

Historic Neighborhood Preservation PO Box 368 | 65 High Ridge Road | Stamford, Connecticut 06905

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Theresa Dell, Chair Stamford Planning Board Stamford Government Center 888 Washington Blvd., 7th Floor Stamford, CT 06901

Dear Ms. Dell:

I am writing on behalf of Historic Neighborhood Preservation to recommend approval of the plans for 1911 Summer Street submitted by Elena Kalman on behalf of her client, KCI Summer, LLC. The applicant is proposing to preserve an historic house and construct four (4) new townhouses attached to the rear, along with landscaping and onsite parking.

My comments pertain to the second set of plans submitted by Ms. Kalman dated November 14, 2023.

The design of the four townhouses is sympathetic to the existing historic house, a three-storey American Foursquare built in 1914 that has a hipped roof with dormers, multiple single-paned windows and a two-window bay window with a transom facing the street.

The following features reflect this sympathetic relationship to the original structure:

- The building height and hipped roof and scale of the building;
- The footprint of the fourth floor living space and limited window space contained in dormers;
- The bay windows with small multi-paned windows echo those on the original structure;
- The monochromatic color scheme and thin horizontal lines across the length of the building scales down the building to make it look less imposing next to the original house.
- The roof terrace in the first iteration of the plan was removed and the car
 maneuvering problems inherent in the plan were solved by enlarging the
 driveway between the garages from 20 feet to 28 feet.

This is a sensitive design that responds to the comments of the Historic Preservation Advisory Commission, preserves the historic streetscape and is worthy of your support.

Sincerely, Judy Norinsky President, Historic Neighborhood Preservation