

Minutes of the Mid Cambridge Neighborhood Conservation District Commission

May 3, 2010 - 6:00 P.M. – 344 Broadway, City Hall Annex/McCusker Center, 2nd Floor

Commission Members Present: Nancy Goodwin, *Chair*; Lestra Litchfield, Carole Perrault, and Charles Redmon, *Members*; Siobhan McMahon and Sue-Ellen Myers, *Alternates*

Commission Members Absent: Tony Hsiao, *Vice Chair*; Monika Pauli, *Alternate*

Staff: Sarah Burks

Members of the Public: See attached sign-in sheet

With a quorum present, Ms. Goodwin called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. She described the Commission's procedures and made introductions.

Public Hearing: Alterations to Designated Properties

MC-3637: 335 Harvard St., by Alexander Schier & Susan Mango. To replace windows at enclosed porch on right side; install air conditioning condensers; construct trash enclosure under porch stairs.

Ms. Burks showed slides and described the 1850 Greek Revival House with monitor roof and added side porches. She summarized the proposed alterations and explained that the location of the proposed air conditioning condensers had been moved to the back in a location not visible from the public way.

Jennifer Drain, of Archiplicity, Inc., described the proposed windows to be installed in the existing openings on the right side porch. The windows would be double casements, with a transom light above. Each of the existing openings was slightly different in dimension. She explained that the existing windows were not original, but were single pane aluminum sliders. The outside trim would not be affected. She displayed a sample window and noted the 5/8" muntin and spacer bar. The proposed window was black aluminum clad, to match the windows on the left side porch. She described the changes to the right side steps in order to create a door for trash/recycling storage.

Edward Lavelle, the contractor, explained that the electric meters might have to move inside.

Ms. Drain described the original design for a new trash enclosure fence forward of the right side steps, which could be built if the electric meters were relocated. The height of the fence would be the same as the sill height of the porch windows.

Mr. Redmon recommended keeping the top of the trash enclosure fence at the skirt level, not as high as the sill of the porch windows. It should stay below that datum line. He demonstrated his design suggestion with an illustration.

Ms. McMahon asked the staff if there were guidelines about garage and recycling bins. Ms. Burks answered that there were not, but she could compile a list of good examples.

There were no questions from members of the public. Eleanor Pyle, of 335 Harvard Street, #4, commented that she had never thought about the trash location, but agreed that it would be nice to conceal the trash cans and recycling bins.

Mr. Redmon moved to approve the application for the window changes and either trash enclosure solution (door under steps or fence), on the condition that if the fence solution were carried out, the top of the fence must be no higher than the skirt of the porch, as depicted in his sketch.

Ms. Litchfield seconded the motion.

Ms. Goodwin designated alternate Ms. McMahon to vote on the motion, which passed 5-0.

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Ms. Litchfield moved to approve the April 5 minutes, as submitted.

Mr. Redmon seconded the motion.

Ms. Goodwin designated alternate Ms. Myers to vote, and the motion passed 5-0.

Ms. Litchfield moved to adjourn.

Ms. McMahon seconded the motion, which passed 5-0 with Ms. McMahon voting as alternate.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Burks
Preservation Planner

Members of the Public
Who Signed Attendance Sheet 5/3/10

Alexander Schier
Edward Lavelle
Eleanor Pyle
Jennifer Drain

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