Town of New Paltz Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Tuesday September 19th 2023 7:00PM – 9:00PM at the Town Community Center

Commissioners attending: John Orfitelli (Chair), Susan DeMark, Joe Marianek

Also Attending: Dr Pham, Associated Professor, SUNY New Paltz

Agenda

- 1. Public Comment
- 2. Map Site Design Review
- 3. Floyd Patterson Estate Designation
- 4. Partners in Preservation
- 5. Community Outreach Update
- 6. CPF Advisory Board Update
- 7. Other: HV1 Article by Susan DeMark
- 8. Review/Approve August Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:06pm with a motion from Joe Marianek and seconded by Susan DeMark. Motion carried.

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes:

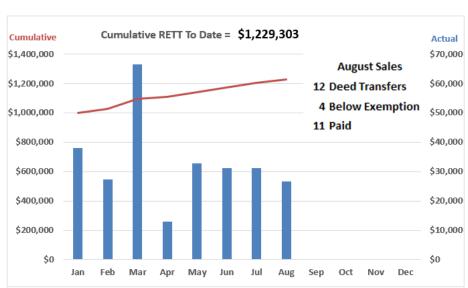
- 1. Public Comment: No public comments were received.
- 2. Map Site Design Review: Dr Pham presented an overview of the PC and Cell Phone implementation of the new HPC Online Interactive map site along with the Admin interface for managing the site and making edits to the data. The Commission will conduct content testing over the next month and log defects and comments into a Problem Tracker (Google Sheet) created by Joe Marianek. The objective will be a) checking that the data (markers, records, descriptions) matches each location, b) identifying any missing data, and c) highlighting any usability items. Once testing is completed, the Commission will use the Editor to make changes to the content. Functional or other changes involving the code will be completed by Dr Pahm. The objective will be to complete all of the changes for a release to the public by January 2024.
- 3. Floyd Patterson Estate Designation: Joe Moriello submitted the <u>Memorandum of Decision</u> to the Ulster County Clerk for filing with the property deed on 9/18. A copy of the Designation Package, Resolution, and MoD was also provided to the Town Clerk. John Orfitelli notified the Town Building Inspector of the designation status and updated the <u>Designated Properties section</u> on the HPC website to include the Floyd Patterson Estate designation. The HPC map site will be edited with the designation materials once testing is complete. The Commission agreed to present Judith Halbriech with a Letter of Appreciation and Historic Landmark plaque at our next meeting in October.
- 4. Partners in Preservation: The Commission agreed to move the recognition of Doree Lipson until November to complete testing of the HPC website and presentation to Judith Halbriech. John Orfitelli will inform Dan and Doree Lipson that the Partners in Preservation recognition for Doree would take place at our November meeting.
- 5. Community Outreach Update:
 - a) Information Packet: Susan completed preliminary research on <u>215 Huguenot Street</u> at the Elting Library and provided John Orfitelli with the key events dates associated with the property for creation of the timeline.

- **b) Op Ed:** Susan DeMark continues her research on how historic preservation can enhance sustainability and environmental conservation through efficient design and smart reuse.
- **c)** Then and Now: Matt Maley provided several photos for publication on the HPC Facebook page. The photos will also be added to respective property data on the map site.
- **6. CPF Advisory Board Update:** John Orfitelli provided the following RETT report for August 2023:

New Paltz Real Estate Transfer Tax for 2023 Exemption per Ulster Median Sales Price 1/1/23 - 4/6/23 \$320,000

4/6/23 - 12/31/23 \$350,000 (9% Increase in Median Y-Y)

Receipts			
Month	2021	2022	2023
Jan		\$72,388	\$38,115
Feb	\$0	\$81,769	\$27,224
Mar	\$14,673	\$114,753	\$66,467
Apr	\$6,675	\$29,248	\$13,035
May	\$25,163	\$17,790	\$32,738
Jun	\$17,014	\$73,441	\$31,156
Jul	\$79,448	\$25,913	\$31,126
Aug	\$40,845	\$62,535	\$26,619
Sep	\$41,297	\$58,067	\$0
Oct	\$31,136	\$28,335	\$0
Nov	\$27,495	\$50,016	\$0
Dec	\$29,549	\$35,273	\$0
TOTAL	\$313,295	\$649,528	\$266,480
Average	\$31,330	\$54,127	\$33,310



- 7. Other: The excellent article by Susan DeMark entitled 'The Elena Letters: A 19th Century Portrait Across Three Generations' published in HV1 was added to the HPC website News section.
- Review/Approve August Minutes: The Commission reviewed minutes from our <u>August 15th meeting</u>.
 Minutes were amended to reflect a request from Dr Pham and approved. John Orfitelli agreed to post on our Town <u>HPC website</u>.

Motion to adjourn was made by Susan DeMark and seconded by Joe Marianek. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:25pm.

Next Meeting will be at 7:00pm on Tuesday, October 17th , 2023 at the Town Community Center