City of North Tonawanda

Historic Preservation Commission

City Hall
216 Payne Ave.
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Regular Meeting – September 16, 2013, 6:00 PM

Minutes

Present: Rae Proefrock, Joe Fonzi, Jay Soemann, Pete Trinkwalter, April Gamp, Dennis Pasiak
Absent: Linda Hayes

Meeting Called to Order at: 6:10 PM

Reorganization

Introduction of New Members: New members were introduced and all members were asked to state their interest in serving on the Commission.

Election of Chair, Co-Chair and Secretary

Chair-Motion to elect Raphaelle Proefrock as Chair
Moved by Jay Soemann, Second by Joe Fonzi – all approved

Co-Chair- Motion to elect Joseph Fonzi as Vice-Chair
Moved by Rae Proefrock, Second by Jay Soemann – all approved

Secretary- Chair Rae Proefrock appointed April Gamp as Secretary, April agreed to serve.

Statement of Purpose of Commission: As described in the ordinance, the purpose of the commission is to review nominations for Historic Landmark designation, nominate properties for Historic Landmark designation, and review Certificate of Appropriateness applications for work on the exterior of designated properties and properties in a designated historic district.

Review of Documents: Copies of all official documents and forms were distributed to all members who were asked to review them carefully as they have time.

Training: All new members were asked by the Chair to submit a resume and statement of interest in serving on the commission, so that they may be forwarded to Julian Adams in the State Historic Preservation office, as required. All must attend some training session on serving on this commission. Julian Adams may be able to come to NT to conduct this training, or Tom Yots from Buffalo Preservation may be planning a training session. If there is a fee for this, the city will be asked to fund the training.

Old Business

Wurlitzer Building: The history of trying to list the Wurlitzer building was explained, and it was the unanimous feeling of the commission that we invite the owner to meet with us at our next meeting or sooner if possible. Mayor Ortt and Scott Keidrowski will be invited to attend.

Transfer Station: The rationale for listing the transfer building was explained and it was the unanimous feeling of the commission. The Chair was instructed to ask that a letter be sent to the owner and that a public hearing be scheduled.

Lumber Baron Historic District: A UB architecture student is working on the application for listing the Lumber Baron Historic District on the New York State and National Register of Historic Sites. AT this time the Commission has not moved to list it as a local historic district. The boundaries encompass Payne Ave. Tremont Street, to the Twin Cities Highway, and streets in between from Tremont to Thompson Street.

New Business

*Review of Cert. of Appropriateness application for 74 Webster St.: The owner and designer of this project were not present to answer questions. Since there were several unanswered questions, the application was tabled. The commission members are willing to attend a special session to address this application if needed.

NEXT MEETING: Please note - the next meeting has been changed to October 15 at 6:00 PM in the Court Room.

Motion to adjourn at 7:50 PM

Moved by Pete Trinkwalter, Second by Jay Soemann – all approved