

Wilmington Design Review and Preservation Commission
Wednesday, January 15, 2020
7th Floor Planning Library

Commissioners Present: Peter vonGlahn, Stuart Baron, Sandra Dolan, Edie Menser, Leo Lynch

Staff Present: Rose Tassone DiNardo, Law; Pat Maley, John Kurth, Planning & Herb Inden

Call to order 6:30 pm

Reading of Rules of Procedure was suspended since the applicant was a frequent applicant, and there were no members of the public in the room.

Minutes of the December meeting – move to accept was made by Sandra Dolan, seconded by Leo Lynch and approved unanimously.

New Business

1. Permit Referral DR-1638: 902 North Market Street. Request to replace two outermost entry doors and transoms with new central entry doors with sidelights at “Residences at Rodney Square.” Market Street City Historic District. Resolution 01-20.

Sarah Lamb & Mike Mesocotti (head of facilities) made the presentation of the project. Ms. Lamb explained the door replacement project as necessary due to the age and deterioration of the existing doors.

Planning’s annotated Power Point slides were shown and narrated by John Kurth.

Peter von Glahn described the proposed look, adding, “It would be nice if you could have echoed the glass work above a little better, but we will not fuss.” He further noted, “You will have close to 10’ tall doors to open - Can someone like Edie Menser (a small woman) open those?”

Sarah Lamb stated that she believed the hardware would be “beefed up” to accommodate the increased height and weight of the doors. She noted that code requirements for the manufacturer to meet exist for just those reasons.

Sandra Dolan noted that when she read that the columns between the central and the flanking doors will not be disturbed, she was happy.

Peter von Glahn asked if the new doors would have handicapped electronic openers?

Sarah Lamb and her associate stated that the new doors were not scheduled for this and added “We are not required (to add such embellishments) for retrofits. We can always add it in later.”

Edie Menser asked, "Why later?"

Sarah Lamb stated, "We don't do (things) unless we are required to." She continued that she knew there were wheelchair bound residents now in the building. Her associate added that there is a 24-hour guard that sits inside to help such residents.

In response to a question about replacing interior pair of doors with similar design it was noted that there is only one pair.

Sarah Lamb added that a lot of wear is at the bottom of the existing doors, salt, etc.

Responding to the call for a motion, Leo Lynch read the prepared resolution. It was seconded by Edie Menser and approved unanimously.

A motion to adjourn was made by Leo Lynch, seconded by Edie Menser and approved unanimously.