

Morristown Historic Preservation Commission

Minutes

October 13, 2016

Present: C. Barkin, J. Clark, J. Dykema, M. Harris, E. Huhn

The meeting opened with this notice: I, Marion Harris, vice chairman of the Morristown Historic Preservation Commission, do hereby state that it is 7:00 pm on October 13, 2016, and that we are in Room 201, Morristown Town Hall, 200 South Street, Morristown, NJ. Adequate notice of this meeting was provided according to the requirements of the NJ Open Public Meetings Act.

The minutes for September 2016 were unavailable.

Eagles building on Market Street was discussed. They have received approvals from the Planning board for a minor site plan. All the bricks are to be replaced, as the failed roof. While the façade changes have been approved, there is leeway for some of the architectural details to be saved/incorporated into the new façade. Mr. Miller, Ms. Harris and the zoning officer have met, and it was agreed that, like the case with the Eagles, applicants should be directed to meet with the HPC earlier in the process for input and advice.

Peck School on South Street. Mr. Miller and Mr. Dykema met with the school's headmaster on October 5th to review plans. The bus shelters will be moved and this will open the view from the street to the mansion's façade. Brick pavers will be laid and the last of the concrete buildings will be razed. The cafeteria will be moved across the courtyard to another building and an art workshop will be created in the basement facing the backyard. The neighborhood has been consulted. When the plans are ready, Peck will come back to the HPC.

Cambria Hotel on Market Street. We originally saw plans dated January 2016 and now have reviewed a more extensive package dated March 2016. This case has not been scheduled as yet. After reviewing the plans, Ms. Harris and Mr. Miller will compile a list of our suggestions to forward. We hope the developer comes back to us with brick samples etc. in the future. We had some comments on the windows, arches and cornices, and, in the main, approve of this "modern industrial" design for the downtown in the redevelopment zone. We would like to have seen some incorporation of the facades on the Bank Street side which do have historic value.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Next meeting: Thursday, November 12, 2016 at 7 pm

Respectfully submitted, Carol Barkin, secretary