDA:**

1. Promote Bloomfield Avenue as an historic road
  - In order for this to occur, we need partners
  - Tabled to future meeting
2. Draft Re-examination of the Master Plan
  - Caldwell needs to undertake a survey of its historic places. The last survey for this purpose was in 1986.
  - The borough is a mature suburb with little room for new development.
    - In the thirty-one years since the previous survey, the community has lost a number historic buildings to demolition and inappropriate renovations and conversions.
    - Moreover, during this time there have been a considerable number of additions to Caldwell's stock of historic structures. In order to preserve its

rich and fragile architectural heritage an accurate accounting of its historic inventory is necessary.

- In addition to an association with the past, historic sites contribute enormously to many aspects of Caldwell. These include quality of life, culture, education and economic development.
  - The borough has lost many important structures associated with its past. However, much of our rich architectural heritage remains and is an important factor in making Caldwell a desirable place to live and do business. This heritage is fragile and must be protected.
3. Doo Wop Bank
    - The Doo Wop Bank made the list of 10 of the most endangered historic sites in NJ
  4. Caldwell Public Library Ceremony
    - The plaque will be installed on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> in a ceremony at the Library.
  5. Reaching our Goals for 2017
    - Obtain funding for a new survey
    - Nominate another building for historic preservation
      - Designate the Knollwood home. Mr. Kaplan will contact owners
      - Designate “mustard” house on Westville Avenu
      - Designate both houses on Dave Cowell’s property.
  6. Location of “Sorting of the Mail”, update:
    - Mr. Kaplan has written a letter to the New Jersey Post Office Operations. Update to follow.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Participation in Caldwell History Day:
  - We want to meet our 2017 goals first

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by: Ms. Crifasi, seconded by Mr. Vere. All present voted in favor.  
Meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM