

**MINUTES
WINDSOR HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
JUNE 7, 2023
HYBRID MEETING, ROSE ROOM, TOWN HALL
275 BROAD STREET, WINDSOR, CONNECTICUT**

Present: Chairman Rubino, Commissioner Raney, Commissioner Dupont-Diehl, and Alternate Commissioner Yonkman.

Also Present:

Sam and Marcia Hinckley, Homeowners
Todd Sealy, Assistant Town Planner

Chair Raney called the meeting to order at 6:36 PM

I. New Business

- A. Annual Election of Officers
- a. Chair
 - b. Vice Chair
 - c. Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Dupont-Diehl moved to postpone annual election of officers, chairman Rubino seconded and it passed unanimously 4-0-0.

- B. Minutes
- Minutes December 14, 2022

Motion: Chairman Rubino moved to approve the Minutes of December 14, 2022. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion and it passed 3-0-1, with commissioner Dupont-Diehl abstaining.

II. Public Hearings for Certificate of Appropriateness

III. New Business

- C. Minutes
- Minutes December 14, 2022

IV. Public Hearings for Certificate of Appropriateness

- A. Certificate of Appropriateness: 209 Palisado, Air conditioning condenser, Hinckley

Chairman Rubino introduced the homeowners and presented the project as described in the application submittal. Chairman Rubino asked the Hinckley's if they currently had air

conditioning, they responded no. The commission reviewed the location of the condenser relative to the street view. Chairman Rubino asked if the condenser was parallel to the phone line and electric line. Mrs. Hinckley stated yes and that these utilities have been there for some time. Chairman Rubino stated that the application request for a condenser has been a common request in the district. Mrs. Hinckley said that they looked at a couple of different options for the location of the condenser but that the location presented appeared to be the best. Mrs. Hinckley stated that they were sensitive to the visual impact of the unit so they presented the application with a lattice fence as an alternate to try to mitigate the visual impact. Chairman Rubino stated that they wouldn't have any jurisdiction over window AC units. Chairman Rubino restated that they have approved these applications in the past but that he doesn't recall the historical record on requiring screening. Mrs. Hinckley stated that they included the screening because it was her understanding that vegetation does not count as screening and that was why they included with lattice fence. Mrs. Hinckley said she recalled approving an application on Meadow road but she couldn't remember if that application required screening. Commissioner Dupont-Diehl asked if the applicant for Meadow road voluntarily provided screening or if it was required. She offered the opinion that there are a lot of similar structures in the district that are not screened. The commission discussed the historical accuracy of adding screening and the fact that the district has had to adopt new technologies.

Motion: Commissioner Dupont-Diehl moved to approve the application for 209 Palisado Ave., Air conditioning condenser with no screening, as proposed. Chairman Rubino seconded the motion and it passed unanimously 4-0-0.

V. Old Business – None

VI. Miscellaneous

Commissioner Dupont-Diehl raised the question about solar panels, if the previous discussion from last meeting was still an ongoing discussion. She asked if a decision was reached and where the commission stands in regards to allowing solar panels to be approved by staff. Mr. Sealy stated that no decision was reached and that he needs to follow up on the research on solar panels in other historic district regulations.

VII. Adjournment

Motion: Commissioner Raney made the motion to adjourn at 6:52 p.m., Commissioner Rubino and it passed unanimously 4-0-0.