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**(FINAL) Minutes of the Historic Preservation Advisory Commission (HPAC)**

Date: Regular meeting held: January 7, 2020  
Location: 6th Floor Safety Training Room  
Government Center  
888 Washington Blvd.  
Stamford, CT 06904  
Present: Anne Goslin, David Woods and Barry Hersh.  
Alternates: Rebecca Shannonhouse, Elena Kalman and Dee Davis.

**REGULAR MEETING**

**I. Call to order**

The meeting was called to order 7:12 p.m.

A motion was made to assign Rebecca Shannonhouse and Elena Kalman to be voting members for this meeting. It is understood they will be sworn in as full members by the City in the next few weeks. Anne Goslin (Vice-Chair) will chair the current meeting. It is also understood that Dee Davis has been sworn in as an Alternate by the City.

(The motion was moved by B. Hersh and seconded by R. Shannonhouse, and carried unanimously.)

**II. Approval of December 3, 2019 Meeting Minutes.**

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the December 3, 2019 meeting. There were no changes to the minutes noted.

(The motion was moved by A. Goslin and seconded by R. Shannonhouse and carried unanimously)

**III. New Business**

**A. Review of Section 7.3 Text Change Proposal**

Applicant: City of Stamford  
Participants: Ralph Blessing (did not attend). Mr. Blessing sent latest copy of Section 7.3 in advance.  
Presented: Anne Goslin

1. Anne introduced the latest draft copy of the Section 7.3 recommended changes to the Zoning Code.



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2. Elena noted she had a meeting with Mark Diamond, Rick Redniss and Renee Kahn to review the proposed changes. She noted it was an education session so Renee and Mark could become familiar with the changes being proposed.
3. It was generally agreed that everyone on the Commission will email Anne with questions or comments before next Tuesday evening. She will compile the questions into a letter to be submitted to Ralph Blessing. It was agreed the Commission would like to meet with Ralph as well.

**B. SHPO Education Presentation**

Applicant: State Historic Preservation Office, Department of Economic & Community Development

Participants: Mary Dunne and Todd Levine.

Presented: Todd introduced the presentation. Mary said her role is to coordinate with local Commissions.

The following is the outline of the presentation by Todd Levine and Mary Dunne:

1. Certified Local Government (CLG) - a preservation partnership.
2. What is a Certified Local Government?
  - a. List of Connecticut CLG's.
3. The Process.
  - a. Establish a Local Preservation Review Commission.
  - b. Was completed in Stamford about 5 years ago.
4. What are the Benefits?
  - a. Education.
  - b. Preservation influence in the community.
5. Funding Opportunities for CLG's.
6. Historic Preservation Enhancement Grants (HPEG).
  - a. Support activities sponsored by Municipal Historic District Commissions.
  - b. Could get grants for Section 7.3 review.
7. Supplemental Certified Local Government Grant (SCLG).
  - a. Funded by Community Investment Act.
  - b. Purpose to support activities sponsored by municipalities.
  - c. Most used for surveys.



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8. SCLG Grants.
  - a. Historic designation reports.
  - b. Municipal historic preservation planning reports.
  - c. Pre-development studies.
  - d. Historic resources Inventories.
9. The Connecticut Environmental Protection Act.
  - a. Creating a public trust.
  - b. Adequate remedy to protect the air, water and other natural resources.
  - c. Added protections in 1982 for historic structures.
  - d. Help save buildings from demolition. Anyone can bring a law suit.
  - e. Most successful when SHPO and Historic Preservation Council (HPC) get involved.

A question and answer period followed the presentation. Todd and Mary encouraged the Commission to use state funding for studies and impressed that it is HPAC's responsibility to ensure inventories are routinely executed.

**IV. Old Business**

**A. Communications**

There was no discussion on this agenda item.

**B. Other Open Items**

There was no discussion on this agenda item.

**V. Adjournment**

A. Goslin adjourned the meeting at 9:45 p.m. (There was no further discussion).

Drafted by: David W. Woods AIA, Secretary  
January 14, 2020  
Historic Preservation Advisory Commission

***Meetings are normally on the first Tuesday of the month starting at 7:00 p.m. in the 6th Floor Safety Training Room. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 4, 2020.***