

## GLOUCESTER HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2012

Conference Room, City Hall

**Members Present:** D. Porper, S. Miller, P. Shea, C. Nazarian

**The meeting was called to order** at 7:03 o'clock PM by Chairman Porper

**Single item** on the agenda was continuance of a petition from the Gloucester Unitarian-Universalist Church, #50 Middle Street, regarding replacement of a pair of existing, 30" six-panel doors with a single 36" six-panel door having side-lights on both sides located at #10 Church Street for ADA accessibility and a sloped masonry walk to this entrance. Representing the petitioner was Stephen Armington, AIA, the project architect for the church.

Chairman Porper began with an apology for two previous meetings in which a quorum could not be raised.

P. Shea made a point of order stating that in his opinion it was not a problem for C. Nazarian to vote on the petition, although he is a member of the church, since the project architect made the drawings (not C. Nazarian) and the Committee concurred.

D. Porper described the content of the petition to replace the doors, preserving the existing classical pilasters and cornice, and adding the sloped masonry walk.

S. Armington presented a detailed plan with scale drawings and a description of the accessibility project on the interior as well as the exterior, noting the ADA requirement for a wider entrance door. He showed the Committee a comparison rendering of the exterior elevation with the existing pair of doors contrasted with the proposal with a single door and sidelights, plus the proposed sloping masonry walk. He also noted that a louvered device would be required for the elevator shaft that would appear on the upper side of the building, painted to match the buff yellow clapboards.

D. Porper asked about the preservation of the classical trim and S. Armington replied that it would be fully retained and that only the doors within the trim are to be changed.

P. Shea made a motion to issue the Certificate of Appropriateness for proposed modifications to the #10 Church Street entrance doors with a masonry walkway, as shown on the plans, and for the Code-required louvers that will be painted to match the building.

S. Miller seconded the motion and it was passed by unanimous vote.

**The meeting was adjourned** at 7:11 o'clock PM by Chairman Porper.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles L. Nazarian  
Secretary