

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25

B R I G H T O N
H I S T O R I C
P R E S E R V A T I O N
C O M M I S S I O N

May 26th, 2022
At approximately 7:15 p.m.
Brighton Town Hall
2300 Elmwood Avenue
Rochester, New York 14618

PRESENT:

JERRY LUDWIG, CHAIRPERSON

JUSTIN DELVECCHIO)
WAYNE GOODMAN)
DIANA ROBINSON)
DAVID WHITAKER)

BOARD MEMBERS

MARY JO LANPHEAR
Town Historian

KEN GORDON, ESQ.
Town Attorney

JEFF FRISCH
Town Planner

NOT PRESENT:
AMANDA L. DREHER
JOHN PAGE

REPORTED BY: RHODA COLLINS, Court Reporter
FORBES COURT REPORTING SERVICES, LLC
21 Woodcrest Drive
Batavia, New York 14020

BRIGHTON HISTORIC COMMISSION 05/26/2022

CHAIRPERSON LUDWIG: I'd like to call this meeting to order. Mr. Secretary, will you call the roll please.

MR. FRISCH: Ludwig?

CHAIRPERSON LUDWIG: Here.

MR. FRISCH: Robinson? She's here, Robinson's here, right.

MR. FRISCH: DelVecchio?

MR. DELVECCHIO: Here.

MR. FRISCH: Goodman?

MR. GOODMAN: Here.

MR. FRISCH: Whitaker?

Page is not here.

Dreher also not here.

CHAIRPERSON LUDWIG: Thanks, Jeff. I'd like to hear a motion to -- or, actually, all in favor of the agenda, please say aye?

ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIRPERSON LUDWIG: Okay. Need everyone to approve the agenda, thank you.

We have the minutes from the March meeting. Any additions or corrections?

The only one, and it's a minor one, on

BRIGHTON HISTORIC COMMISSION 05/26/2022

Page 20, Line 3, Replacement by Anderson should be a capital R. That is part of their logo. So, it should be capital R, Replacement by Anderson.

Other than that, I have nothing, unless somebody else does.

Okay.

Was this meeting duly advertised?

MR. GORDON: Let's have a motion to approve those minutes please.

CHAIRPERSON LUDWIG: Oh, yes. Thank you, Ken.

A motion to approve the minutes as corrected.

MR. GOODMAN: I'll make that motion, Jerry.

CHAIRPERSON LUDWIG: Okay. Second, please?

MR. DELVECCHIO: Second.

MR. GORDON: Hey, Jeff, can you make Diana a cohost? I think that's the problem.

MR. FRISCH: I have the muting turned off, so she should be able to unmute.

MR. GORDON: I'm getting an asked to unmute. So, when I put my cursor, I mean, I can -- oh, now she is unmuted.

MS. ROBINSON: It says the host is not allowing participants to unmute themselves.

BRIGHTON HISTORIC COMMISSION 05/26/2022

MR. GORDON: I just unmuted -- well, if you stay -- if you don't mute yourself, Diana, and just stay like this you'll be fine. There you go, you should be good now.

I interrupted the motion and a second, I'm sorry.

CHAIRPERSON LUDWIG: Okay. What are we -- oh, the approving of the minutes.

MR. GORDON: Approving of the minutes, moved by Goodman, seconded by Delvecchio.

CHAIRPERSON LUDWIG: All in favor?

ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIRPERSON LUDWIG: Thank you.

I'm getting background noise from some place.

MS. ROBINSON: Me.

CHAIRPERSON LUDWIG: Mr. Secretary, was this meeting duly advertised?

MR. GORDON: Unfortunately, we have lost Jeff for a moment there, so just hold on a second. He must have lost his connection. He is coming back in though, there he is.

MR. FRISCH: Yeah, I'm back, sorry about that. My internet went away for a second there.

CHAIRPERSON LUDWIG: There it goes again.

