

The Joint Committee on the Rehabilitation Building and Fire Code for Existing Buildings and Structures met in Conference Room 109 located at 260 West Exchange Street, Providence, RI on Tuesday, August 8, 2006 at 2:00 PM. Present were Vice Chairman Howe and Commissioners Coutu, Preiss, Burlingame, Blackburn, Newbrook, Turner and Gagnon. Also present were Executive Secretary Thomas Coffey, Esq. and Assistant Administrative Officer Carol Marsella. The following appeals were considered.

Appeal #R060008A: Mr. Sean Redfern and Mr. Mark Van Noppen, for the property located at 52 Valley Street in Providence. ADSFM Silva appeared for the Providence Fire Marshal's office. The Providence Building Commissioner's office did not appear. Commissioner Coutu made a motion, seconded by commissioner Newbrook to grant the Applicant's requested variances with the following provisions. Regarding the variance for minimum ceiling height in the cited basement, the Board determined that there will be no public access in that space. Regarding RILSC table 7.2.2.2.1(a), the Board determined that there was no deterrent to providing a new stairway, therefore, a new stairway shall be built to correct the deficiency. The motion was unanimous.

Appeal #R060003: Donald Power Architects, for the property located at 52 Parkis Avenue, Providence. The Providence Fire Marshal's office was represented by letter from ADSFM George Calise, who stated that he had no objection to the Applicant's requested relief.

Commissioner Preiss made a motion, seconded by commissioner Newbrook, to grant the Applicant's request for variances. The motion passed over the objection of Vice Chairman Howe.

Appeal #R060004: Donald Power Architects, for the property located at 48 Parkis Avenue, Providence. The Providence Fire Marshal's office was represented by letter from ADSFM George Calise, who stated that he had no objection to the Applicant's requested relief. Commissioner Preiss made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Newbrook, to grant the Applicant's request for variances. The motion passed over the objection of Vice Chairman Howe.

Appeal #R060014: Brown University for the property located at 105 Benevolent Street, Providence. The Providence Fire Marshal's office was represented by letter from ADSFM Lisa Krapf, who stated that she had no objection to the Applicant's requested relief. Commissioner Newbrook made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gagnon, to grant the Applicant's request for variances, provided that a sign stating "watch your step" is posted at the cited egress door. The motion passed with Commissioner Blackburn abstaining from the vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Marsella