

**MINUTES  
BUSINESS MEETING  
NEW CASTLE COUNTY HISTORIC REVIEW BOARD  
DEPARTMENT OF LAND USE - NEW CASTLE ROOM  
87 READS WAY, NEW CASTLE, DELAWARE  
July 16, 2019  
5:00 P.M.**

The Special Business Meeting of the Historic Review Board of New Castle County was held on Tuesday, July 16, 2019 in the New Castle room of the Government Center Building, 87 Reads Way, Corporate Commons in New Castle, DE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Barbara Benson at [5:58 p.m.]

The following Board members were present:

Barbara Benson  
Perry Patel  
Barbara Silber  
Karen Anderson  
John Davis

The following Board members were absent:

John Brook  
Rafael Zahralddin  
Stephen Johns

Historic Review Board, Department of Law

N/A

The following Department of Land Use employees were present at the meeting:

Elizabeth Caufield  
Christopher Jackson

The following members of the public were in attendance:

Catherine Morrissey  
Kimberly Showell  
Michael Emmons  
Joyce Parker  
Joy Parker

**RULES OF PROCEDURE**

Ms. Caufield read the rules of procedure into the record.

**MINUTES**

None.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

National Register of Historic Places Nomination: "Parker's Dairy Palace," 2 Jay Dr., New Castle Hundred, (TP 10-013.40-123). CN Zoning. CD 7.

- *CFY2019 Certified Local Government Grant Project*

At a Business Meeting held on July 16, 2019, the New Castle County Historic Review Board (HRB) considered the public testimony and proposed National Register Nomination for Parker's Dairy Palace provided by the University of Delaware's Center for Historic Architecture and Design (CHAD).

On a motion made by Mr. Patel and seconded by Ms. Anderson, the NCC HRB voted unanimously to accept the proposed nomination and forward the document to the State Review Board under Criterion A and C.

In discussion preceding the vote, the Board members offered the following comments:

Dr. Benson recommended that the nomination be sent to the State Review Board and that it holds significance under Criterion C. She stated it embodies distinctive characteristics of certain type, period and method of construction.

Mr. Patel stated that the Parker's Dairy Palace nomination holds significance under Criterion A, as it outlines the history of the beginnings of Dairy Queen and the maintenance of the building in the original form consistent with historic Dairy Queens. He stated this is seen in the cone of the Dairy Palace sign.

Mr. Davis stated he supported the nomination under Criterion C, as the site is an excellent example of mid-century, roadside architecture. He stated it is impressive that the building has survived the changes of time, road expansions, and the pressures to modernize. He stated despite the changes made to the sign at the time of the Dairy Palace's departure from the Dairy Queen company, the sign lends itself to the integrity of the structure.

Ms. Silber commended CHAD on an excellent nomination form. She agreed that the nomination is eligible under Criterion C and A, as the site captures the nuances of the post-WWII period, but it captures a variety of contexts. She stated that because the site maintains a high amount of integrity, including the Dairy Queen shape and design. She said this site is a great example of a business and building that has not gotten lost in the shuffle, and that it is a great building to list on the National Register.

Ms. Anderson stated the nomination was significant under Criterion A, as the building personifies the growing popularity of the automobile and how architecture changed in order to accommodate auto traffic. She stated it was a great example of how architecture responded to a transportation issue. She stated it was significant under Criterion C, as the building is an example of billboard, a literal interpretation of the business occupying the facility. She stated it was a strong example of mid-century roadside architecture.

**REPORT OF THE PRESERVATION PLANNER**

None.

**REPORT OF THE CHAIRPERSON**

None.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Ms. Joy Parker stated that the University of Delaware did a fantastic job on the National Register Nomination.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 6:05. p.m.

**ATTEST:**



Richard E. Hall, AICP  
General Manager  
Department of Land Use



Dr. Barbara Benson  
Chairperson  
Historic Review Board