1 BRIGHTON HISTORIC COMMISSION 05/26/2022

2
3 MR. FRISCH: Can you guys hear me still?

4 MR. GORDON: Yeah.

5 CHAIRPERSON LUDWIG: Yeah. Was this -- Jeff,
6 was this meeting duly advertised?

7 MR. FRISCH: The meeting was duly advertised
8 in the Daily Record of May 12, 2022.

9 CHAIRPERSON LUDWIG: That meeting as duly
10 advertised will now be held.

11 Apparently Jeff Frisch's network bandwidth is
12 low or something. I just got a thing across the screen.

13 We have no communications, no designation of
14 landmarks, no certificates of appropriateness, no hardship
15 applications, the Public Hearings are now closed.

16 And the first item on the agenda is new
17 business. Any new business?

18 MR. GORDON: It would appear no new business,
19 Jerry.

20 CHAIRPERSON LUDWIG: Thanks, Ken.

21 Old business, first item Varinna Drive. I
22 think --

23 MR. GORDON: So, the status of Varinna Drive
24 is a letter has been sent to the property owner inviting them
25 to a meeting with Jeff and Mary Jo. Jeff has not heard

BRIGHTON HISTORIC COMMISSION 05/26/2022

anything. I assume Mary Jo, you have not heard anything from the owners. So, Mary Jo has now filed her application for designation and at our next meeting in June we could take action to set a Public Hearing on that designation. It just didn't make the cutoff for this meeting, so that's why it's not on the agenda to set a Public Hearing today.

CHAIRPERSON LUDWIG: Thanks, Ken.

MR. GORDON: We expect that will happen at the next meeting.

CHAIRPERSON LUDWIG: Very good.

Next item under old business is 321 Council Rock. Mary Jo, where are we on 321?

MS. LANPHEAR: Let me see, I sent you in March a memo about the ownership of 321 Council Rock, and I think that's where it stands right now. 321 Council Rock is a -- lost it here -- is a Boyde house.

CHAIRPERSON LUDWIG: Yes.

MS. LANPHEAR: And we wanted to go forward with that because of it's connection to Thomas W. Boyde.

CHAIRPERSON LUDWIG: Well, in going through the minutes in March, we were basically, the Commission basically agreed to proceed with surveys, both on Council Rock and Thackery, and one of which I believe Thackery was --

BRIGHTON HISTORIC COMMISSION 05/26/2022

or maybe both, were pending approval of some budgetary items.

MR. FRISCH: Yeah. They're pending of Bero Architecture going to the Town Board to be -- the contract to be renewed. It was renewed earlier this month, so the contract is in good standing and we can have those surveys ordered now.

MR. GORDON: That's correct.

CHAIRPERSON LUDWIG: Okay. So, basically we will have two surveys, both -- one 240, I think should be --

MR. FRISCH: 245 Thackery --

CHAIRPERSON LUDWIG: 245 Thackery and 321 Council Rock.

MS. LANPHEAR: 245 Thackery is a Hershey house.

CHAIRPERSON LUDWIG: Yes.

MS. LANPHEAR: 240 Thackery is a Boyde house.

CHAIRPERSON LUDWIG: Right. So, we've got the Boyde house at 321 and we've got the Don Hershey house at 245 that we're going to do.

MS. LANPHEAR: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON LUDWIG: Now, also we have the ability to do one upgrade to a previous survey, and I think we talked about doing Glen Road, seems to me, 69 Glen Road.

BRIGHTON HISTORIC COMMISSION 05/26/2022

I know there were two, there was 960 North Landing and 69 Glen Road, and it looks like, I think Glen Road is probably the winner on that contest.

We looked at it before, but it is a very interesting house and built by the owner, built by the original owner. And, we have not proceeded with designation before, I can't remember exactly why, but I think it's appropriate that we also put that on the agenda to be -- the survey to be upgraded.

Any thoughts on that? Mary Jo?

MS. LANPHEAR: No. I haven't seen the house in a long time. I haven't been down to the Glen in a long time. It seems like an appropriate house to consider.

