



South End Historic District Study Committee

Susan Halpern, Chairwoman
Renee Kahn
Barry Michelson
Francis Gerety
Monika Twal

Marlene Rhome, Alternate
Ralph Blessing, Ex officio

Minutes: South End Historic District Study Committee, May 20, 2023

The Meeting was Noticed for 11:30 am.

Chairwoman Halpern called the meeting to order 12:05 am.

Roll Call taken by Barry Michelson

Regular members present: Susan Halpern and Barry Michelson. New members Francis Gerety, and Marlene Rhome, alternate sat in for Renee Kahn
Barry Michelson announced a quorum present.

In attendance: Elizabeth McCauley

Acceptance of Minutes

Motion made by Sue Halpern to accept the minutes. Seconded by Sue Halpern.

Vote to Approve Unanimous

Communications

Sue gave report to the Committee

Discussed correspondence and attempts of various individuals to undermine and prevent a public presentation and dialogue of the Historic District proposal.

Reviewed tentative schedule to proceed with outreach and public hearing.

The Chairwoman stated the South End Historic District website is up and the City has paid invoices outstanding back to January.

Reviewed status of 16 Remington Avenue application. The property owner tore down a historic home improperly without a demolition permit, and proceeded to submit an application for a new structure

that includes a historic preservation bonus. The proposal with the historic preservation bonus dominates the site and is out of character with newly renovated historic adjoining residential structure. The application is pending before the Zoning Board.

Quarterly Report distributed for Committee review.

12:35, Monika entered the meeting.

New Business

Discussed zoning policies that permitted text changes and zoning bonuses that attributed to higher real estate prices in the district. The higher prices developers are willing to pay for real estate are an impediment to purchases by potential homeowners who are outbid.

There being no further business a Motion to Adjourn was made at 1:04 pm by Marlene, Seconded by Sue

Vote to Approve Unanimous