

October 10, 2006  
HDC meeting  
Center School Front porch

Present:

John Robbins, Pat Duquette, Mark Sirulnik, Jewel Reed, Eleanor Santos, Crystal Diamond

Although the Center School community room had been reserved by John Robbins, the school was locked and no custodian present, due to there having been no classes today. Therefore, the meeting was held on the front steps of the school.

John called the meeting to order at 7:45.

Application 2006.10.01  
Irving Hopkins 859 Longmeadow St.  
Mr. And Mrs. Hopkins were not present.

The earlier application of Mr. Hopkins has been withdrawn. The new application is for 22 windows to be replaced with a white vinyl clad Springline window with a single screen and 12 over twelve simulated lights with muntins between the glass.

John had hand delivered a letter to Mr. Hopkins outlining the areas of concern of the board from the last meeting.

Mr. Hopkins got estimates from various sources and had decided on white vinyl windows.

The single pane windows would have 12 over 12 lights with muntins between the panes of glass. The current windows have 6 over 6.

The new choice does not address any of the Board's concerns of color, material or permanently attached muntins on the outside.

Repair of the current windows has not been addressed to this board as an option by Mr. Hopkins.

John will share some materials that he received from a company that rebuilds disintegrating windows. John had also spoken to a construction company inquiring about the availability and price of wooden replacement windows.

Eleanor moved that Mr. Hopkins' application 2006.10.01 to install 22 Springline windows of white vinyl, with a single screen and 12 over 12 muntins between the glass be accepted.

The motion was denied,6-0

Pat Duquette- No-Mr. Hopkins needs to do more research on an alternative to the vinyl.

The material and the muntins between the glass are inappropriate.

Mark Sirulnik- No-the muntins need to be either true divided lights or permanently attached

to the outside of the glass. Both the vinyl and the color are unacceptable.

Crystal Diamond- No. Mr. Hopkins needs to do more research on other alternatives

Jewel Reed- No- The color contrast is much too great and emphasizes the artificiality of both material and style.

Eleanor Santos –No- The windows need to either have true divided lights or the appearance

of that with permanently attached muntins on the outside. The state agrees that vinyl material is inappropriate for a historic district, and the color needs to match the house

John Robbins No- It does not meet the state guidelines, it does not meet our guidelines either in materials or style of muntins. Although we had done

research

in alternative suggestions, the application has not significantly changed

from the previous application nor addressed our concerns.

#### Old Business:

The minutes of the September meeting were approved.

#### New Business

John will send a packet of Rules and Regulations to new residents in the District, including Design Guidelines and a cover letter clarifying the implications of living in a historic district.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30.