



TOWN OF GREENBURGH
Historic & Landmarks Preservation Board
FINAL MINUTES
Tuesday - January 14, 2025

The Work Session of the Historic & Landmarks Preservation Board of the Town of Greenburgh was held on Tuesday, January 14, 2025 at 7:00 pm via Zoom Video Conference

ROLL CALL

Present: Chairperson Madelon O’Shea, Ms. Erminia Curcio, Annette Purdy, Mr. Kirit Desai
(Guest Mr. Lloyd Court)
Staff: Mr. Duquesne, AICP
Absent: -0-

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- November 12, 2024 Minutes (to be approved 3/11 meeting)

BUSINESS

3 Bretton Road

The owner presented plans for the project, which included adding a small addition to his house, which would include a bathroom and a small office. The addition would be seamlessly integrated into the existing structure, maintaining the house's character. The original enclosed patio would be extended upwards. The owner identified that there would be some structural work needed to support the additional weight of the addition. Chairperson O’Shea expressed satisfaction with the plans for the house addition, complimenting the original house and the addition. The Board appreciated the decision to keep the house's original style, rather than making it modern. The Board noted that it had no further concerns.

25 Joan

The discussion focused on reviewing plans for renovating a house on Joan Drive. The existing Cape Cod-style house would be expanded into a larger two-story structure, while retaining some original walls and the chimney to classify it as a remodel rather than a full demolition. Another home on the same street (15 Joan Drive) is referenced as an example of a preserved version of the original house style. The Board requested that Town staff coordinate with the developer to ensure that materials, as applicable are salvaged and offered to the requisite parties. The items to potentially be salvaged include, but are not limited to: original doorknobs, hinges, floorboards, and bricks from the 1890s. Ms. Purdy suggested that the hardwood floors could be refinished.

Historic District – Parkway Homes & Parkway Gardens (Guests: Corts)

The Board discussed the history and significance of Parkway Homes and Parkway Gardens, emphasizing its status as one of the first middle-class African American communities in the

United States. Mr. Lloyd Cort has located significant archives from a famous cartoonist, Ted Shearer, and was considering auctioning or preserving them. Chairperson O'Shea mentioned that the houses in the area have undergone various changes, with some being landmarked and others being catalog houses. She expressed concern about the lack of awareness about the area's history and suggested that more information should be shared. Board members agreed on the need for more people to be aware of the area's history and significance. Board members noted that the history and significance of Parkway Homes and Parkway Gardens could be enhanced through a national/state designation. A request was made to obtain clearer boundaries on these neighborhoods, from Town staff.

Gaisman Estate

Chairperson O'Shea noted the importance of improving communication with the archdiocese regarding the property.

1. **FUTURE MEETING DATES (VIA ZOOM): March 11, April 8**

2. **ADJOURNMENT:**