The house across the street, the Hagan house, has really been compromised over the years, so this looks like a good house to consider.

CHAIRPERSON LUDWIG: Before we proceed too much further, it might be wise to just take a drive by to make sure that it is as it was in the survey, and I will be happy to do that.

MS. ROBINSON: We walked down there a couple weekends ago.

CHAIRPERSON LUDWIG: Good.

BRIGHTON HISTORIC COMMISSION 05/26/2022

MS. ROBINSON: I wouldn't know if anything has changed or not, but it looked pretty lived in, intact and that's about it.

CHAIRPERSON LUDWIG: Okay. Have you seen the survey, Diana? The original survey?

MS. ROBINSON: I have a bunch of papers here, I might have it. I don't remember.

CHAIRPERSON LUDWIG: Okay.

MS. ROBINSON: I'll go back in my notes and find it, if I have it.

CHAIRPERSON LUDWIG: But, and, I guess I would urge any of you on the Commission to take a quick swing down by it so you are familiar with it, so we can perhaps vote on that at the next meeting.

MR. FRISCH: I can find that survey and send it back out to you.

CHAIRPERSON LUDWIG: Oh, great. Thanks, Jeff.

This afternoon I did go through the list -- yes, this list -- and, I did find several houses that I think we probably should consider. The first one that I came up with was 1233 Crittenden Road. Seemed to be in fine, fine shape. I don't know whether it still is or not, because the surveys were done in, well, 98, 99, 97, around in that

BRIGHTON HISTORIC COMMISSION 05/26/2022

vintage.

The other one was the 1564 East River Road.

MS. ROBINSON: Strange.

CHAIRPERSON LUDWIG: Pardon?

MS. ROBINSON: We just drove by there, it's very, very interesting.

CHAIRPERSON LUDWIG: In what way?

MS. ROBINSON: It was a few months ago, but it was just -- because I was going down the list and tracking down all of the houses that I've never really paid attention too, and it was -- I don't remember.

CHAIRPERSON LUDWIG: Okay, well --

MS. ROBINSON: It looked good. It was something worth looking at, I guess.

CHAIRPERSON LUDWIG: I guess all of these houses we should probably cruise by. That one, Glen Road obviously, and Rowland Parkway we didn't -- we never designated that for whatever reason.

And, oh, 2331 the Jalna house on Westfall Road just after you leave Monroe Avenue, Jalna, the letters have been taken off, but that's kind of interesting.

And of course, there's the Chabad house, 1037 Winton Road house. That's one of the Brighton bricks,

BRIGHTON HISTORIC COMMISSION 05/26/2022

but we're kind of going easy on that because of -- I think our Supervisor was going to maybe reach out to them.

MS. LANPHEAR: The house on Westfall Road, 2331, Jalna got some publicity from Beth Doty who is now the president of Historic Brighton. She wrote a very comprehensive article about it for the Historic Brighton Journal last year. It's very well done, a lot of information in there.

CHAIRPERSON LUDWIG: Okay. Well, that may be a possibility. I know we talked about it in the past, we have talked about all of these in the past, but --

MR. GORDON: So, hear me just for a moment. I think what is important now is, it seems as if the Board is going forward with a designating process on Varinna, which will be up for setting a Public Hearing at the next meeting, and then, we have about six months left in the year after that.

We have a limited budget, and it sounds like the Board has supported the idea of having surveys done on the Council Rock and Thackery property, and I believe that would only leave money to do one update after that.

And so, it's a matter of setting priorities. If you are directing Jeff to order the surveys on Thackery

BRIGHTON HISTORIC COMMISSION 05/26/2022

and Council Rock, he can go ahead and do that. It's obviously going to be some period of time I would imagine before you get those surveys back and can consider them and decide whether you want to go forward with designation.

So, perhaps the idea would be picking one more property off of this list, whether it's 69 Glen Road or some other single property, that would be worthy of doing an update. That is in need of an update, I should say that too.

