



MINUTES
WINDSOR HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
NOVEMBER 22, 2016 5:30 PM
LUDLOW ROOM, TOWN HALL
275 BROAD STREET, WINDSOR, CONNECTICUT

Present: Commissioners Reardon and Rubino and Alternate Commissioners Hinckley and Sachdev

Also Present: Assistant Town Planner Kenyon

Commissioner Rubino called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

I. New Business

A. Minutes – October 5, 2016

Commissioner Reardon moved to approve the minutes of October 5, 2016 as presented. Commissioner Sachdev seconded the motion and it passed unanimously, 4-0.

II. Public Hearing for Certificate of Appropriateness

A. 339 Palisado Avenue—Replace front porch and railing, McKay

Stephen McKay presented the application. He explained the porch is currently in very poor condition and the roof is falling down. He would like to rebuild the porch and with the exception of installing a new railing, there would be little change in the appearance of the porch aside from increasing the width of the opening, which is currently 2 ½ feet. Mr. McKay said the materials would be wood and the bricks under the porch would be repointed. Commissioner Hinckley asked Mr. McKay if he knew when the porch was added to the home. He responded that it was difficult to tell. Commissioner Rubino asked if the tree would also be removed. Mr. McKay said it has already been cut down. Commissioner Rubino asked if there were any other questions. Assistant Town Planner Kenyon asked Mr. McKay if he could also explain the work done on the windows.

Mr. McKay said the windows on the home all had aluminum storm windows on the outside. An energy audit company came in and they couldn't even vacuum test the house because the windows were leaking so much. He said because of this they decided to replace the windows with vinyl replacement, one over one windows. They have the same look as the old windows. Mr. McKay said they kept the wood trim on the outside. Commissioner Rubino asked if only the front windows were replaced. Mr. McKay responded that all windows were replaced.

Assistant Town Planner Kenyon asked if any other exterior changes were planned to the house that Mr. McKay wanted to review with the Commission. Mr. McKay said they may be installing a septic in the back and they were also considering replacing the wood step in front of the porch with a granite step.

Commissioner Rubino asked if there were any other questions.

Motion: Commissioner Hinckley made a motion to approve the application for a Certificate of Appropriateness for 339 Palisado Avenue as presented. Commissioner Sachdev seconded the motion and it passed unanimously, 4-0.

B. 209 Palisado Avenue—Install dog run and playscape, Hinckley

Commissioner Hinckley presented an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness for 209 Palisado Avenue. She said she would like to install a dog run in the back yard. She went on to explain that for previous dogs, she had a wire line run in the backyard but is worried about her dog's safety so she would like to install a 6' by 24' fenced run. Commissioner Hinckley reviewed photos of her yard and explained where the run would be located on the property. She then presented photos of the run she would like to install. Commissioner Sachdev asked if there would be a roof over it as shown in the photo. Commissioner Hinckley responded that they would like to put a roof over it. She went on to explain that the run would not be anchored into the ground but would rather be bolted together and set on pavers. Commissioner Rubino asked if she had spoken to her neighbors about it. Commissioner Hinckley said that she had. Commissioner Reardon asked if the run would block the carriage house. Commissioner Hinckley responded that it would not and referred to the photos to explain the location. Commissioner Rubino noted that it was utilitarian and asked if anyone had any other questions or issues.

Motion: Commissioner Reardon moved to approve installation of the dog run at 209 Palisado Avenue as presented. Commissioner Sachdev seconded the motion and it passed unanimously, 3-0.

Commissioner Hinckley said she would like to install a playscape in the backyard. Commissioner Hinckley described the playscape and explained it is primarily wood with plastic swings. She said she would like to install the playscape behind the dogwood trees. There was a general discussion as to whether or not this was under the jurisdiction of the Commission. Assistant Town Planner Kenyon read a passage from the Handbook, which indicated temporary modifications to the site are reviewable by the Commission. Commissioner Reardon asked how the Commission would view installing a playscape in the front yard. There was general discussion that placement of the equipment does matter and

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therefore the Commission thinks it is important that similar projects are submitted and reviewed. Commissioner Hinckley suggested that moving forward the Commission may want to better define what temporary means.

Motion: Commissioner Sachdev moved to approve the playscape at 209 Palisado Avenue as presented. Commissioner Reardon seconded the motion and it passed unanimously, 3-0.

III. Miscellaneous

A. April 20th Preservation/Handbook Program

Christine Ermenc was not present to discuss this item. Assistant Town Planner Kenyon said she would contact Christine to see if she wanted to add it to the January agenda.

B. Reminder: Annual Meeting—Wednesday, January 18, 2017

IV. Adjournment

Commissioner Reardon moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 p.m. Commissioner Sachdev seconded the motion and it passed unanimously, 4-0.