

PRESERVATION BOARD MEETING held February 19, 1991

At the last minute the necessary quorum was broken so an, "official" meeting could not be held. Members who attended the session were: Chair Bianco, Phyllis Redford, Elizabeth Warner and Brian Kronenberger, also as staff Planning Director George Reif.

An informal stimulating discussion was held-some of which is summarized here for use at the next meeting.

A different starting time will be tried at the next meeting scheduled for March 12th which will be 5 P.M. (instead of 7 P.M.) in Room B-20.

Conversation focused on the possible awards program.

- . What if a program was announced and no one or a few entered?
- . Should the Board select "winners" without actually soliciting entries?
- . What if promoters of worthy preservation projects were no longer in business etc?
- . Should potential entries be asked to make a specific graphic presentation panel even if they didn't "win"?
- . How should the winners be "awarded"?
- . Could video tapes and TV presentations be used to promote preservation?
- . Work of the Board must reflect the role of the City rather than any particular private preservation group.
- . What should the specific award be? A certificate, a plaque on a building, publicity in some form?
- . Should Middletown companies be asked to sponsor the "award: (Aetna, MMA, Real Estate Offices?)
- . What categories of projects should be included - for the first time over several time periods.

One concrete result is that the planning office clerical staff is reviewing our files for special exceptions granted for historic and architectural projects to compile a list of developers and designers for the purpose of making an informal inquiry to determine potential interest in an award program.

Also: The meeting rooms in the Municipal Building are difficult to schedule. There is another group which has reserved Room B-20 for 6 P.M. So we hope the Preservation Board can start its meeting on time and complete its work promptly.

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