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DEPARTMENT OF CITY PLANNING

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MINUTES

July 8, 2019

City Hall, Room 314, 133 William Street

Members Present:

Diana Henry, Chair
Bill King, Vice Chair
Alex Jardin
James Lopes
Janine da Silva
Tabitha Harkin
Anna Surma

Secretary:

Anne Louro, *Preservation Planner*

Members Absent:

Bill Barr

Call to Order:

D. Henry called the meeting to order at 6:05 P.M.

Roll Call:

A formal roll call was conducted confirming a quorum of the members present as stated above with the Chair indicating that A. Jardin would fill the Historical Organization member position.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the June 3, 2019 public meeting were approved.

Public Hearings:

Case #2019.14– 23 Centre Street (Map 53, Lot 184)

Certificate of Appropriateness: Exterior Hardscape

A. Louro presented the application, explaining the scope of work in its entirety, and describing the previously installed enclosure under the Centre Street loading dock which the applicant was seeking a Certificate after the fact. She explained that the area under the dock was an attractive nuisance and the enclosure prohibits trespassing as well as trash accumulating. A. Louro recommended the approval and the issuance of a Certificate of Appropriateness for the loading dock enclosure.

A. Louro also described additional items the applicant was seeking approval to include the installation of a wooden window box on the ground floor window on Centre Street and reinstall a previously existing gate to cordon off a Hamilton Street alley way. She explained that the new Hamilton St. gate will match an existing gate located on a Centre Street alley and that the proposed window box will be constructed of wood and will be similar to the window boxes found across the street at 26 Centre Street.

A. Louro pointed out the existing condition of the window's brownstone sill and noted that due to the existing deterioration of the brownstone, window sill installation of the window box must be careful and attach to the window frame in a similar fashion to that at 26 Centre Street using a custom bracket.

In response to D. Henry, A. Louro stated that the window box installation, if installed correctly, would not further damage the brownstone.

B. King noted that the building's existing gutters were leaking and A. Louro stated she would follow up with the owner regarding that matter.

MOTION to open the public hearing. Moved by B. King and seconded by J. da Silva
Motion carried.

There were no public comments offered or recorded in favor of the petition, nor in opposition to the petition.

MOTION to close the public hearing. Moved B. King and seconded by J. da Silva.
Motion carried.

Members agreed to condition the window box approval with installation methods which attached a bracket to the window frame and not into the brownstone sill.

MOTION to approve Case #2019.14– 23 Centre Street (Map 53, Lot 184) and grant a Certificate of Appropriateness for the previously installed loading dock enclosure consisting of four (4) barn-type double wooden doors painted dark green located on Centre Street, installation of a wooden, vertical plank gate painted dark green on Hamilton Street to match existing gate on Centre Street and the installation of a wooden window box painted green to be attached to window frame on the Centre Street first story window, with the condition that the window box bracket be customized in such a way that it allows for the installation into the window frame, and not into the brick or brownstone window sill.

Motion moved by J. da Silva and seconded by B. King.
Motion carried.

Case #2019.15 – 15 Hamilton St (Map 53, Lot 177B)
Certificate of Appropriateness: Exterior Rehabilitation

A. Louro presented the application, describing the proposal to replace all the existing wood gutters which are beginning to exhibit signs of rot with fiberglass gutters which will match the existing gutter profile and will be painted to match the existing paint color. A. Louro provided a sample of the fiberglass gutter and described its benefits over wood and noted that most Historical Commissions were allowing the replacement of wood gutters with fiberglass due to its capacity to hold water, longevity and matching profiles.

MOTION to open the public hearing. Moved by J. Lopes and seconded by B. King.
Motion carried.

There were no public comments offered or recorded in favor of the petition, nor in opposition to the petition.

MOTION to close the public hearing. Moved by B. King and seconded by A. Jardin.
Motion carried.

There was no member discussion.

MOTION to approve Case #2019.15 – 15 Hamilton St (Map 53, Lot 177B) and grant the Certificate of Appropriateness for the installation of fiberglass gutters.

Motion moved by B. King and seconded by J. da Silva.

Motion carried

Other:

Community Street Rehabilitation Update

A. Louro informed members that the Planning Staff had recently met with the project team for the upcoming Commercial Street project and informed members that no demolition would take place and that the project would be a full rehabilitation of both buildings utilizing Historic Tax Credits. She noted that the city review and permitting most likely would begin in the winter.

Adjourn

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was moved by B. King and seconded by J. Lopes. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

NEXT MEETING Monday, August 5, 2019

Respectfully submitted,



Anne Louro

Secretary to the Historical Commission

Preservation Planner

Approved: September 9, 2019