HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION TOWN OF EAST HARTFORD

PUBLIC HEARING & SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES: NOVEMBER 12, 2019

The special meeting of the Historic District Commission of East Hartford, Connecticut was called to order at 7:03p.m. in Conference Room A on the first floor of Town Hall by Chairman David Holmes. On a roll call by Mr. Simpson:

PRESENT: Chairman David Holmes, Vice Chair Travis Simpson, Joshua Quintana and Gary LeBeau

ABSENT: Alternate Jeffrey Cumming,

ALSO PRESENT: Liaison, Paul O'Sullivan and Applicants, Mr. & Mrs. Carlough

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

MOTION by Mr. Simpson to accept September 3, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes; seconded by Mr. LeBeau. Vote was unanimous and uncontested. Mr. Quintana abstained.

COMMUNICATIONS: None

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS/RESIDENTS TO SPEAK: As a resident of the District, Mr. Simpson stated the need for sidewalks and speed control. He will attempt to set up a meeting with the Mayor to discuss the issues he has within the District. Due to "Special Meeting" requirements, discussion among Commission members was tabled until a future meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Chair Holmes recessed the Special Meeting at 7:11 to begin the PUBLIC HEARING

The Public Hearing of the Historic District Commission of East Hartford, Connecticut was called to order at 7:11 p.m. in the Conference Room A on the first floor of Town Hall by Chair David Holmes.

On a roll call by Vice-Chair Travis Simpson:

PRESENT: Chair David Holmes, Vice-Chair Travis Simpson, Gary LeBeau, and Joshua Quintana

ABSENT: Alternate Jeffrey Cummings

ALSO PRESENT: Liaison, Paul O'Sullivan and applicants, Mr. & Mrs. Carlough

Legal Notice read by Vice-Chair Travis Simpson

A brief presentation was made by the applicant for 150 Naubuc Avenue, #95 (Owner: Carlough) highlighting the points he made at the previous regular meeting – Replace windows, door and storm door. Mr. Carlough pointed out that the windows were not all

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new construction. They are not replacing the wood casing or sills. They will just be inserting replacement windows. The storm door will be all glass. The front door will be made of fiberglass, brown in color, and have a divided light at the top. A brief discussion followed.

The public hearing was closed at 7:24 p.m.

Chair David Holmes reopened the SPECIAL MEETING at 7:24p.m.

ACTION ON APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS: 150 NAUBUC AVENUE (OWNER: CARLOUGH) #95 – REPLACE WINDOWS, DOOR AND STORM DOOR: The applicants answered questions for the committee members. Even though the front door was unique in nature, it would be changed due to age and wear and tear. The applicants did not want to replace the door with one that replicates the materials and style of the present one, citing cost and availability issues. Members discussed the appropriateness of the proposed replacement door. Mr. Simpson made a MOTION to approve application for Certificate of Appropriateness #95 for the replacement of windows, door and storm door; seconded by Mr. Quintana. Vote was unanimous and uncontested.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE: AMEND RULES OF PROCEDURE: SECTION III, MEETINGS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS, PARAGRAPH 1 – After a brief discussion, Commission members decided to change the date and time of the meeting each month. Mr. Simpson made a MOTION to strike "first Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m." from Section III, #1 of the Commission's Rules of Procedure and to add "second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m."; seconded by Mr. LeBeau. Vote was unanimous and uncontested.

DISCUSSION: MEMBER RECRUITMENT – Mr. Simpson thought that going door to door in the district may be helpful in finding out what the homeowners feel about the Historic District and look for people that may be interested in serving on the Commission. Mr. Simpson suggested that his son go door to door in the spring for a community service project that he is required to do for his school. Commission members would provide Mr. Simpson with materials about the Commission to pass out. Also, members discussed how to have unaffiliated voters join the Commission.

PAYMENTS:

- 1. Clerk (\$75)
- 2. Hartford Courant (\$45.52)

Mr. Quintana made a MOTION to pay the above listed expenses; seconded by Mr. Simpson. Vote was unanimous and uncontested.

<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>: MOTION by Mr. Simpson to adjourn the meeting a 7:58; seconded by Mr. Quintana.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Enman clerk