

**City of Camden**

**Historic Preservation Commission Meeting**

**February 27, 2020**

**Minutes**

Mr. Paul Schopp, Chairman, Secretary, called the meeting to order at about 6:05pm.

*Open Public Meeting Act Notice*

Dr. Edward Williams, Board Secretary, cited the Open Public Meeting Act.

*Attendance:*

Present: Byron Yoder, Paul Schopp, Dr. Edward Williams, Grayling Johnson, Jose Sanchez, and Fred Martin.

Absent: None

*Minutes*

No action on minutes

*Project Review*

*Old Business*

**1. Jose Nunez**

**3105 Sumter Rd**

The applicant did not appear. Dr. Williams recommended to dismiss without prejudice.

Mr. Sanchez move to approve; Mr. Martin seconded. Motion to dismiss without prejudice approved.

**2. Iris Clayton**

**1807 Filmore St**

The applicant did not appear. Dr. Williams recommended to table.

Mr. Yoder moved to table; Mr. Martin seconded. Motion to table approved.

## **New Business**

### **1. St. Joseph Carpenter Society**

**724 Washington St.**

Mr. Tracey Bell appeared before the commission. He is proposing major exterior improvements to said property in the Cooper Plaza Historic District. Mr. Bell indicated that he will maintain consistency with all in kind historically significant materials inclusive of paint colors for the proposed work. Mr. Schopp asked about the porch treatments. Mr. Bell indicated that it appears to be a half porch due to the demolition to an adjacent property.

Mr. Yoder moved to approve; Mr. Sanchez seconded. Motion approved. Mr. Johnson recused.

### **2. Gary Childs**

**1264 S. Merrimac Rd.**

The applicant appeared before the commission. He proposing to install solar panels at this property. Dr. Williams advised him to install the solar panels flush on a flat roof. He agreed.

Dr. Williams moved to approve; Mr. Yoder seconded. Motion approved.

### **3. Jeanette Watts**

**649 Washington St.**

The applicant appeared before the commission. She is proposing to install solar panels at her property. Dr. Williams advised her that the solar panels must be installed flush on flat roof. She agreed.

Mr. Martin moved to approve; Mr. Sanchez seconded. Motion approved.

### **4. Cheryl Rockett**

**1230 America Rd**

Ms. Rockett appeared before the commission. She is proposing to install a roof at her property. Dr. Williams advised her of Williamsburg slate as the approved material for the proposed work. She agreed.

Mr. Martin moved to approve; Mr. Yoder seconded. Motion approved.

### **5. Rutgers University**

**421 Cooper St**

Sarah Ryan appeared before the commission with other representatives. They indicated that the structural integrity of the building is failing and requires demolition. She stated that their Construction Official inspected the building and recommended its demolition.

Mr. Schopp indicated his displeasure with Rutgers University and its history of practicing benign neglect relative to their poor lack of property management. There were several residents from the public who spoke against demolition of the building. All members of the Historic Commission voted to deny the Certificate of Appropriateness to demolish 421 Cooper St.

Move to deny; seconded. Motion to deny Certificate of Appropriateness for demolition approved.

**6. Collins Williams**

**1029 Ironside Rd**

Mr. Tracy Bell appeared before the commission. He is proposing to make modifications to the exterior of this property due to the installation of improper window materials. He recognized the need to install wood 6/6 windows, apply white paint as appropriate, and power wash the exterior.

Mr. Sanchez moved to approve; Mr. Yoder seconded. Motion approved.

**Caucus**

Rutgers Building

**Adjournment**

Mr. Schopp moved to adjourn; Dr. Williams seconded. Motion to adjourn approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:28pm.