

CHENEY BROTHERS NATIONAL HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
APRIL 14, 2010
LINCOLN CENTER HEARING ROOM
4:30 P.M.

Members Present: Vivian Ferguson, John Malone, James Quaglia, John Wilks, Rita McParland, Lynne Ferrigno, Leslie Frey, Robert Shanbaum, Bettye Kramer, Susan Barlow, John Dormer

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

Members Absent: Barbara King, Dan Bebyn, Mike Stebe

Adoption of Minutes of January 7, 2010 Meeting

Mr. Shanbaum moved to adopt the minutes with a correction on page 4 (change "his" to "is" in the last sentence of the minutes) and to replace the word "expanding" with "supporting the expansion of" in the fourth paragraph on page 2. Dr. Malone seconded the motion and all members voted in favor. Ms. McParland abstained from voting because she was not present at the January 7 meeting.

Discussion and Recommendation of Exterior Building Modifications at 98 Forest Street

Ms. Reichelt explained her proposal to build two banisters, on each porch roof, at her home at 98 Forest Street. She said she and her husband wanted to replace the railings over the porch in a manner that is virtually the same as the original railings, in terms of material, design and color that had existed on the porch roofs. She said the railing would be of wood construction, painted white, and would be between 30" and 32" high. Photographs of the house with the railing on one of the porches, and sketches showing the proposed railing detail and location, were reviewed with the Commission.

Ms. Ferguson, who had lived in the house next to the Reichelt's for many years, stated she recalled when the railings were on the porches, and when one of the railings was removed and later replaced with an inappropriate style railing. In response to questions from Mr. Dormer Ms. Reichelt said the proposed posts are not turned but rectangular, in keeping with the original installation on the home.

Mr. Wilks moved to approve the proposed railing installations and recommend their approval to the Planning and Zoning Commission as presented. Ms. Frey seconded the motion and all members voted in favor.

Other Business

Ms. Ferguson informed the Commissioners that the Board of Directors would be discussing the library expansion plans at their meeting of April 20, and she encouraged Cheney Commission members to attend the meeting and to speak against the proposal to expand the library in place. She said Commission members could look at the plans and related material on the Town of Manchester web site.

Ms. Ferguson also announced the Historic Preservation Awards are scheduled for May and the Commissioners would receive confirmation of the date and time of the meeting. She said Ms. Frey and Ms. Ferrigno would organize the event. Ms. Ferguson said typically she and Ms. Frey take a tour looking for properties that might qualify for the awards, and she encouraged all members to suggest properties for consideration. Ms. Ferguson also wanted to receive the express authorization of the Commission to open the awards not only to properties in the Cheney Brothers National Historic District but all of Manchester.

Mr. Shanbaum moved to allow the awards to be granted to any property in Manchester. Mr. Quaglia seconded the motion and all members voted in favor.

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