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Minutes of the Avon Hill Neighborhood Conservation District

March 22, 2010 - 5:30 P.M. - 831 Massachusetts Ave., Basement Conference Room

Members Present: Theresa Hamacher, *Chair*; Art Bardige, *Vice Chair*;
Robert Crocker, Catherine Henn, *Members*; Heli Meltsner, Constantin von Wentzel, *Alternates*

Staff: Charles Sullivan

Members of the Public: none

With a quorum present, Ms. Hamacher called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. In the absence of the public, she waived introductions and a review of the procedures of the Commission. She designated the alternate members to vote. Mr. von Wentzel recused himself and left the table.

Public Hearings: Alterations to Designated Properties

AH-341: 101 Washington Ave., by Constantin von Wentzel. Construct a fence; install intake/flue vent; remove oil fill pipes; install fire department connection for sprinkler system and gong; and install snow guards on roof.

Mr. Sullivan showed photos of the property and described its context. There was only one other house with a fence in the vicinity.

Mr. von Wentzel described his application in detail. The fence was needed to keep dogs out of his property and his 3-year-old in. It would run from the back corner of the neighbor's property on the north side to the street, along the back of the sidewalk, and around two sides of the driveway. It would be 36" high, except that it might have to rise to 48" at the front gate.

After some discussion, Mr. von Wentzel agreed that the fence could remain at 36" throughout.

Mr. Bardige observed that a single gate might be more practical at the front walk, and a double gate at the end of the driveway.

Mr. Crocker asked about the tree at the sidewalk. Mr. von Wentzel said he would adjust the fence footing to avoid cutting the roots, as had happened across the street where a street tree recently fell.

Mr. von Wentzel told Ms. Meltsner that the fence would be painted black. He asked if the pattern was acceptable, and the commissioners indicated that it was.

Ms. Hamacher asked about the snow guards. Mr. von Wentzel said they would protect his shrubs and condensers. Mr. Crocker observed that they were a standard pattern.

Mr. von Wentzel noted that the oil fill pipes by the porch that would be removed and the new flue required by changing from oil to gas would be about 75' from the street. The alarm bell and hose connection would allow firefighters to serve the sprinkler system.

Catherine Henn moved to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness for all five proposed changes, except that the fence would be 36" high throughout, and the applicant would be granted discretion to configure the gates as necessary, because the alterations were not inap-

appropriate and the fence preserved the visibility of the house and yard. Mr. Bardige seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

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Mr. von Wentzel rejoined the commission.

Mr. Bardige moved to approve the minutes of February 22nd. Ms. Meltsner seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Other business

Ms. Henn asked Mr. Sullivan to investigate a complaint about a tin roof being installed at 83 Washington Avenue, and Mr. Crocker inquired about a new chimney cap at 33 Washington Avenue.

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Sullivan
Executive Director