There's no requirement that there be an update. It's just a matter of how old the survey information is and how familiar the Board is with the property, based on that old survey.

So, I don't know if there's any here that are worthy of designation without getting updated.

Sounds like David Whitaker is trying to get in, Jeff. Do you see see that?

MR. FRISCH: Uh-huh.

MR. GORDON: So, I would suggest that the Board focus not so much on trying to see all of these properties, and, you know, trying to prioritize all of them, but just pick one that you think you'd like to move forward on so that we can get back in the till and start moving forward on designation, so we can get something done before

BRIGHTON HISTORIC COMMISSION 05/26/2022

the end of the year.

CHAIRPERSON LUDWIG: Good. Thanks, Ken, good point.

So, I would urge the Commission to go by Glen Road.

And, Jeff, if you would forward to all on the Commission the original survey, read the survey, drive by, see what it looks like. And, if it looks pretty much as the photos in the original survey depicted, then perhaps we do not need an upgraded survey.

Any thoughts, Ken?

MR. GORDON: No, that sounds good to me.

Jeff, are you frozen or are you just sitting very, very still? Frozen.

MR. FRISCH: I am sitting very still. Can you hear me?

MR. GORDON: Yeah, although your mouth is moving.

Yeah, I think that's the thing to do. So, Jeff will circulate 69 Glen Road survey to the Commission and Commission members will take a look. And then, at the June meeting we can have 69 Glen Road on the agenda to discuss whether an update is to be authorized. It sounds like the

BRIGHTON HISTORIC COMMISSION 05/26/2022

Commission has already authorized Jeff to go ahead and order surveys for the Thackery and Council Rock properties. And, I think that's about all you can bite off right now, is my sense of it.

MR. FRISCH: I wasn't sure if we needed to still vote to finalize the surveys on 245 and 321?

CHAIRPERSON LUDWIG: That vote was taken last month, I believe, according to the minutes.

MS. ROBINSON: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON LUDWIG: Yes. So, I think that we're okay.

MR. FRISCH: Okay. I mean, it seems like last month there was still discussion about it in April. Okay.

MR. GORDON: Would you, I mean, are you asking for the Commission to put a motion?

CHAIRPERSON LUDWIG: I'm talking about the minutes in March. In March we voted to proceed with surveys on both Council Rock and Thackery.

MS. ROBINSON: Yes.

MR. FRISCH: I do remember doing that, but I also thought we -- I wasn't sure if that was the vote for redoing the Bero contract?

CHAIRPERSON LUDWIG: I think it pended on -- I

BRIGHTON HISTORIC COMMISSION 05/26/2022

1
2
3 think the vote proceeding pended on approval of the Bero
4 contract.

5 MR. FRISCH: Okay.

6 CHAIRPERSON LUDWIG: I may be wrong, but I
7 believe that's the way it was.

8 MR. GORDON: I can take a quick look if you
9 want, hold on.

10 CHAIRPERSON LUDWIG: I guess if there's
11 anything to the contrary, please let us know. But, I did
12 read the minutes and it looked -- and I had not -- I don't
13 have the April minutes, so.

14 MR. FRISCH: Those are not available yet.

15 CHAIRPERSON LUDWIG: I think we're okay.

16 MR. FRISCH: Okay.

17 MR. WHITAKER: Sorry to be late, but I'm here.

18 CHAIRPERSON LUDWIG: That's okay, David,
19 welcome.

20 Any other old business?

21 MS. LANPHEAR: Just as a bit of information,
22 I'm working on a William Pomeroy Foundation marker, roadside
23 marker, for Corbett's Glen. And, hopefully it will be here
24 in the fall, so that might draw a little bit more attention
25 to Glen Road and the Corbett's Glen itself.

1 BRIGHTON HISTORIC COMMISSION 05/26/2022

2
3 CHAIRPERSON LUDWIG: Good, good. Where will
4 it be placed, Mary Jo?

