

GLOUCESTER HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

February 24, 2015
Conference Room, City Hall

Members Present: D. Porper, N. Goodick, S. Goodick, R. Chandler, C. Nazarian

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by **Chairman Porper**.

The First Item on the agenda was a petition for a Certificate of Appropriateness to replace the main entrance entry door and sidelight with a single door at **19 Dale Avenue** (map 14 lot 26-2). Petitioners **Sharon & Jay Kamm** were not present but were represented by **Atty. B. Coakley** and **Contractor P. Karen**.

B. Coakley explained that the original, narrow-width double doors had been replaced in a previous renovation with a single, off-center 36" door with one sidelight, resulting in an unfortunate visual imbalance. He noted that once a Code-compliant 36" door has been installed we are not allowed to return to a narrower set. He proposed installing a new door, with double arched lights to match the window shapes, with centered in the opening with equal wood trim on either side.

C. Nazarian noted that the off-center entrance had been particularly vexing to the HDC before he joined.

D. Porper explained that other parts of the previous renovation had been approved by the HDC but the off-center entry was installed without permission.

P. Karen asked for guidance on how to handle the equal side trim within the existing opening, noting that the new door and the area inside the existing entry trim will be painted black.

R. Chandler suggested a simple panel on either side of the door since the area is too narrow for side lights.

C. Nazarian made a quick sketch showing solid panels on either side of the door with a narrow, vertical applique panels as dressing plus a few notes on integration of the painted areas with the transom.

S. Goodick & N. Goodick reviewed the sketch with **D. Porper**, making a few detail suggestions.

B. Coakley & P. Karen agreed that this would be a welcome approach to the Petitioners.

R. Chandler moved that the Commission issue a Certificate of Appropriateness in accordance with the proposed door style and trim description as defined by the sketch and accepted by the Petitioner.

N. Goodick seconded the motion.

The motion was approved by unanimous vote of the members with no further discussion.

The Second Item on the agenda was a continuance regarding a petition for a Certificate of Appropriateness regarding the renovation of **48 Pleasant Street** (map 14 lot 20) into three condominium units by Foghorn Properties, Inc. Petitioner **Cynthia Bjorlie** was not present but was represented by **Architect J. Poore**.

D. Porper noted the continuance.

C. Nazarian read aloud the approved motion from the previous HDC meeting on 11-25-14 to grant the Certificate of Appropriateness "...in the manner as-described, except the proposed garage addition, requesting that the trim line be lowered, that the landscaping be raised, and that granite be used to better integrate the proposed garage with the house's granite foundation."

J. Poore presented color renderings with the revised design, explaining that the garage trim had been lowered to align with the house water-board, revised landscaping, and use of salvaged granite blocks for the garage retaining wall. He also noted that at the HDC's suggestion extra brackets had been removed from the upper rear house addition and that the arch on the upper porch had been refined without a keystone.

D. Porper noted that the integration of the garage addition was much improved.

C. Nazarian asked if the garage windows needed to be so close to the corners and if they could have 4 divided lights instead of being a single light.

J. Poore explained the garage window positions as needed for safety when viewing the nearby street and his associate suggested a 2-light cut pattern to match the upper windows rather than a 4-light pattern.

R. Chandler agreed that the 2-light pattern was a better match.

N. Goodick commented that the overall design was much improved.

S. Goodick concurred that the garage addition was now much better integrated into the whole house.

R. Chandler moved that the Commission issue a Certificate of Appropriateness with the garage and overall house design now conforming to the HDC's previous requests and with the improvement of divided lights for the garage level windows.

S. Goodick seconded the motion.

The motion was approved by unanimous vote of the members with no further discussion.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m. by **Chairman Porper**.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles L. Nazarian
Secretary