

**CITY OF NORWALK
HISTORICAL COMMISSION
JUNE 24, 2024
SPECIAL MEETING VIA ZOOM**

ATTENDANCE: Dana Laird, Chair; Elizabeth Golden, Barry Bellardinelli, Lisa Wilson Grant (7:45pm), Mark Jackson, Eric Chandler

ABSENT: James Frayer

STAFF: Michelle Andrzejewski

OTHERS:
Diane Jellerette (Norwalk Historical Society), Doug Hempstead
(Lockwood Mathews Mansion)

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Laird called the meeting to order at 7:37pm. A quorum was present.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1) Diane Lauricella

Ms. Lauricella discussed the city bump slip, to put the committees vote in writing to the Planning & Zoning Department. She thinks the committee should oppose the O&G proposal as it is a biking area and will make a negative impact on safety and the overall experience of the area.

2) Diane Cece

Ms. Cece commented the committee on a great newsletter. She also urged the committee to reject the O&G proposal.

3) Mark Alan

Mr. Alan brought up the tractor trailer traffic and the issue of the revitalization of the downtown area. He also discussed pedestrian safety and the future of the neighborhood and would like the committee to vote against the O&G proposal.

4) Anthony Pavia

Mr. Pavia is urging the committee to vote against the O&G proposal.

5) Sarah Flade

Ms. Flade is concerned about the walk area, traffic especially tractor trailers and the pollution. She urges the committee to vote against the O&G proposal.

6) Tod Bryant

Mr. Bryant said the Mill Hill area will be the most impacted, that a major accident can occur. He is urging the committee to vote against the O&G proposal.

REPORTS: BOARD

A. Norwalk Historical Society; Diane Jellerette

Ms. Jellerette provided a report of the happenings at the Historical Society specifically Perry & Friends on Friday night, the 4th of July bell ringing ceremony. In September there will be a joint event with LMM.

Ms. Jellerette is also urging the committee to vote against the O&G proposal.

B. Lockwood Mathews Mansion; Doug Hempstead

Mr. Hempstead said construction is ongoing and they should open in early spring. The State of CT is giving a grant for the opening event festivities.

REPORTS

A. Buildings

None

B. Cemeteries

None

C. Finance

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

a) Discussion of potential impacts to city owned historical properties from the proposed uses at 7-55 Smith Street

It was mentioned no one from the Committee was able to attend the meeting. The committee is aware that Devine Brothers is grandfathered in.

Mr. Chandler brought up issues that the population is growing and that brings up safety and population issues in addition to the character of that neighborhood has changed. There will be too much truck traffic in that area.

Ms. Golden agrees with all of Mr. Chandler's points.

Mr. Jackson was discussing a school perspective and the traffic issues to come out of this project.

The committee saw one problem after another and that nothing good can come out of the O&G proposal.

Mr. Bellardinelli brought up that it is a 5 point intersection and many traffic issues in the area.

****MR. CHANDLER MADE A MOTION NOT TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE O&G PROPOSAL DUE TO MILL HILL AND OTHER REASONS, SAFETY AND POLLUTION**

**** MR. BELLARDINELLI SECONDED THE MOTION**

****MOTION PASSED UNANIMIOUSLY**

Ms. Laird will send a letter to Planning & Zoning in addition to Common Council with the committee's opinion.

ADJOURNMENT

****MR. CHANDLER MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN**

****MR. BELLARDINELLI SECONDED THE MOTION**

****MOTION PASSED UNANIMIOUSLY**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:21pm

Respectively submitted,

R. Bromark

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