



South End Historic District Study Committee

Susan Halpern, Chairwoman
Barry Michelson
Francis Gerety
Monika Twal
Dillion Zaro

Marlene Rhome, Alternate
Ralph Blessing, Ex officio

Minutes: South End Historic District Study Committee, December 18, 2023

Zoom meeting was Noticed for 6:00 pm.

Chairwoman Halpern called the meeting to order 6:00 pm.

Roll Call taken by Barry Michelson

Regular members present: Susan Halpern, Barry Michelson, Francis Gerety, Monika Twal; Alternate Marlene Rhome sitting for Dillion Zaro.

Barry Michelson announced a quorum present.

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Acceptance of Minutes

Motion made by Monika Twal, to accept the minutes, November 25. Seconded by Francis Gerety.

Vote to Approve Unanimous

Communications/Neighborhood Outreach

Discussed sentiment of public outreach public hearing held on November 29th and how map of historic district should be redrawn.

Reviewed the sentiment of the land use boards pertaining to growth and development in the South – End, and zoning regulations that provide incentives for historic preservation by increasing density that undermines the historic character of the neighborhoods.

Discussion relating to development pressure and the lack of a comprehensive development plan in the development district, and the accommodation of the zoning and planning boards to development interests solely for high density residential development.

Discussed submission of a final report.

Determined the Committee's relationship with Noble House Media should be terminated.

Reviewed meeting schedule for the 2024 calendar year. Motion made by Barry Michelson to hold regularly scheduled meetings on the third Wednesday of the month, Seconded by Fran Gerety.

Vote to Approve Unanimous

Discussed the purchase of the lighthouse in Stamford Harbor and the potential impact of an historic renovation.

Adjournment

There being no new business at 7:00 pm a motion to Adjourn was made Sue Halpen, Seconded by Monika Twal.