

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION
COMMISSION**

Wednesday, March 6, 2019

5:00 pm

Council Boardroom

City Hall, One Batavia City Centre, Batavia NY

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes – October 2018**
- III. Public Hearings: none.**
- IV. Communications Sent and Received:**
 - A. Homeowner spring letters**
 - B. VA Medical Campus – demolition of buildings**
- V. Old Business:**
 - A. Leaton Signs**
 - B. HPC Member Terms**
- VI. New Business**
 - A. Interested new member – Jeremy Karas**
 - B. Homeowner of the year**
- VII. Adjournment:**

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Unofficial Minutes

Wednesday, November 28, 2018

5:00 pm

City Hall, One Batavia City Centre, Batavia New York

Members Present: *Sharon Burkel, Caroline Hosek, Henry Emmans, and Ryan Duffy*

Others Present: Janice Smith – Recording Secretary, Ron Panek—Code Enforcement Officer

I. Call to order:

The meeting was opened at 5:05 pm by Chairman Sharon Burkel.

II. Approval of minutes:

Motion by: Ryan Duffy

Motion was made to approve the meeting minutes for August 2018.

Seconded by: Caroline Hosek

Vote for: 4

Abstained: 0

Vote against: 0

III. Public Hearings: none

IV. Communications Sent and Received:

A. Grants for National Register Signage. Ms. Burkel stated that she contacted them. They are willing to do a sign for the Historical District on Main Street. Ms. Burkel thinks that the City Historian should write an application for it. The Commission would be interested in putting the sign in front of 10 Main Street.

B. Letter from Ben Bonarigo – 18 Ellicott Street. Ms. Burkel read the letter to the group. Mr. Bonarigo does not want a 36" railing on the porch. Mr. Panek stated that Mr. Bonarigo's property is exempted from needing one.

V. Old Business:

A. Tree for Holland Land Office. The tree has been decorated and is on display at the Holland Land Office.

B. Redfield Pillars. Ms. Burkel stated that she spoke with Ms. Owens from 2 Redfield Parkway. Ms. Owens asked for a letter of support from the HPC.

C. Leaton Signs. Ms. Burkel informed the group that the poles are supposed to be delivered the week of 11/26/18. Leaton signs have been in contact with Ray Tourt, the Superintendent of Bureau of Maintenance. Mr. Tourt explained that the poles will be set into concrete.

VI. New Business:

A. Ranch Viejo at Ellicott Street. Mr. Panek informed the group that the owner of Ranch Viejo was performing work without a permit. Mr. Panek stopped work. The owner of the restaurant stated that he would be coming into City Hall and to fill out a permit application.

B. Jody Fisher from 39 Ellicott Avenue. Ms. Burkel stated Ms. Fisher contacted Ms. Burkel regarding painting the house. Ms. Burkel explained since she is not changing the color Ms. Fisher would not have to come in front of the Commission.

C. HPC Member Terms. Ms. Smith did not have the individual board members terms readily available but will for the next meeting.

D. HPC Meeting Dates for 2019. The Commission approved the meeting dates for 2019 by unanimous vote. The meeting dates for 2019 are:

January 23rd

February 27th

March 27th

April 24th

May 22nd

June 26th

July 24th

August 28th

September 25th

October 23rd

November 20th

December 18th

VII. Adjournment

Motion by: Ryan Duffy

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 5:53 pm.

Seconded by: Caroline Hosek

Vote for: 4

Vote against: 0

Janice Smith
Recording Secretary

Janice Smith

From: Reberholt, Jeffrey <Jeffrey.Reberholt@va.gov>
Sent: Thursday, February 14, 2019 9:55 AM
To: Don Burkel
Cc: Janice Smith; Ronald Panek; Connie Boyd; Caroline & Dan Hosek; Ann & Henry Emmans; duffyrj40@gmail.com; Johnson, Donald; Malecki, Joshua; Hall, Christopher
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Demolition of Buildings 7 and 8 Batavia VA Medical Campus

Hello Sharon,

Yes we did receive this letter and will include the City of Batavia Historic Preservation Commission in the process as it develops.

There is no immediate plan for any new buildings where these current buildings stand but the site would be a prime location any future building construction as we try to modernize the facilities at our medical center going forward.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Reberholt, P.E.
Assistant Chief, Engineering Service
VA Western New York Healthcare System
3495 Bailey Avenue
Buffalo, NY 14215
(716)862-6396

-----Original Message-----

From: Don Burkel [mailto:doneburkel@aol.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 14, 2019 9:34 AM
To: Reberholt, Jeffrey <Jeffrey.Reberholt@va.gov>
Cc: jsmith@batavianewyork.com; Ron Panek <rpanek@batavianewyork.com>; Connie Boyd <conniecharleyboyd@gmail.com>; Caroline & Dan Hosek <hosek@geneseo.edu>; Ann & Henry Emmans <hemmans@aol.com>; duffyrj40@gmail.com
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Demolition of Buildings 7 and 8 Batavia VA Medical Campus

Hello

Would you please let me know that you received this letter? Thanks.

Sharon Burkel

Hello Mr. Reberholt:

I am writing on behalf of the City of Batavia Historic Preservation Commission in response to your request for comments regarding the demolition of Buildings 7 and 8 at the Batavia VA Medical Center Campus.

We are very interested in this proposal and would like to be informed of any correspondence, reports, meetings or public hearings for this project.

I contacted John Bonafide at the New York State Division for Historic Preservation and he will include us in their correspondence and opinions.

