

MINUTES  
October 8, 2008  
Kennett Historical Commission  
Borough of Kennett Square

- A. Call to order
  - 1. 7:00 pm
- B. Present
  - 1. Dan Maffei, Linda Irwin, Bob Korn, Prissy Roberts, Lynn Sinclair
- C. Visitors – Norris Smith, Brant Kucera-Borough Manager, John Rosencranz
- D. Treasurer's Report: Dan Maffei
  - 1. Income: None
  - 2. Expenditures: None
  - 3. Balance: \$9517.25
- E. Holiday Home Tour: Lynn Sinclair
  - 1. Lynn reported there are a total of ten homes and the Episcopal Church of the Advent on the tour.
  - 2. Hosts will meet on November 18 at 7 pm at the Sunrise Café.
  - 3. The estimated budget for refreshments/reception is \$4435.00.
  - 4. Commission members and Home Tour Committee will contribute some refreshments to the open house.
  - 5. Sunrise Café will contribute bags for the luminaries. Equinox will contribute the sand and ready the bags for delivery.
  - 6. Dan updated the 200+ e-mail list of interested people and will send out the postcards at the end of October/early November.
- F. H.E.L.P.
  - 1. Plans are being made for the gala celebration/fundraiser on October 11<sup>th</sup>.
- G. Consent Items
  - 1. The minutes of the 9/10/08 were accepted as written.
- H. Discussion Items
  - 1. John Rosencranz, representing the 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church of Kennett Square, explained that a new door replaced the original double door on the 213 S. Broad Street building before the Building Committee was aware of the change. The new door does provide more security and better energy conservation than the old one. The original doors have been placed in the attic for safekeeping.
  - 2. Purchase of Historic District Roadside Marker
    - a. Dan will proceed with the purchase of two (2) revised roadside marker design that was approved by Borough Council.
  - 3. Reorganization of Preservation Ordinance
    - a. Dan circulated a discussion draft for the "Reorganization of the Preservation Ordinance and the Historical Commission" (Report Attached)
    - b. The objective of the report was to improve the capacity to protect historic resources, eliminate redundancies between the Architectural

Review Board and the Kennett Historical Commission, and revise the Preservation Ordinance.

- c. The proposed model would consolidate the ARB and the KHC into one Board of Historical Architectural Review that would have jurisdiction over the entire Historic District; transfer management of Certified Local Government to the Borough Office; revise the Preservation Ordinance to comply with the Historic District Act of 1961, and include flexible zoning for adaptive reuse of accessory buildings; transfer activities such as tours, plaques, lectures, grant programs, and management of artifacts to an historical society; consider avenues of recycling historic materials when demolition is unavoidable; and consider incentives to promote historic preservation rather than issue penalties when violations occur.
- d. Dan will share the draft with the ARB, the Kennett Square Planning Commission, and Rusty Drumheller, the Borough Code Enforcement Officer for their review and comments.

I. Action Item

1. It was decided by the Commission to loan the cook stove to the Underground Railroad Museum until that time when the Commission will again set up a Museum in the community. Dan will construct a letter informing the URM of the Commission's wishes.

J. Old Business: None

K. New Business

1. Dan urged members to attend the Kennett Area Regional Planning meeting on October 16 at 7:30 PM at the New Garden Township Building. Land use will be discussed.

J. Adjourn: 8:45 PM

Next Meeting: December 10, 2008, 7 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Prissy Roberts