

TOWN OF WEST HARTFORD  
WEST HARTFORD HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
7:30 P.M., Monday March 25, 2019  
West Hartford Town Hall, Room 312

Regular Meeting:

Present: Full Commissioners: P. Howard, M. Lewis, and A. Tarutin  
Alternate Commissioners: D. Cohen, C. Cormier, and J. Harris

Vice Chair Commissioner D. Cohen called the meeting to order at 7:31 P.M.

1. New Business-

a. Helen Rubino-Turco, Director of the West Hartford Art League, and Mark Blanchard, Leisure Services Community Liaison to the Town of West Hartford, came before the West Hartford Historic District Commission (WHHDC) to discuss in more detail their Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) to install a mural on the upper story concrete rounded face of 37 Buena Vista Road also known as the "Bunker"; a concrete and stone structure constructed in the late 1970's currently used as a Town Maintenance Building. The proposed mural is to be decorative and 'quilt-like' and by internationally known artist Edjohnetta Miller. The Bunker, whose grounds include several sculptures, is located within a recreational area and is nestled among the Buena Vista Golf Course, the Cornerstones Pool and the Memorial Skating Rink. Since the proposed mural is to be painted directly onto the concrete surface, the WHHDC determined that a COA was not necessary and so moved and seconded unanimously.

b. Jim McKeown, owner of 1621 Boulevard, came before the WHHDC to discuss in more detail the plans for his submitted COA to replace the flat roof and handsome knee wall of his existing side porch with a hip-style roof with an overhang and gutters which would more effectively shed water on three sides and away from the structure. The current flat roof continues to leak excessively and water damage to the porch ceiling, and the rest of the interior is a constant problem. The owner shared with the WHHDC several side porch hip-style comparables both in and around the District. The WHHDC motioned and seconded to approve the COA. The WHHDC voted unanimously to approve the COA and will inform the Building Department at the next earliest convenience.

c. Christopher Kelleher, owner of 182 Raymond Road, came before the WHHDC to discuss in more detail his COA for a recently installed central air conditioning condensing unit which is situated upon a raised wooden and stone platform located on the Boulevard side of the house and visible from the District streetscape. The unit is well hidden behind two rhododendrons which minimizes the visual impact. The WHHDC recommended but did not require additional plantings to further limit unit visibility. The WHHDC motioned and seconded to approve the COA. The WHHDC voted unanimously to approve the COA and will inform the Building Department at the next earliest convenience.

2. Meeting Minutes-

Motion to approve the West Hartford Historic District Commission Regular Meeting minutes for February 28th, 2019 was made and seconded. The WHHDC voted unanimously to approve the meeting minutes as is.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made, and seconded. All voted in favor, no objections, or abstentions. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mitch Lewis