

**Leonia Historic Preservation Commission**  
**312 Broad Ave.**  
**Leonia, NJ 07605**

Minutes of meeting of September 10, 2012

Present: Stephen Hutnik, Charles Silverstein, Marcia Wilson, John Roynon, Victor GonzalezGamboa  
Diana Damon, John Genese

Guests: David Braun & Guest Speaker: Dr. Lee

Council Liaison: Peter Knott

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm and the Sunshine Statement read.

The minutes of the June 11, 2012 meeting were read. Chuck Silverstein made a motion to accept minutes as read and John Genese seconded, all in favor.

Correspondence:

1. We received a post card from the Bergen County Historical Society listing all their events for Sept. and Oct. 2012. For more information call them at: 201-343-9492
2. We received the course offerings from Drew University listing the upcoming classes that deal with historic preservation.

Council Liaison Report: None

Old Business:

1. Diana Damon will work with David Braun to create a link with the town website concerning the LHPC. This link will connect with Wikipedia so people will be able to access information about Leonia. Diana asked to table this since we have a guest speaker tonight.
2. Marcia Wilson and the commission agreed that trying to create a LHPC poster would be too expensive so we decided not to do it.

New Business:

1. Guest speaker Dr. Lee from the Englewood HPC advisory informed us that Englewood has 1,000 historic sites. The sites are rated on five different levels. The following levels are:
  - a. P = Pivotal
  - b. M = Matrix
  - c. H = Historic
  - d. C = Compatible
  - e. I = Incompatible

Dr. Lee informed us that there are five historic districts in Englewood. Since they are an advisory group they lack effective powers to protect historic homes and sites. They can only advise the planning board and the board of adjustment. However, they may invoke the National Law to protect historic sites.

He advised our group to check the master plan in town, educate people on the importance of protecting historic homes and to work with the local politicians in town.

He gave us various handouts that dealt with ordinances to protect historic homes in Englewood. This ordinance was written and passed by the Englewood council on Sept. 21, 2000.

Furthermore, he advised us to contact the Division of Cultural and Historic Affairs located in Hackensack. The phone number is 201-366-7267. They will be able to help us with questions.

2. Steve informed the group that he attended a workshop on “How to Apply and Write a Grant” on August 29, 2012 on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor at 1 Bergen County Plaza in Hackensack, NJ. He informed the group that this would be a matching grant and the deadline is Sept. 24, 2012. We do not have time to apply for a grant this year. However, John Genese said we should apply next year to replace the four historical markers that welcome people to Leonia.
3. Steve Hutnik showed the group the book written by the Tenafly HPC entitled, “On How to Restore Historic Homes”. Victor will make disc copies and give one to everyone at the next meeting.
4. Steve informed the group that he will attend the Cultural Affairs Committee meeting on Thursday, Sept. 13, 2012 at 7:30 pm at the Borough Annex. The chairperson of this committee is Leah Roland. One of the things that both groups would like to do, is plan in the spring of 2013, a historic tour of some of the homes in Leonia.

The meeting ended at 9:00pm. John Genese made a motion and Diana seconded and all were in favor.

The next meeting will be on Monday, October 8, 2012 at 7:30pm at the Borough Annex.