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MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARINGS CHESTNUT HILL HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

DATE: April 21, 2009

PLACE/TIME: City Hall, Room 222
7:30pm

ATTENDING: John Wyman, Chair Liviu Brill, Vice-Chair
William Roesner, Member Joyce Dostale, Member
Lois McMullin, Member Merle Winer, Alternate
Brian Lever, Staff See Attendance List

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm with John Wyman presiding as Chair. Voting permanent members were Wyman, Brill, Roesner, Dostale, and McMullin. Alternate member Winer also voted. The meeting was taped on 1 tape.

428 Hammond Street – Certificate of Appropriateness

Elton Matos from the Chestnut Hill School presented an application to replace an existing asphalt shingle roof with architectural grade shingles, replace wooden gutters with copper gutters and aluminum gutters with copper gutters. Matos presented information on rainfall calculations that suggested the gutters along the bell tower could remain the same size, but that others should be the same size or bigger. Brill stated his wish to preserve the building's character including the wood gutters and trim. Brill suggested that the project could be stretched out over time to alleviate construction costs. The Commission expressed support for the use of architectural grade shingles to match the previously installed architectural grade shingles elsewhere on the building. Wyman stated that he had reviewed the file and found that the previously installed aluminum gutters had Commission approval.

At a scheduled meeting and public hearing on April 21, 2009 the Chestnut Hill Historic District Commission, by vote of 6-0,

RESOLVED to issue a certificate of appropriateness with the following requirements: (1) the replacement of asphalt shingles with architectural grade shingles; (2) the replacement of first floor aluminum and wood gutters with copper gutters; (3) the replacement of the second floor wooden gutters with copper lined wooden gutters replicating the existing wooden gutters and molding / trim detail.

Voting in the Affirmative:

John Wyman, Chair	Liviu Brill, Vice-Chair
William Roesner, Member	Joyce Dostale, Member
Lois McMullin, Member	Merle Winer, Alternate

26 Acacia Avenue – Certificate of Appropriateness

James Jumes presented an application to add a gable dormer to the rear of a previously approved design for a garage addition. Jumes stated that the dormer would be visible from Reservoir Avenue and when viewing the house from the side on Acacia Avenue.

At a scheduled meeting and public hearing on April 21, 2009 the Chestnut Hill Historic District Commission, by vote of 6-0,

RESOLVED to issue a certificate of appropriateness for the application as submitted.

Voting in the Affirmative:

John Wyman, Chair
Livi Brill, Vice-Chair
William Roesner, Member
Joyce Dostale, Member
Lois McMullin, Member
Merle Winer, Alternate

3 Meigh Road – Certificate of Appropriateness

Molly Doyle and Vik Narasimhan presented an application to install fencing at their property. Commission member McMullin recused herself, as she is an abutter to this property. Doyle stated that the proposed fence along the driveway retaining wall would be black wrought iron three and a half feet high and the fence along the rear would be a cedar stockade fence with gates. The rear fence would start at six feet in height and taper down to four feet at the gates. Abutters Martin and Anne Flax expressed concern over the placement of the fence and the property boundaries. Commission member suggested the property owners hire a surveyor to accurately determine the property boundary.

At a scheduled meeting and public hearing on April 21, 2009 the Chestnut Hill Historic District Commission, by vote of 5-0 with one recused from vote,

RESOLVED to issue a certificate of appropriateness for the application as submitted with the requirement that the driveway wrought iron fence taper downward following the existing topography at its proposed location along the driveway retaining wall and a location design for the proposed fencing be submitted and approved.

Voting in the Affirmative:

John Wyman, Chair
Livi Brill, Vice-Chair
William Roesner, Member
Joyce Dostale, Member
Merle Winer, Alternate

Recused from Vote:

Lois McMullin, Member

172 Chestnut Hill Road – Working Session

Janice Byrd neighbor discussed with the commission the potential to alter the home at this property, which has recently been sold.

Other Business: Approval of Minutes.

The Commission did not act on this item.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:27. Minutes approved at the June 18, 2009 meeting.

Recorded by Brian Lever, Commission Staff