

HDAC Minutes: April 4, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM at Headquarters. Present for the meeting were Deb Cannon, owner of 121 West Chestnut Hill Ave., her architect, Jay Terlaak, and her engineer, Dan Johnson from Durkin and Associates. The committee addressed the variance refusal issue, which had to do with a request for a circular driveway on a portion of land where the slope of land was 25% or greater, no site clearing or earth moving activity is permitted, and that the proposed driveway would be located in this steep slope area, which is prohibited in this zoning district.

The committee's concerns regarding the slope issues were addressed by Mr. Johnson to the satisfaction of the committee. There was discussion regarding the construction of the stone wall that is proposed to run along the front of the property, and also walls that will run the perimeter of the driveway. These walls were presented to be veneered stone. The committee is requesting that the architect provide a sample of the veneer, the mortar color, and the design of the wall capping, and if there is a similar wall that he has designed, to provide us with that location for us to go see. They had also said that they were considering replacing the existing blue stone sidewalk at the front of the property with an aggregate. The committee recommended preserving the blue stone to be put back in place at the completion of the project, as the blue stone is a consistent feature along West Chestnut Hill Ave. The committee voted to support the project. An email was sent to Deb Cannon early Friday morning, April 5, thanking her for

their presentation, and sharing the requests of the committee regarding the materials.

Late Friday evening, I received an e mail from Mrs. Cannon, requesting the names of the committee members who were present for the presentation. I supplied those names to her.

There was an update given on the Two East Chestnut Hill development project. Comments about the new landscaping and lighting were made. Although the committee was happy with the freshly painted new construction, there was much alarm regarding a flat stucco wall that was added to the rear of the historic building, that contains two modern windows, as well as visible mechanicals and electrical meters. This wall faces West moving traffic along Germantown Ave., as well as the side façade of the new building. Contact has been made with Mr. Falso to try to seek remedies for this structure which appears drastically out of place within the new development.

There was discussion about the Strategic Plan Key Stakeholders Survey, and the results of which continue to reinforce the goals and on going work of our committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Cove, Chair