

**Historic Preservation Advisory Commission Meeting  
Regular Meeting of September 17, 2012 7:00 pm**

The regular meeting of the Historic Preservation Advisory Commission took place on the above date. Chairman Dennis Becker read the Open Public Meetings Act and requested Commission Secretary Mrs. Citterbart to call the roll. Commission Secretary Mrs. Citterbart stated there was a quorum.

**FLAG SALUTE**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mr. Kaplan, Mrs. Schulte, Ms. Best, Chairman Becker

**ABSENT:** Mr. Steinberg, Mr. Elvidge

**CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

August 20, 2012

Ms. Best made a motion to accept the August 20, 2012 minutes. Mrs. Schulte seconded the motion. The minutes were approved with a unanimous "aye" vote.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

HPC- 04-2012- First Baptist Church of Newton  
Block 7.07, Lot 13  
110 Main Street

The applicant is requesting construction of a canopy for the front entrance.

**SWORN:** Wayne T. McCabe, New Jersey licensed Professional Planner and architectural historian of the firm McCabe & McCabe, LLC in Newton. He stated license is current.

Mr. McCabe stated: The application before you is regarding the First Baptist Church which is located at the intersection of Liberty Street & Main Street. It has been at that location since its construction in 1847 in the Greek revival style with later additions put on including a front entrance. The church constructed in 1847 was destroyed by a fire.

Tonight we are looking at the main front entrance of the building which has not changed substantially in the last 200 years. If you look at photo 1, this is the main entrance for most of the people attending church. We would like to construct a shelter over that. As you can see by our plans, we tried to minimize the size in terms of its visual impact. The canopy would project out nine feet from the front of the building, have a gable roof and be supported by two (2) 5 inch by 5 inch pressure treated wood columns. He opined that the roof would be covered with synthetic slate shingles that would match the style and color of the same type of shingles used on the main roof of the church.

The main purpose is to provide shelter for the people attending church to protect them from the climate. The roof itself has been designed so that it still maintains the full view of the decorated brick work above the main entrance. It will have a small hanging light to provide illumination for the stairs.

The stormwater from the roof will be handled by half round gutters with fluted round down spouts. The down spout on the right side is going to be connected underground by pipe that will tie in with the down spout on the left and carry the water out into an opening in the lawn

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near the shrubs. If we don't do this we would have water coming from the right side of the roof out to the paved driveway and causing a possible ice condition during the winter.

No additional lettering will be added. We will maintain the existing stair arrangement with the handrails. We are simply putting a protective cover on that and it will work architecturally with the building and will provide the needed protection.

We did toy with another design such as on the old County Service building on Church Street that has the frame and the stretch cloth canopy, it comes out, down and then out again. I thought of that as an alternative; however it does create a visual intrusion at one of the main entrances into Town. I want to have it blend in and not stand out.

Mr. Kaplan asked: Will this be a canvas?

Mr. McCabe stated: No. It is structural. It is all wood. We will be using the synthetic slate roofing that will match the roof of the Sanctuary.

Mr. Kaplan asked: Will there be any additional lighting?

Mr. McCabe stated: As I mentioned, we will be putting a hanging entrance light that will match the lighting from the period of the 1920's or 1910. It will not be large. It might take a 150-watt bulb.

Chairman Becker asked: Before it burnt down, did it have the canopy?

Mr. McCabe stated: It had something totally different. It had a structurally enclosed entrance that was not original to the building. Mr. McCabe introduced the picture on the front cover of the *History of the First Baptist Church of Newton, N.J.* by William Martin Cox, Esq. as Exhibit A-1 to the commission and stated the building was built in 1847 and the entrance was a later addition.

Chairman Becker stated: Personally, I feel it will be an excellent addition to improving the look of the church.

Mr. McCabe stated: All the pressure treated wood and the other wood work will be painted to be the same color trim as the rest of the building.

Mrs. Schulte asked: Will you be doing the bead board underneath?

Mr. McCabe stated: Yes.

Ms. Best asked: The trim, columns and bead board are all wood, no synthetics?

Mr. McCabe stated: Yes. Nothing will be synthetic except for roofing materials.

Ms. Best asked: Are you keeping the handrail?

Mr. McCabe stated: We are not changing the handrails, the masonry steps or the sheet walls.

Mr. Kaplan stated: I think it is something that is needed.

Chairman Becker opened this portion of the meeting up to the public. With no public stepping, Chairman Becker closed this portion of the meeting.

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Ms. Best made a motion to accept the application as presented to install a canopy on the First Baptist Church of Newton. Mrs. Schulte seconded the motion.

AYE: Mr. Kaplan, Mrs. Schulte, Ms. Best, Chairman Becker

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from McConnell, Lenard & Campbell, LLP – requesting to appeal the HPC decision of August 20, 2012.

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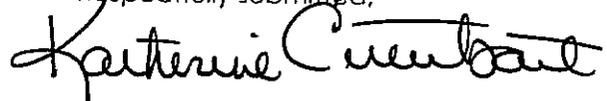
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ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Becker made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Best seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned with a unanimous "aye" vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.

The next regular scheduled meeting will be held on October 15, 2012 at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building.

Respectfully submitted,



Katherine Citterbart  
Historic Commission Secretary

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Exhibit A-1, History of First Baptist Church of Newton, New Jersey by William Martin Cox, Esq.