

**CHENEY BROTHERS NATIONAL HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2009
LINCOLN CENTER HEARING ROOM
4:30 P.M.**

Members Present: Vivian Ferguson, S. Lee Bogli, Bettye Kramer, John Malone, John Wilks, Rita McParland, Lynne Ferrigno, Leslie Frey, John Dormer

Also Present: Mark Pellegrini, Director of Neighborhood Services and Economic Development

Members Absent: Robert Shanbaum, Mary Tierney, Susan Berte, James Quaglia, Barbara King

Adoption of Minutes of July 2, 2009 meeting

Ms. Ferrigno moved to adopt the minutes with a correction in the second paragraph, changing the word "in" to "is" in the second to last sentence. Mr. Bogli seconded the motion and all members voted in favor.

Review and recommendation installation of a storage shed – 160 Hartford Road – Fuss & O'Neill

Mr. Thomas Galeota, an engineer with Fuss & O'Neill, presented the company's proposal to install a 10' x 16' storage shed, approximately 10' tall, for the storage of environmental testing equipment at the company's offices at 160 Hartford Road. Mr. Galeota briefly explained the growth and expansion of the company over the years, and noted now that the company relocated its Newington office to the Hartford Road location they need to store that unit's environmental testing equipment in a convenient location.

He described the shed as a New England style, pre-fabricated shed that would be delivered to the site. The trim on the shed would be white, and the siding would be a tan or cream color vinyl with a slate colored architectural shingle roof. Using photographs and a site plan he showed the location of the proposed shed at the eastern end of the parking lot behind the subject property, which he described as being approximately 15% below the grade of Hartford Road. The photographs showed there was a limited view between the existing buildings to the shed, and only a small portion of the gable end would be visible from the street.

In response to questions, Mr. Galeota said the materials were chosen because it allowed the choice of a color that was compatible with the color on a small concrete block addition on the adjacent building at 146 Hartford Road. He said the other choices were Texture 111 plywood, which Fuss & O'Neill rejected, and cedar clapboard which wasn't chosen because of the limitations on color.

Mr. Galeota also explained he had been advised on Tuesday, September 29, that in order for Fuss & O'Neill to receive its LEED (Leadership and Environmental and Energy Design) certification, they needed to provide a separate, covered location for people who smoke at least 25' away from

the building. Fuss & O'Neill had to provide this outdoor smoking area before the end of October in order to receive its LEED certification this year, otherwise it would have to wait a full year to achieve this designation. In order to accomplish this, Mr. Galeota said he had contacted Kloter Farms to request that a four-foot shed roof be extended from just above the eave line on the eastern side of the shed supported by wood framing. He said it would not be visible from the street.

In response to questions, Mr. Galeota explained that LEED certification is obtained after a company or builder has shown that their building has met certain standards that encourage energy efficiency, environmentally sound practices, and a sustainable building or "green" design. He said Fuss & O'Neill has provided energy efficient lighting, installed solar panels on the roof, purchased construction and interior finish materials from companies that are recognized to use environmentally and energy efficient processes, and the only outstanding item is the smoking area.

Members were generally not in favor of the vinyl siding, or of the cream color proposed for the building. Mr. Dormer, Ms. Frey, and Ms. Kramer were among those who said they preferred cedar siding, and felt if cedar siding were used the color pallet available would be much broader and a color more compatible with and attractive to the buildings on the site could be chosen.

Several Commission members also urged Fuss & O'Neill to consider painting the concrete block addition at 146 Hartford Road to a color more compatible with the principal buildings.

Mr. Bogli moved to approve the location of the shed and the four-foot roof extension with the recommendation that the exterior material be cedar and not vinyl siding and that an appropriate color be chosen. Ms. Ferrigno seconded the motion and all members voted in favor.

Review draft of an informational brochure for property owners in the mansion area

Ms. Ferguson asked that this item be tabled at this time and the Commission members agreed by consensus.

Any other business

There was no other business and the meeting adjourned.