5 MS. LANPHEAR: It will be placed on town
6 property, but not too far from the bridge, from the entrance
7 into the park itself.

8 CHAIRPERSON LUDWIG: Oh, near 441 then, or
9 down closer to the trestle?

10 MS. LANPHEAR: Under the tunnel, yeah.

11 CHAIRPERSON LUDWIG: Okay, great.

12 Any other old business?

13 Presentations, announcements, concerns?

14 MS. ROBINSON: We did go for a house tour, but
15 I had to --

16 MR. FRISCH: Jerry, we didn't talk --

17 CHAIRPERSON LUDWIG: Okay. What? Somebody
18 was trying to say something.

19 MS. ROBINSON: I just said, we did go on a
20 house tour. I have them all here, but I have to sort them
21 out.

22 CHAIRPERSON LUDWIG: Oh, great.

23 MR. FRISCH: Jerry, we --

24 CHAIRPERSON LUDWIG: I think Jeff is trying to
25 say something. Hello.

1 BRIGHTON HISTORIC COMMISSION 05/26/2022

2
3 MR. FRISCH: Yeah --

4 MR. GORDON: Jeff, if you're able to post it
5 in chat, perhaps you can post it there.

6 MR. FRISCH: I'm trying. Okay.

7 CHAIRPERSON LUDWIG: Okay. If there's no
8 presentations, no announcements --

9 MR. GORDON: Hold on, Jeff does have a point,
10 so hold on one second, if you will before we adjourn please.

11 CHAIRPERSON LUDWIG: Okay. Yes, I understand
12 --

13 MR. GORDON: We had talked about discussing
14 removals from the survey list or to be surveyed list.

15 CHAIRPERSON LUDWIG: And that's fine with me,
16 but I thought, Ken, you mentioned that we probably ought to
17 concentrate on what we're going to have full surveyed and
18 upgraded?

19 MR. GORDON: Yeah. It's the pleasure of the
20 Committee, but I mean, it's up to you if you want to
21 undertake another shot at reducing the list or taking
22 properties off the list that are not really of interest to
23 the Commission. I was really just trying to set a plan
24 forward toward designation, so.

25 CHAIRPERSON LUDWIG: Okay.

BRIGHTON HISTORIC COMMISSION 05/26/2022

MR. GORDON: It's up to you folks as to how you want to handle it.

CHAIRPERSON LUDWIG: Well, I'd be happy to -- I'm not sure that would -- well, fine with me.

How does the Commission feel about talking about that, or should we leave that for a -- the next meeting or whatever?

I had mentioned three or four properties that I thought were worth another look. I did go through all of the ones on the list and have some possibilities, but.

MR. FRISCH: Maybe we can think about it for now.

CHAIRPERSON LUDWIG: Okay, very good. And I think wouldn't bother Wayne any to worry about this the next month.

Given that, I do urge you to go through the list. And also, if you do have the old survey books, go through the surveys and I think it will be pretty obvious that there are some that probably are not worthy of keeping on the list, but we can again discuss that at a future meeting.

If there are no other concerns tonight, I would entertain a motion to adjourn.

BRIGHTON HISTORIC COMMISSION 05/26/2022

MR. WHITAKER: I make that motion, David.

CHAIRPERSON LUDWIG: Thank you, David.

MS. ROBINSON: I'll second that.

CHAIRPERSON LUDWIG: All in favor?

ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIRPERSON LUDWIG: Thank you, all. Enjoy
Memorial Day and we will see you next month.

* * *

REPORTER CERTIFICATE

I, Rhoda Collins, do hereby certify that I did report in stenotype machine shorthand the proceedings held in the above-entitled matter;

Further, that the foregoing transcript is a true and accurate transcription of my said stenographic notes taken at the time and place hereinbefore set forth.

Dated this 18th day of June, 2022.

At Rochester, New York

Rhoda Collins
Rhoda Collins