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June 26, 2015

Mr. Norman Cole
Land Use Bureau Chief
Stamford Government Center
888 Washington Blvd.
Stamford, CT 06901

Subject: CSPR 984 by Stamford Engineering Bureau for work adjoining the Stamford Harbor Management Area at Kosciuszko Park

Dear Mr. Cole:

The Stamford Harbor Management Commission (SHMC) has reviewed the application for Coastal Site Plan Review submitted to the Land Use Bureau by the Stamford Engineering Bureau (the Applicant). To repair storm-caused damages, the Applicant seeks to reconstruct and stabilize the shoreline, pathways, and certain site features at Kosciuszko Park.

As the Applicant's proposal affects property on, in, or contiguous to the Stamford Harbor Management Area, it is subject to review by the SHMC to determine its consistency with the Stamford Harbor Management Plan. The requirements of this review are specified in Sec. 22a-113p of the Connecticut General Statutes, Sec. 6-62 of the Stamford Code of Ordinances, and the Harbor Management Plan. Pursuant to the General Statutes, City Code, and Harbor Management Plan, a 2/3 vote of all members of the Zoning Board is needed to approve a proposal that has not received a favorable recommendation from the SHMC.

During its meeting on June 16, 2015, the SHMC approved a motion to find the proposal consistent with the Harbor Management Plan provided: a) the Applicant employs all appropriate best management practices during construction to ensure no adverse impacts on environmental quality, including water quality, in Stamford Harbor; and b) the work will not disturb any environmental remediation areas.

In addition, the SHMC agreed to provide the following comments and recommendation to the Land Use Bureau and Applicant.

Comments and Recommendation:

1. The Harbor Management Plan recognizes that maintenance, repair, and replacement of existing shore protection structures is necessary from time to time to support continued beneficial public waterfront access at Kosciuszko Park.
2. The Harbor Management Plan calls for Kosciuszko Park to be utilized to its full potential as a waterfront park providing opportunities for active and passive recreational use, including visual and physical access to the Stamford Harbor Management Area and special events that increase public use and enjoyment of the Stamford waterfront. The level of city resources allocated for park maintenance should be commensurate with the park's status as a focal point and central facility for visual access to Stamford Harbor.

Enhancement of the water-related orientation of the park is encouraged and supported, in accordance with a comprehensive park management plan. Development, enhancement, and maintenance of well-designed and attractive pedestrian facilities to link the park with other public waterfront areas, downtown Stamford, and other commercial areas of the city are encouraged and supported.

Opportunities for improving access to the Harbor Management Area from the park, including access for boating, fishing, and other beneficial purposes, should be evaluated and to the extent feasible pursued. Structures and facilities to support beneficial use and enjoyment of the Harbor Management Area, consistent with all other applicable provisions of the Plan, Stamford Master Plan, Stamford Zoning Regulations, and regulations adopted by the Stamford Board of Representatives, may be considered.

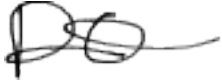
Park lights should be designed and operated to avoid negative impacts on navigation. Lighting units should be installed in accordance with best available technology to restrict illumination to the desired area.

3. The Applicant has informed the SHMC that all work will be conducted landward of the coastal jurisdiction line and therefore no state approvals are needed.
4. The SHMC recommends that the city's long-range plans and proposals for enhancement of Kosciuszko Park should be submitted and reviewed as a comprehensive plan in a single application.

Please be advised that the SHMC reserves its right to review the Applicant's proposal and provide additional comments at such time as it may be modified or be the subject of another application, additional information is provided, or the proposal is the subject of a public hearing.

Please contact me at (315) 651-0070 or dortelli@stamfordct.gov if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'D. Ortelli', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Dr. Damian Ortelli
Chairman, Stamford Harbor Management Commission

cc:

Mr. Louis A. Casolo, Jr., P.E., City Engineer

Mr. Frank Fedeli, Stamford Office of Operations

Mr. Griffith Trow, Chairman, SHMC Application Review Committee