MINUTES WINDSOR HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING April 9, 2025 HYBRID MEETING, ROSE ROOM, TOWN HALL 275 BROAD STREET, WINDSOR, CONNECTICUT

Present: Chairperson Dupont-Diehl, Commissioner Yeich, and Commissioner Rubino

Also Present: Mitch Vye, Assistant Town Planner, Town of Windsor, Moazzam Saifullah, Contractor/Agent

Commissioner Dupont-Diehl called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

- I. New Business
 - A. Minutes
 - Minutes November 27, 2024

Motion: Commissioner Rubino moved to approve the minutes of November 27th, 2024 as amended. Commissioner Yeich seconded the motion and it passed 3-0-0.

- II. Public Hearings for Certificate of Appropriateness
 - A. Certificate of Appropriateness: 325 Palisado Ave., Roof-mounted solar, Thomas

Mr. Saifullah presented the project and stated that he did similar work on another house in the Historic District in 2022. The address was 355 Palisado Ave. Commissioner Yeich commented that a lot of panels were proposed. Mr. Saifullah responded that the number of panels depends on the energy demands of the house. Commissioner Yeich asked how many panels are proposed and he responded 32. The location of where the inverter would go was shown. Mr. Saifullah stated that the panels would match the color of the roof. Commissioner Rubino asked about the age of the house. Mr. Saifullah stated that it was built in 1960. Commissioner Rubino asked about the distance of the house from the road. Mr. Vye stated about 100 feet. Mr. Saifullah stated that the panels would be on the garage as well. Commissioner Rubino asked if the homeowners considered using the backyard rather than the roofs. Mr. Saifullah responded that ground-mounted solar is more expensive. Commissioner Rubino stated that given its age, it isn't a historic house and that there is precedent for allowing solar panels.

Motion: Commissioner Yeich moved to approve the application 325 Palisado Ave., Roof mounted solar, Munroe. Commissioner Rubino seconded and it passed 3-0-0.

B. Certificate of Appropriateness: 76 Palisado Ave., Replace 2nd floor windows, Dupont-Diehl

A quorum was not reached as Commissioner Dupont-Diehl must recuse herself due to being the applicant.

III. Old Business

Commissioner Yeich asked how many members the Commission is supposed to have. Mr. Vye stated 5 full members and some alternates. The Commission discussed ways to increase outreach about the Historic District Commission, such as a webpage or something in the Windsor Journal. Commissioner Dupont-Diehl suggested holding a special meeting to discuss this further. Mr. Vye stated that Commissioner's Dupont-Diehl's application would be automatically approved at some point if the Commission fails to act on it. She responded that she would like to have the application reviewed sooner than that.

- IV. Miscellaneous
- V. Adjournment

Motion: Commissioner Rubino made the motion to adjourn at 7:12 p.m., Commissioner Yeich seconded the motion and it passed 3-0-0.