

**CITY OF NORWALK
HISTORICAL COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 16, 2021
VIA TELECONFERENCE**

ATTENDANCE: Dana Laird, Chair; Barry Belardinelli; Holly Cuzzone;
Elizabeth Golden; Lisa Wilson Grant; Mark Jackson;
Thomas Livingston

OTHERS: Patsy Brescia, Lockwood Mathews Mansion Museum

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Laird called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO 637 WEST AVENUE

Ms. Cuzzone shared information about the condition of the building. She said it was originally slated for demolition and it would take a lot to restore the building or keep it as is.

Following a brief discussion, Ms. Cuzzone and Mr. Belardinelli said they will recuse themselves from voting due to a potential conflict of interest.

The Commissioners shared their opinion about the proposed changes to the building.

Ms. Golden said the proposed changes do not go with the other buildings. Ms. Wilson Grant said the changes to the front of the building are awkward. The building was added to the Historic Resource Inventory and what is proposed is detrimental. Mr. Livingston said that he would not be voting on this item but noted that the columns were a key element of the building and to remove them would make a mockery of the Historic Resource Inventory. Mr. Jackson said the new façade looks awful. The consensus was that the Commissioners were opposed to the proposed changes.

**** MR. JACKSON MOVED TO OPPOSE THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO
637 WEST AVENUE
** MS. WILSON GRANT SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED WITH FOUR (4) IN FAVOR (MS. GOLDEN; MS.
WILSON GRANT; MR. JACKSON; MS. LAIRD) AND THREE (3)
ABSTENTIONS (MR. BELARDINELLI; MS. CUZZONE; MR.
LIVINGSTON)**

ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemarie Lombardi
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