



Meeting Minutes of the Historic Preservation Commission (Subject to Commission Approval)

REGULAR MEETING OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

WEDNESDAY, April 15, 2009

Board Members Present

Sara Bronin
Lynn Ferrari
Greg Secord
Alan Ambrose
David Ransom
Jonathan Clark

Staff Present

Roger J. O'Brien
Kim Holden

Alternates Present

Mike O'Connell

Commissioner Secord called the regular meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission to order. David Ransom to sit out meeting

I. Minutes

On a motion made by Sara Bronin and seconded by Lynn Ferrari, the minutes of December 17, 2008 and January 21, 2009, and March 18, 2009, were approved.

II. Historic Review

a. 17-19 Squire Street, 20 Wolcott Street, Renovation and Addition. Applicant-Broad Park Development

Commissioner Sarah Bronin moved to adopt the resolution and Commissioner Lynn Ferrari seconded.

Mr. David Berto of Broad Park Development stated that the report summarizes the project pretty well; they have work with the Historic Design in the City of Hartford and have made changes prior to submitting.

Commissioner Bronin ask to describe the work on the street front façade and Mr. Berto stated there were some detoration in the brick and that the work on the front façade will be replacement of the windows and the doors.

Kenneth Schwartz stated that the Windows are aluminum and that the maintenance schedule of the two materials are the same maintenance schedule and is a good fit with the brick, which predominantly is the older historic building.

Commissioner Ambrose asked if all the windows, the aluminum section and the old, are going to be aluminum, and Mr. Berto stated yes, they will all be consistent.

The following amendment was made by Commissioner Bronin, proposed amending the resolution and seconded by Commissioner O'Connell:

- (1) the elevator penthouse is screened
- (2) that the windows be 1 over 1 aluminum clad wood frame window, preferably in a dark color which the applicant select in coordination with the Historic Preservation Commission Staff.

All in Favor of the following amended resolution:

Whereas, The Hartford Historic Preservation Commission has received an Application for a Document of Suitability for the reuse and addition to the residential property located at 17-19 Squire Street and 20 Wolcott Street, and

Whereas, The aforementioned building is located within the Frog Hollow National Register Historic District, and

Whereas, The proposed restoration maintains the original residential use, and

Whereas, The restoration of the existing historic building and the addition are consistent with the Guidelines for Renovation and Additions to Historic Buildings and the Secretary of Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation; Now Therefore Be it

Resolved, This 15th day of April 2009 the Hartford Historic Preservation Commission hereby approves the Document of Suitability for the restoration of and addition to 17-19 Squire Street with the condition the elevator penthouse is screened, and the windows be one over one aluminum clad windows preferably in dark color to be reviewed by Historic Preservation Staff.

b. 800 Main Street, the Old State House Roof repair, and balustrade replacement, Applicant, Eric Connery

Mr. Connery wanted to make the Commission aware that the legislature took over operations of the State House back in August. They are leasing the building from the City of Hartford for 99 years. They are proposing repair of the slate roof, masonry chimney, treatment of the brownstone on all four facades, replacement of the gutters, the roof balustrades, cornice, facia, stucco, and painting the clock tower.

Commissioner Bronin moved to adopt the resolution and Commissioner Ferrari seconded.

Commissioner Bronin asked if the City has an involvement with the balustrades that would have to do with maintenance and Mr. Conner stated that they would have to maintain the building.

Commissioner Ferrari asked if the balustrades were to be changed but the actual rail on top would continue to be wood and Mr. Connery stated everything needs to be change.

Commissioner Bronin proposed an amendment to the resolution:

- 1) that under Resolve it should say Hartford Historic Property Commission with the condition that the existing wood balustrades be repaired and replaced only as necessary and only as consistent with the Secretary of Interior Guidelines.

Commissioner Bronin also added that she would like to delete from the third whereas "with the exception of using Azak"

All in favor of the amended resolution:

Whereas, The Historic Properties Commission has received an Application for Historic Review for restoration work on the Old State House located at 800 Main Street, and

Whereas, The work includes the repair of the slate roof, masonry chimney, treatment of the brownstone on all four facades, replacement of the gutters, the roof balustrades, cornice, facia, stucco, and painting the clock tower, and

- Whereas, The work will execute the repair work using the same materials for the balustrades, and adding a copper apron on the roof, and
- Whereas, There will be no change in the appearance of the building with the exception of the copper apron, and
- Whereas, The work is consistent with the Secretary of Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation and the Guideline for Renovations and Additions to Historic Buildings; Now Therefore Be it
- Resolved, This 15th day of April 2009 the Hartford Historic Properties Commission hereby approves the Document of Suitability for the restoration work at 800 Main Street Hartford with the condition that the existing wood balustrade be repaired and replaced only as necessary and only as consistent with the Secretary of Interior Guidelines.

c. 192 & 196 Laurel Street, Construction of two homes.

Chief Staff Planner Kim Holden stated 192 & 196 Laurel Street was previously approved with condition by this commission and one of the recommendations of the commission was that the applicant meet with the neighborhood group and that did take place in January 2009. In the packet are updated copy of the new drawing of what was already approved and some additions.

The neighborhood groups are interested in proposing the following additions:

1. They wanted to add a small window in the front gable in the attic.
2. They agreed with continuing the faucet and fascia across the entire front
3. Replacing the picture window with two double hung windows
4. To use decorative bracket on the columns of the front porch which is a change from what was approved.
5. They recommended scalloped shingles, the neighborhood group recommended shape shingles.

Commissioner Bronin moved to adopt the resolution and Commissioner Secord second.

All in favor of the following resolution:

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

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 March 24, 2009 with the following conditions:

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

d. 287 Grandview Terrace – Window replacement

Mr. Mike Thompson, resident Grandview Terrace. Mr. Thompson showed photographs of his two family house and stated that the windows are almost ninety years old and are at the point now where they should be replaced. Mr. Thompson stated that they are not trying to change anything; they are just trying to replace it.

Kim stated that they don't have a resolution, they just submitted an application and staff is just looking for permission to sign off.

Commissioner Ambrose move to approve the applicant for using Aluminum Clad Wood replacement window as long as the basic profile is similar to the existing and the mutton arrangement is similar to the existing. Commissioner O'Connell second.

All in favor

III. Old Business

The meeting was adjourned

Respectfully Submitted,

Roger O'Brien
Director of Planning, PhD, AICP

III. Old Business

The meeting was adjourned

Respectfully Submitted,

Roger O'Brien
Director of Planning, PhD, AICP