

CITY OF PORT WASHINGTON
DESIGN REVIEW BOARD MINUTES

February 14, 2008
Lower Level Conference Room, City Hall

Present: Rob Vanden Noven, Julie Voeller, Mike Muller, Mark Mitchell, and Dennis Wiese. Also Present: Randy Tetzlaff, Director of Planning & Development.

1. ROLL CALL. Vanden Noven called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. and noted a quorum.
2. PUBLIC APPEARANCES: None.
3. APPROVE MINUTES: **Motion by Mitchell, seconded by Voeller to approve the minutes as distributed. All voting, the motion carried.**
4. FAÇADE REMOVAL AND FUTURE DEMOLITION OF 118-122 N. FRANKLIN STREET, PORT HARBOR INVESTMENTS LLC, APPLICANT. Randy explained that City officials were under the assumption that no special review of building demolition was required. This being a building in the historic district, it was decided to request the applicant to appear and have a discussion about the proposed demolition and future project. Just recently, it was learned that the ordinance was revised in 1995 and now such review is required. Dennis Riley representing Port Harbor Investments explained that his company wanted to reuse the white tile and columns on the bank building in a new structure on that site. They also wanted to expose the façade on the adjacent building. They had contracted with Holton Brothers to do the work. Unfortunately, they found that the tile could not be removed but still will reuse the crème city brick. Elements of the adjacent building remain and they would still like to reuse or incorporate in the new building. The corner and former entrance is the key architectural element of that building. In addition, he noted that corner entries were a common element in many of the downtown buildings and he wanted their architect to incorporate such in their projects. There was agreement amongst the members that the buildings were not in good condition and probably should be demolished. However, they felt that approval should not occur until plans for a new structure are presented. They concurred that many of the old architectural features should be included in a new structure. Riley pointed out that his company could not present any concept plans until a decision has been made by the owner of Harry's as to whether to continue in business at that location; such decision will be made by February 29th. **It was agreed that no action will be taken until conceptual plans are presented.**
5. FORTH COMING EVENTS. None.
6. ADJOURNMENT. **A motion was made by Mitchell, seconded by Muller to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm.**