Is there a building or other project proposed for the area where these buildings now stand? Or does the government just want to remove them due to maintenance issues?

Thank you for asking the City of Batavia HPC to be part of this process.

Best regards,

Sharon Burkel
Chairperson, Historic Preservation Commission

Sent from my iPad



**Parks, Recreation
and Historic Preservation**

ANDREW M. CUOMO
Governor

ROSE HARVEY
Commissioner

January 31, 2019

Jeffrey Reberholt
Assistant Chief
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
3495 Baily Avenue
Buffalo, NY 14215
(via email)

Re: VA
Demolition of Buildings 7 and 8-Batavia VA Medical Center Campus
222 Richmond Avenue (vic.), Batavia, Genesee County
19PR00149 (11PR02244)

Dear Mr. Reberholt:

Thank you for requesting the comments of the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). We have reviewed the project in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966. These comments are those of the SHPO and relate only to Historic/Cultural resources.

As you know, the Batavia Veterans Administration Hospital was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 2012. The buildings involved in this undertaking are classified as contributing features of the listed historic district.

We have reviewed the information submitted, including the August 2011 Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) that was executed to mitigate the loss of building 19. The submitted information states that your agency has made efforts to meet the requirement outlined in Stipulation 1 of the MOA. Before this office can continue consultation on this undertaking, please provide us with documentation of steps taken by your agency, and referenced in your letter, to fulfill the terms of the previous agreement. Please submit copies of maintenance records, building assessments/condition reports, contractor's records, notices of public lease offerings or requests for proposals for reuse that have been undertaken in the past years.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at (518) 268-2166 or john.bonafide@parks.ny.gov.

Sincerely,

John A. Bonafide
Director,
Technical Preservation Services Bureau
Agency Historic Preservation Officer

cc: Douglas Pulak VA-FPO via email
Angela McArdle, ACHP via email
Sharon Burkel, City of Batavia HP Commission via email

Division for Historic Preservation

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City of Batavia Committee/Board Volunteer Application

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List of Committees and Boards/Term of Appointment

Audit Advisory Committee – 1 year term
Board of Assessment Review – 5 year term
Plumbing – 3 year term
Youth Board – 3 year term
Zoning Board of Appeals – 5 year term

Mall Operating – 2 year term
Planning & Development – 5 year term
Community Garden Committee – 4 year term
Historic Preservation – 3 year term

Committee / Board that you are applying for: Zoning Board of Appeals
(If you are interested in applying for more than one (1) Committee / Board please submit an application for each)

Applicant Name: Jeremy Karas

Ward Representation: 4

Mailing Address: 29 Union ST.

Telephone/Fax Nos.

Home: _____

Batavia, NY 14020

Business: _____

E-Mail Address: Jeremy.karas@yahoo.com

Cell: _____

Fax: _____

585-356-6376

Are you currently serving on a Committee/Board? Yes [] No ☒

If yes, please identify the Committee/Board. _____

In seventy-five (75) words or less, please explain why you are interested in serving on the particular Committee/Board.

I have been a member of the City Republican Committee for 3 years and I am interested in doing more. I am very proud to call Batavia my home. This is a great place to live and raise a family and I would like to help my local government keep it that way.

Please describe your area of expertise, skills and knowledge and/or specific topics of civic interest that can contribute to better local government.

I have a very strong mechanical background in agriculture, auto repair, heavy manufacturing, and I am currently The Service Manager for Temp-Press in Rochester where I do field service on instrumentation and cooling towers.

Please answer the following questions.

How long have you lived in Batavia? 12 years

What do you like best about the City? IT feels like a small town.

What do you think can be improved in the City? Traffic

What do you see as the most significant changes made to the City in the past five (5) years? The downtown improvement initiatives.

How can we improve the quality of life in the City of Batavia? Removing some of the older abandoned homes.

Attendance Policy for Volunteer Boards - Pursuant to Section 15-3 of the Charter entitled "Attendance requirements", any member of a volunteer board or committee who misses more than 1/3 of the total meetings for the calendar year or who misses three consecutive meetings shall be in violation of this chapter and is automatically terminated from his or her respective board or committee effective within 30 days of violation. The Chair will notify the City Manager if someone is in violation of the attendance policy. The member being terminated may appeal to the appointing authority for a one-time waiver.

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Signature

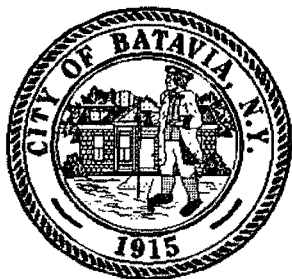
Date

11/19/18

Note: All applicants must be residents of the City of Batavia. All applications will be kept on file in the City Clerk's Office for three (3) years from the date of signature.

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Revised: May 16, 2018



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Applicant Name:

Jeremy Karas

Ward Representation:

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Mailing Address:

29 Union St.

Telephone/Fax Nos.

Home:

Batavia, NY, 14020

Business:

Cell:

Fax:

585-356-6376

E-Mail Address:

JeremyKaras@yahoo.com

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What do you think can be improved in the City? TRAFFIC, I WISH WE COULD DIVERT TRUCK TRAFFIC AWAY FROM DOWNTOWN.

What do you see as the most significant changes made to the City in the past five (5) years? DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION AND IMPROVEMENTS.

How can we improve the quality of life in the City of Batavia? I WOULD LIKE TO SEE SOME OF THE ABANDONED HOMES REMOVED.

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