

La Mott Historic District, Township of Cheltenham  
**Board of Historical Architectural Review**  
Meeting Minutes of  
Monday, August 1, 2011

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Issue Date: August 3, 2011

Time: 8:15 p.m.

Location: 8230 Old York Road, Elkins Park, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Board Room

Present: Ms. Darlene Melton, Vice-Chairperson  
Ms. Genevieve Christopher, Member  
Ms. Emma Trusty, Member  
Mr. David Lynch, Member, Director of Engineering, Zoning and Inspections  
Ms. Christine Miller Cruiss, BHAR Consultant

Absent: Mr. Reynold Greenberg, Chairperson  
Mr. Timothy Hinchcliff, Member  
Ms. Patricia Gerrity, Member  
Ms. Zilan Munas-Bass, Member  
Mr. Carmen Reitano, Assistant to the Director of Engineering, Zoning and Inspections

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### **1. Meeting Commencement**

Ms. Melton called the meeting to order at 8:21 p.m. without a quorum.

### **2. La Mott BHAR Reorganization**

Mr. Lynch noted that Mr. Greenberg was now in an assisted living facility and is no longer residing in the Township. Mr. Lynch noted that all active members of the BHAR have to be residents of the Township. If Mr. Greenberg intends to move back to the Township, there is no issue, but if he intends to move away from the Township permanently, he will no longer be able to serve on the BHAR. Mr. Lynch stated that he would speak to Mr. Greenberg and ask if Mr. Greenberg is planning to move back to the Township. Mr. Lynch made a motion to table the issue. Ms. Christopher seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

### **3. Meeting Minutes**

Joyce Werkman noted that the address for Application L-905 should read "1627 W. Cheltenham Avenue." She also noted that the first paragraph should read "Enterprise Car Rental." Mr. Lynch made a motion to accept the minutes from the July 7, 2011 meeting as amended. Ms. Christopher seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

#### 4. Applications

Application L-908  
Yusuf Khalfani  
1813 Erlen Road  
La Mott, PA

No representatives were present, so Ms. Melton made a motion to table the application until the next meeting. Mr. Lynch seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Application L-909  
Building Power, Inc., on behalf of Olivia Smith  
1727 Chelsea Road  
La Mott, PA

No representatives were present, so Ms. Melton made a motion to table the application until the next meeting. Mr. Lynch seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

#### 5. Old Business

Application L-905 (1627 W. Cheltenham Avenue) received a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) from the Board of Commissioners. Ms. Melton and Ms. Werkman noted that there were Penske trucks on the property. Mr. Lynch noted that he would investigate and issue any citations as appropriate.

Application L-907 (7334 Sycamore Avenue) received a COA from the Board of Commissioners.

#### 6. Consideration of the Draft “Historic Resource Overlay District” Ordinance.

Ms. Melton had a series of comments on the document. She noted that the BHAR does not have involvement for local-landmark designated properties for applications for demolition. Mr. Lynch explained that the intent of this is to apply to properties outside of the historic districts. Ms. Melton proposed that heading *Section 295-148-C* (page 15) should read “Certificate of Appropriateness review procedure for Demolition or relocation of Local Landmarks located outside the Historic Districts.” All BHAR members agreed with this change.

Ms. Melton noted *Section 295-148-C (11)* (page 17) reads “the Township will be responsible for notifying all property owners within five hundred (500). . .” Ms. Melton noted that the 500 should have a unit attached to it (feet). She further noted that a radius of 500 feet would be more appropriate than 500 feet up and down the street. Mr. Lynch noted that the legal reading of the section implied a radius, but he explained that it would be better if it conformed to the zoning code, utilizing 500 feet along the street where the property fronted. Mr. Lynch noted that this draft only has the notification clause for the Local Landmarks section, not for properties within the Historic Districts. There should be a notification requirement for *Section 295-148-A* and *Section 295-148-B*.

Ms. Melton proposed changing *Section 295-146-A*. It should read, “. . . all of whom shall be residents of Cheltenham Township, except as noted in (3) below.”

Ms. Melton noted that *Section 295-147* should read, “any project located within the Historic Resource Overlay Districts. . . ”

Mr. Lynch noted that based on the Wyncote BHAR’s proposed changes, *Section 295-148.2* should have the last sentence struck.

Mr. Lynch made a motion to recommend approval of the draft ordinance with the above amendments by Ms. Melton. Ms. Trusty seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The BHAR recommended to the Public Works Committee that it recommend to the Board of Commissioners that the Historic Resource Overlay District Ordinance be accepted as amended herein.

## **7. Discussion of the La Mott/Wyncote BHAR Meeting times**

Ms. Melton noted that the Wyncote BHAR has had the 7:30 p.m. meeting time since 2007. Mr. Lynch summarized the recommendation of the Wyncote BHAR, where the Wyncote BHAR meeting would start at 7:00 p.m. and the La Mott BHAR meetings would start at 7:45 p.m. Ms. Melton noted that she wanted to correspond with the other members on the BHAR before making a motion.

## **8. New Business**

No new business was discussed.

## **9. Adjournment**

Ms. Melton adjourned the meeting at 9:18 p.m.

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