

BRISTOL HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION MEETING

Held: November 3, 2011, at Town Hall, 10 Court Street, Bristol, Rhode Island

Present: Chairman Oryann Lima, Members John Allen, Sara Butler, Thomas Enright
Also Present: Andrew Teitz, Esq., Assistant Town Solicitor

Absent: Eric Hertfelder, Victor Cabral, Reggie McCarthy, Timothy Pray

Chairman Lima brought the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

Approval of the minutes of the October 6, 2011, meeting was continued to the December 1, 2011, meeting as a quorum of those attending was not present.

1. 11-100 56 Court St., Paul Znamiranski replace siding

Property owner Paul Znamiranski presented. Staff Assistant photographs were marked Exhibit A, Applicant plans were marked Exhibits B-H. Mr. Znamiranski applied to replace the siding using clapboards on the front elevation and white cedar shingles on the remaining three elevations. Currently, there is a combination of clapboards and shingles on the house. The trim will not be replaced.

Chairman Lima invited comments from the public. There were none.

A motion was made to approve Application 11-100 as presented to re-side using clapboards on the front elevation and white cedar shingles on the remaining elevations in accordance with Secretary of the Interior Standards #5, 9 (Allen/Butler 4-0).

Findings of Facts include that this decision conforms to the Secretary of the Interior Standards: 5, 9

Project Monitor: John Allen

2. 11-105 30 Bradford St., Gregg Etter signs

Office, sign owner Gregg Etter was not present. Staff Assistant photographs were marked Exhibit A, Applicant plans were marked Exhibits B-C. As the signs have already been installed, the Commission acted on the application.

Chairman Lima invited comments from the public. There were none.

A motion was made to approve Application 11-105 as presented for existing signs in accordance with Secretary of the Interior Standard #9 (Enright/Butler 4-0).

Findings of Facts include that this decision conforms to the Secretary of the Interior Standard: 9

3. 11-109 11 State St., Gallery Eleven Fine Arts

sign

Gallery owner Ellen Blomgren presented. Staff Assistant photographs were marked Exhibit A, Applicant plans were marked Exhibits B-D. Ms. Blomgren would like to erect a 30"x28.75" sign on an existing sign bracket (see Exhibit B). The sign is constructed of PVC signboard with vinyl graphics.

Chairman Lima invited comments from the public. There were none.

A motion was made to approve Application 11-109 as presented in accordance with Secretary of the Interior Standard #9 (Butler/Enright 4-0).

Findings of Facts include that this decision conforms to the Secretary of the Interior Standard: 9

Project Monitor: Sara Butler

4. 11-084 418 Hope St., Brito Enterprises, Inc.

2 story addition to existing structure

Architect John Grosvenor presented. Staff Assistant photographs were marked Exhibit A, Applicant plans were marked Exhibits A-Z, AA-FF. Mr. Grosvenor commented on the changes made since the last meeting. The cornice detail has been created to allow water to flow. The proportions for the upper rail and ridge along the top of the building have been enhanced.

Mr. Grosvenor made a "global statement" saying the original building "will not be changed and will remain," they are "not removing any of the existing details."

The material on the Court St. elevation will remain. The existing west (front) elevation will remain the same. When questioned as to a possible new walkway and fence changes leading from the addition to the street, Edward Cox stated that the iron fence would remain the same and any walkway at the west door would lead around the addition to the rear (east). Regarding the Trim Wall Panel Section Sheet which shows half-round moldings, Mr. Grosvenor stated that the original moldings will be replicated.

Sara Butler questioned the height of the building as shown in the exhibits and suggested the addition appears massive. Mr. Grosvenor stated the addition would not exceed the 35' high zoning limit. Ms. Butler again stated that massing was large and the addition will be a big change on an important corner. Mr. Grosvenor noted that the building to the north was taller and feels the addition size is appropriate to zoning regulations and building density on Hope St. Member Allen commented on the use of shingles for the front façade, noting that the majority of buildings on Hope St. had clapboard siding facing the street. Chairman Lima also mentioned the number of buildings with clapboard siding and asked if they could be used instead of shingles. The building owner Joseph Brito, Jr., stated he was willing to use clapboards for the siding.

Chairman Lima asked Mr. Grosvenor for a listing of changes that meet the Secretary of the Interior Standard #3. Mr. Grosvenor noted that the different proportion of the new banded cornice, the change in window style, change in siding material and color all differentiate the new construction from the original building.

After general Commission discussion, it was felt that shingle siding presented a greater differentiation than the clapboards. Ms. Butler stated that after consideration she was agreeable to the use of shingle siding.

Chairman Lima invited comments from the public. Linda Arruda a tenant in the building stated she felt that the age of the building supports the use of shingle siding.

The new windows and doors in the addition will be Marvin, aluminum clad as shown in Exhibits BB and CC.

A motion was made to approve Application 11-084 addition plans dated 10/18/11 as presented. The doors and windows in the addition will be Marvin aluminum clad as shown in exhibits. The original building is to remain exactly as it is with no changes to the fabric and no demolition. The fence along Hope St. is to remain with no changes. Decision is in accordance with Secretary of the Interior Standards #2, 3, 5, 9 (Allen/Enright 4/0).

Findings of Facts include that this decision conforms to the Secretary of the Interior Standards: 2, 3, 5, 9

Project Monitor: Eric Hertfelder

Discussion/Vote – Rules of Procedure – Motion to continue to December meeting approved (Butler/ Allen 4-0).

Staff Report:

Staff Approvals - October, 2011, =12, copy attached

Old Business: John Allen asked for clarification of the procedure for siding replacement as he has noted several buildings being re-sided in the district. The Rules of Procedure adopted in April 2010 allow for administrative approval for in kind replacement of no more than 25% of the total siding material being replaced. It was noted that any unusual siding replacement or replacement of over 25% would be submitted to the full Commission. Applicants will be required to submit photos of areas to be re-sided.

Adjourn:

A motion to adjourn was unanimously passed at 8:45PM

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Date Approved: December 1, 2011

