



# Meeting Minutes of the Historic Preservation Commission (Approved Minutes)

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## REGULAR MEETING OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2008

### **Board Members Present**

Sara Bronin  
Lynn Ferrari  
Michael O'Connell

### **Staff Present**

Roger J. O'Brien  
Kim Holden

### **Alternates Present**

Catherine Connor  
Jonathan Clark  
David Ransom

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Commissioner Bronin called the regular meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission to order.

#### **I. Minutes**

The minutes were postponed until the next meeting.

#### **II. Applications for a Document of Suitability**

##### **a. 140 Garden Street – Interior wall infill**

Commissioner Bronin stated that 140 Garden Street was heard at the last meeting but was tabled pending additional information.

The applicant Barbara Hampton and Bob Petziger of the Hartford and Jim Harris of Clohessey Harris and Kaiser gave an overview of the project and answered questions from the Commission.

Commissioner O'Connell made a motion to adopt the resolution, Commissioner Ferrari seconded the motion. The following resolution was passed by the Commission:

Whereas, The Hartford Preservation Commission has reviewed the plans entitled "Interior Wall Infill of Former Massachusetts Mutual Facilities" prepared by Clohessey Harris and Kaiser, LLC dated October 3, 2008, and

- Whereas, The existing demolition permit superseded the State Historic District designation, and
- Whereas, The proposed infill work uses salvaged materials, and
- Whereas, The design complements the existing remaining building in massing, fenestration, and detail, and
- Whereas, The proposal is consistent with the Secretary of Interior Standards and Hartford Design Guidelines, Now  
Therefore Be It
- Resolved, That the Hartford Historic Preservation Commission hereby issued a Document of Suitability for the plans entitled "Interior Wall Infill of Former Massachusetts Mutual Facilities" prepared by Clohessey Harris and Kaiser, LLC dated October 3, 2008.

All Commissioners voted in favor of the application, with the exception of Commissioner Bronin, who abstained.

**b. 190-192 Laurel Street & 194-196 (shown as 198 in the assessor's database)**

Commissioner Bronin stated that the applications were previously discussed and asked for an applicant update.

Roger J. O'Brien stated that at the last meeting the applicant was asked to meet with the neighborhood NRZ. The applicant did meet with the chairman of the Asylum Hill Problem Solving Revitalization Association and was directed to meet with the Housing Committee but did not follow through with the Housing Committee. Staff received correspondence from the Asylum Hill Problem Solving Revitalization Association asking the Commission to postpone its decision this evening. The applicant was notified of the request.

Jackie McKinney, Vice-chair of the Asylum Hill Problem Solving Revitalization Association- Housing Committee stated that the applicant did not meet with the Housing Committee and a meeting was scheduled for December 3, 2008.

Chief Staff Planner Kim Holden commented that the applicant did address some of the concerns raised by the Commission during the last meeting. The roof pitch was originally 10 over 12, and the plans were updated to a 12 over 12 pitch. The columns on the front porch were changed to turned columns. The windows were changed and the siding in the gable was changed from shake type siding to

scalloped type siding. A trim board was also added based on the feedback of the Commission.

Mr. Rafie Podolsky of the Hartford Preservation Alliance spoke in opposition to the application.

Commissioner Bronin asked for a motion to approve the application with the conditions recommended by staff. Commissioner O'Connell made a motion to approve the following resolution and Commissioner Ferrari seconded the motion.

Whereas, The Historic Preservation Commission, under the provisions of Section 28-219 of the City of Hartford Municipal Code, has reviewed an application for a Document of Suitability construction of two residential structures located at 190-192 Laurel Street & 194-196 (shown as 198 in the assessor's database) Laurel Street; and

Whereas, The properties are in the Asylum Hill neighborhood and the Laurel and Marshal Street Historic District; and

Whereas, Whereas the applicant has filed drawings entitled "New Two Family Res." with a revision date of October 1, 2008, and

Whereas, The applicant has made significant efforts to update the plans in accordance with historic guidelines.

Whereas, The drawing incorporates details which are compatible with the Historic character of the neighborhood: i.e. massing, fenestration pattern, porch columns, door style, and two gable front elevation; and

Whereas, The plans are consistent with the Secretary of Interior Standards, and the Hartford Design Guidelines; Now, Therefore Be It

Resolved, That the Hartford Historic Preservation Commission Hereby approves issuance of a Document of Suitability for plans entitled New 2 Family Residence with a revision date of October 1, 2008 with the following conditions:

1. That the plans are strictly adhered to and any changes to the exterior plan must be reviewed by the Historic Preservation Commission

2. That the applicant install two (2), one over one windows with a (1" by 5") or (1" by 6") piece of trim between the windows on the first and second floor (on the front elevation)
3. That the window on the front door have no panes
4. That the applicant install scalloped siding in the gable instead of the shake style siding
5. That the applicant installs a trim board between the first and second story.

Commissioner Bronin, Connor, and O'Connell voted in favor of the resolution, Commissioner Ferrari and Clark voted in opposition of the resolution, and Commissioner Ransom abstained. The resolution passed.

### **III. Old Business**

The Commission adopted the 2009 Schedule of Regular Meetings.

Commissioner O'Connell asked staff to give input on two questions. First, to specify what the time constraints are under the ordinance and secondly to give the Commission an analysis and recommendation as to whether or not there is a mechanism by which the Commission can require consultation with neighborhood groups.

### **IV. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned

Respectfully Submitted,

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Roger O'Brien  
Director of Planning, PhD, AICP