

Minutes of the Half Crown-Marsh Neighborhood Conservation District Commission

Monday, February 9, 2009 at 6:00PM, Friends Meeting House, 5 Longfellow Park, Cambridge.

Members present: Jim Van Sickle, Chair; Dennis Wolkoff, Vice-Chair; Charles Mann, Judith Dortz, Grenelle Scott

Staff present: Paul Trudeau

Members of the Public: See attached list

With a quorum present, Mr. Van Sickle called the meeting to order at 6:13PM. He introduced the Commission, reviewed the meeting procedures, and outlined the agenda for the meeting.

Public Hearing: Alterations to Designated Properties

HCM-32: 9 Sibley Ct., by Adam Seitchik & Pamela Wickham. For review of landscape plan as condition of previously-approved certificate.

Mr. Van Sickle explained that there was a problem with a quorum for the case. He said the review of the landscape plan was a condition of a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) from November 17, 2008. Of the four Commission members who heard the original case in November (Van Sickle, Dortz, Wolkoff, and Banker), three were currently present for the review of the landscape plan, but Ms. Dortz could only stay for about 20 minutes. He indicated that there would likely not be enough time to finish the review of the landscape plan at the meeting before Ms. Dortz had to leave, at which point there would not be the required quorum of three members to vote. He asked Mr. Seitchik if he would consider continuing the case until next month.

Mr. Seitchik said he was concerned with the availability of the neighbors to attend next month's meeting, but acknowledged there would not be sufficient time to review the landscape plan at the current meeting. He asked if there would be enough members to attend the next meeting.

Mr. Wolkoff indicated he would not be able to attend next month's meeting. Mr. Trudeau said he would have to contact Mr. Banker to see if he could attend.

Mr. Seitchik asked if there were other options. Mr. Trudeau noted that the COA had the option for a review of the landscape plan by an appointed Architects Committee, which would only need 48 hours notice to schedule a meeting.

Nancy Nordmann, 23 Sibley Court, said she and other neighbors had relied on the regular monthly cycle of public hearings to comment on the case, and attending a meeting at a different time or place could be difficult.

Mr. Van Sickle said the Historical Commission staff would give as much notice as possible for an Architects Committee meeting. He suggested that this be the most appropriate course of action. Ms. Nordmann reiterated that her schedule required advance notice for a meeting, especially daytime meetings. She said she did not want the review of landscape plan to be rushed.

Mr. Wolkoff said the Architects Committee meetings were typically held during the daytime. He recommended that the meeting be continued to March 9 for a full hearing.

Michael McCormick, 10 Sibley Court, said he had worked hard to attend the current meeting and hoped the review of the landscape plan would move along as quickly as possible.

Mr. Van Sickle suggested that the case be continued to the March 9, 2009 public hearing of the Half Crown-Marsh NCD Commission. Mr. Wolkoff said the Commission would accept correspondence from any members of the public that could not attend the March 9 meeting.

Mr. Seitchik agreed to continue the case until the March 9, 2009 public hearing.

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Mr. Van Sickle said the review and approval of the 1/12/09 meeting minutes would also be continued to the March 9 public hearing.

There being no further business, Mr. Wolkoff MOVED to adjourn the meeting. The motion PASSED 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 6:45PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Trudeau
Preservation Administrator

Members of the Public who signed in for the 2/9/09 Half Crown-Marsh NCD Meeting

Leila Nordmann	23 Sibley Ct.
Adam Seitchik	9 Sibley Ct.
Daniere Nirmal	42 Dana St.
Nancy Nordmann	23 Sibley Ct.
Jean Brooleg	875 Main St.
Rachel Cox	875 Main St.
John Greenup	65 Sparks St.
Mike & Magda McCormick	10 Sibley Ct.
Laurie Dietz	3 Sparks Pl.
Laurie Doyle	145 Pinckney St., Boston