



Durham Historic District Commission Amended Meeting Minutes July 20, 2022

Present: Candy DeCsipkis, Lois Kilby-Chesley, Paula Purdy, Anita Sellars and Mary Fallon. Visitor Emily Alexander attended meeting with desire to learn more and get involved. Emily introduced herself, shared her professional experience and personal info. Members of the Committee shared the history of the HDC Committee and recent initiatives undertaken. She expressed an interest in joining the committee.

The bulk of the meeting was turned over to a continuation of the review of Ordinances started in previous meetings after an update by Lois on her discussion with ME Preservation Commission regarding the process of roofing the Union Church. She also shared her recent meeting with George, outlining the HDC committee's decision to retain its current status and review the Ordinances to better serve the community going forward.

The Committee continues to work line-by-line through the Ordinances, beginning at section 12.3 and progressing through the balance of Article 12. Detailed notes on Committee consensus, questions and proposed additions or amendments were noted by Lois.

Points for further investigation:

- Clarifying Section 12.4-A through D. Discussion to consider editing process to streamline was tabled until clarification is presented on questions raised by Committee during review.
- Definition of Contributing Resource was discussed at length several times.
- Questions surrounding the standard of the Secretary's Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation document dated 1990 required clarification.
- Paula raised the issue of creating a waiting period whenever an older structure or site is recommended for demolition. Discussion about this will resume at a later meeting.
- Questions to section 4 about Work Plan approved in Comp Plan were raised and tabled until clarification can be made.

Motion to conclude meeting at 8:00 was made by Candy and seconded by Anita.

Next meeting: Thursday, August 18, 2022 at the Eureka Center at 6:30 pm