

**BOROUGH OF FAIR HAVEN**  
**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**  
748 River Road, Fair Haven, NJ 07704

**Regular Meeting Minutes -September 28, 2021 – 7:00 pm**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mr. Pavluk, Commission Chair, with the reading of the Open Public Meetings Act statement (below).

Roll Call

Present: Art Pavluk, Patricia Drummond, Jay Anderson, Joseph Schluter, Steve Smith, Carrie Nitka

Absent: Hillary Mullen, Michelle Mandia

Mr. Pavluk let the Commission know that Ms. Stevie Thompson has resigned from the Commission. Mr. Pavluk thanked Ms. Thompson for her service.

Ms. Carrie Nitka has been appointed to the Commission as Ms. Thompson's replacement. Ms. Nitka gave a brief overview of her background including that her undergraduate degree is in History, and that she was an assistant curator at the Smithsonian.

Mr. Pavluk then introduced the application for *Tobin and Kelly Gaun of 55 Fair Haven Road, Block 47 Lot 7*.

Mr. Gaun shared his survey and described the project. Specifically, the application includes the installation of a single-story roof structure to the rear of the existing two-story residence over the existing brick patio area, installation of a ventless fireplace with decking around the existing hot tub, replacement of pavers, and installation of removeable screen panels.

Mr. Pavluk stated that he had looked at the property and felt the work would not be visible from the street. Mr. Anderson agreed that the trees obscure the view and project is not visible from the street. Mr. Pavluk asked for comments or questions from the public. There were none.

MOTION by Mr. Pavluk with SECOND by Mr. Anderson that based on the application for 55 Fair Haven Road and presentation by the applicant, none of the proposed improvements are visible from the street, and therefore, the commission has determined they do not have jurisdiction over the application.

Approved: Pavluk, Drummond, Anderson, Schluter, Smith, Nitka

Opposed: none

The Commission then discussed 2022 calendar and tentatively chose the following meeting dates:

January 25, 2022

February 22, 2022

March 22, 2022

April 26, 2022

May 24, 2022

June 28, 2022

July 26, 2022

August 23, 2022

September 27, 2022

October 25, 2022

November 29, 2022  
December 20, 2022

Mr. Pavluk then introduced the agenda item: *Discussion and Recap of Bicentennial Hall Renovations*. A discussion took place regarding improvements to Bicentennial Hall.

Mr. Pavluk reviewed that the Commission met with the Facilities Committee at Bicentennial Hall in July 2021.

There was discussion by the Commission of Bicentennial Hall regarding the placement of the dais in the building, usage of the building, the choir loft, the use of the double doors, general use of the building, and utilizing an architect with historical background.

Mrs. Drummond mentioned there is an ordinance regarding Fisk Chapel, now called Bicentennial Hall.

Mr. Pavluk suggested inviting Mr. Rodriguez to the next Historic Preservation Commission meeting, along with the Facilities Committee, and stated he would send an invitation.

The meeting was opened to the public. Ms. Susan O'Brien addressed the Commission. She suggested that the Facilities Committee typically meets in private. Mrs. O'Brien also objected to the reference to Bicentennial Hall as Bic Hall by the public, and asked that it be referred to as Fisk Chapel or Bicentennial Hall.

Several Commission members expressed concern that the building wasn't being looked at from a historical perspective. Mrs. Drummond said there are plans to reprint the cards with the history of Bicentennial Hall for placement in the building.

Mr. Pavluk made a motion to adjourn that was carried by voice vote at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandi Papa  
Historical Preservation Commission  
Secretary

#### **Public Announcement of Compliance**

**THIS IS THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION OF THE BOROUGH OF FAIR HAVEN. THIS MEETING WAS CALLED PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT. NOTICE OF THIS MEETING WAS INCLUDED IN A SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS SENT TO THE ASBURY PARK PRESS, THE TWO RIVER TIMES, THE HUB AND THE STAR LEDGER ON JANUARY 28, 2021, POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING AND ON THE BOROUGH WEBSITE AND HAS REMAINED CONTINUOUSLY POSTED AS REQUIRED UNDER THE STATUTE. IN ADDITION, COPIES OF THE ABOVE NOTICES ARE AND HAVE BEEN AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC AND ARE ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL CLERK.**