

TOWN OF WEST HARTFORD
WEST HARTFORD HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
7:30 P.M., Tuesday May 29, 2018
West Hartford Town Hall, Room 312

Special Meeting:

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

Chair Commissioner M. Margolis called the meeting to order at 7:31 P.M.

1. New Business-

a. Mike Barlow and Paige Kenausis, owners of 1605 Boulevard, came before the West Hartford Historic District Commission (WHHDC) to discuss in more detail the plans for their submitted Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) to replace their existing walkway. The current walkway of pressed concrete is severely deteriorated. The proposed replacement is for manmade brick pavers in an appealing basketweave pattern of a varied gray and red color scheme which will match the existing walkway footprint but for a slight flair out at the sidewalk. Motion to vote on the replacement walkway was made and seconded. The WHHDC voted unanimously to approve the COA and Chair Margolis will inform the Building Department.

b. Kate Doyle, owner of 1564 Boulevard, came before the WHHDC to discuss in more detail the plans for her submitted COA to replace her existing walkway. The current walkway to the sidewalk is of concrete and has a step midway up while the walkway to the drive consists of a series of concrete paver squares. The proposed replacement is for manmade brick pavers in an attractive random pattern of a varied gray and red color scheme which will match the existing walkway footprints and rise. Motion to vote on the replacement walkways was made and seconded. The WHHDC voted unanimously to approve the COA and Chair Margolis will inform the Building Department.

c. Suzanne Cole, owner of 55 West Hill Drive, came before the WHHDC to discuss in more detail the plans for her submitted COA to replace existing and install new fencing in the yard. The fence replacement for chickenwire and other new streetfacing fence spans are to be of natural wood 4 ft high picket. A natural 6 ft high spruce stockade fence is proposed for the side and rear of the property to match and extend an existing stockade span. Motion to vote on the fence work was made and seconded. The WHHDC voted unanimously to approve the COA for appropriateness. West Hartford Town Planning a Zoning (TPZ) has pervue as to situs.

d. Mitch Lewis, owner of 1569 Boulevard, discussed in more detail the plans for his COA to:

- i) replace existing wooden garage crown molding with wood in same style
- ii) replace existing wooden crown molding on house with wood in same style
- iii) replace existing K-Style aluminum front porch gutter with copper 6" halfmoon to be relocated along front face of second story house

iv) replace existing wooden front stairs to porch with with enclosed same
v) replace existing wooden front far left porch column with same
Motion to vote on the multiple replacements was made and seconded. The WHHDC voted unanimously to approve the COA and Chair Margolis will inform the Building Department.

e. Chris Wolfe, owner of 1563 Boulevard, joined the WHHDC meeting by phone to discuss in more detail the plans for his submitted COA to install a fence along the Raymond Road face of the property. The proposed natural wooden fence is to be of 3 ft high stockade and run 32 feet from the garage to the property line parallelling the street. Commissioners expressed concerns over both the style and color given the predominance of white picket in the district along the streetface and given that the hillside atop which the fence would sit would seemingly tower over the streetscape. Mr. Wolfe expeditiously agreed to amend his COA to propose a 3 ft white picket fence for the new installation. Motion to vote on the new fence COA as amended was made and seconded. The WHHDC voted unanimously to approve the COA and Chair Margolis will inform the Building Department.

2. Meeting Minutes-

Motion to approve the West Hartford Historic District Commission meeting minutes of the January 22nd 2018 Regular Meeting was made and seconded. The WHHDC voted unanimously to approve the 1/22 minutes as is.

3. The WHHDC 2018 Election of Vice Chairwoman

- * M. Margolis opened the floor to nominations.
- * J. Harris nominated D. Cohen as Vice Chairwoman.
- * P. Howard seconded the nomination.
- * M. Margolis moved to close the floor to nominations.
- * C. Cormier seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion carried.

- * J. Harris moved to elect D. Cohen for Vice Chairwoman..
- * K. Fransson seconded the motion.
- * All voted in favor. Opposed: None.
- * The motion carried.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made, and seconded. All voted in favor, no objections, or abstentions. The meeting adjourned at 8:54 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Mitch Lewis