

BRISTOL HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION MEETING

Held: February 28, 2008, at Town Hall, 10 Court Street, Bristol, Rhode Island

Present: Chairman Ed Cifune; Vice-Chairman Oryann Lima; Members Stephan Brigidi, Reggie McCarthy, Melanie Barker, Anthony Margiotta, Alternate Member Eric Hertfelder

Absent: John Allen

Chairman Cifune brought the meeting to order at 7:08PM.

1. 7:00PM 08-008 169 Hope St., Herreshoff Marine Museum

1. demolish existing structure; 2. construct new structure

Marshall Lawson, Museum Trustee, introduced Anastasia Congdon, Architect, who presented the application. Staff Assistant photographs were marked Exhibit A, Applicant plans were marked Exhibits B thru O. In support for permission to demolish the existing structure applicant stated: the building does not meet FEMA Velocity Zone regulatory requirements; meeting floor load requirements for a public building would necessitate lowering ceiling height; building not accessible to the handicapped; and building has no historic value architecturally or historically. Also, cost of selective demolition and rehabilitation of existing building for new use would be prohibitively expensive. The design of the new structure reflects turn of the century industrial shed buildings with skylights and clerestory roofs. The plans marked B thru O show a lowering of the overall height and redesign of north elevation both done as a compromise to neighbor's concerns. All Commission members were approving of the building size, scale, massing and design.

Chairman Cifune invited comments from the public. Michael Warren and David Burnham, Trustees of the Museum, both spoke for approval of the application. Bill Campbell voiced objections based on placement and doubt about the accuracy of the building height. Harold Tucker spoke of his concern about the safety of people crossing Hope Street to the new facility. Barbara Martin asked what exterior building materials would be used and was answered that while not finally determined, the current plan was for wood siding and a metal roof. Written statements from Mr. Warren and Mr. Campbell were received and placed on file.

A motion was made to accept Application 08-008 as presented for demolition of present building and construction of new building as shown in the February 19, 2008, plans with additional application(s) to be submitted in the future with construction materials and specific design details in accordance with Secretary of the Interior Standards #3, 9, 10 (Brigidi/Margiotta 5-0).

Findings of Facts include that this decision conforms to the Secretary of the Interior Standards: 3, 9, 10.

Project Monitor: Entire BHDC

A motion to adjourn at 8:15PM was unanimously passed (Barker/Lima 5-0)

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Date Approved: April 3, 2008

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