

# HPC considers awards for preservation projects

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CAPE MAY – For those who put considerable time and money into restoring an old house or building, an award may be in order.

At a Sept. 15 meeting of the city's Historic Preservation Commission (HPC), former HPC commissioner Pip Campbell said a small group was assembled with the idea of creating a historic preservation award program.

She said a proposal from the group would be to have HPC Secretary Judy Decker look through applications heard by the full board of the HPC from 2022 through 2024 for projects that were substantial. The HPC presented awards about 20 years ago with nominations from the public, Campbell said.

Past applications would

be reviewed by two HPC commissioners who would eliminate those that did not qualify for an award. Those selected as candidates would be reviewed by an independent panel of judges, she said.

Campbell said the judges would be people whom the HPC could nominate such as architects working in historic preservation, a previous member of the HPC but not a current HPC commissioner, to make it as "apolitical as possible."

The judges would examine the applications which would be reviewed with a checklist with current photos of the property to determine which property would receive the first-place award with a second property receiving an honorable mention, she said.

A formal presentation of the award would be made in the spring at Congress

Hall, a wonderful example of historic preservation, Campbell said.

"I think this sort of illustrates how if you do something to the Secretary of the Interior standards, it might actually increase your profits or make you marketable as it has worked so well at Congress Hall," she said.

Campbell said there would be five categories of recognition of which one is a person or an organization with four oriented to buildings: preservation or restoration, adaptive reuse, new construction and additions.

"Those represent the four primary categories of applications that we see and then the fifth one would be an award to an individual or an organization that has really taken leadership in historic preservation and has done outstanding things in Cape May,"

she said.

In each year, there could be two awards in each category, the regular award and the honorable mention with no award presented if there was no candidate for a category, Campbell said. The award would be in form of plaque that could be attached to a house or building.

She said nominations could be received from the public for the preservation leadership award, not just from the HPC and City Council. At the award ceremony, images of the winning properties would be displayed on a video screen.

HPC Chairman Warren Coupland asked Campbell to attend the commission's next meeting to give commissioners time to think about the proposal.

Deputy Mayor Lorraine Baldwin said the award

winners could be placed on the city's website which would also acknowledge the architect and builder for the projects.

HPC Commissioner Janice Wilson Stridick said the awards would be given by City Council.

"One of the goals in this design of the program is to take the benefits and the cache of historic preservation and broaden the stakeholders, so it doesn't look like it's only a small

group of people who are on the commission who understand how it works," she said. "We want people to be enfranchised to think about it themselves, to think about nominating a project that they like."

Stridick said they were going against a commercial push toward "everything new."

"We're trying to preserve old but do it a way that's useful, that works, that people use," she said.

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4	9:35	9:47	3:07	3:34
5	10:07	10:20	3:34	4:10
6	10:40	10:54	4:02	4:48
7	11:16	11:33	4:33	5:33
8		12:00	5:11	6:26
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