

**BROOKLYN COMMUNITY BOARD 6
LANDMARKS/LAND USE COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 25, 2016**

ATTENDANCE:

PRESENT:

J. ARMER	P. BLAKE	D. BRIGGS
P. FLEMING	R. FREEMAN	G. KELLY
D. KUMMER	Y. LEE	S. LONIAL
M. RACIOPPO	D. SCOTTO	M. SHAMES
R. SLOANE		

EXCUSED:

R. LEVINE	T. MISKEL	M. MURPHY
A. REEVES		

ABSENT:

A. FREEMAN	V. HAGMAN	J. THOMPSON
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GUESTS:

OWEN FOOTE – REP. FROM DEPT. OF DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION		
D. MILLNER	N. ROSARIO	J. LEKWA
E. EWEKA		

**** MINUTES ****

Meeting called to order at 6:15 PM

Agenda Item 1: Presentation and review of a Certificate of Appropriateness application submitted to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for the installation of rooftop HVAC equipment at the Carroll Gardens Library, 396 Clinton Street (corner Union Street), Individual Landmark.

Representatives of the Brooklyn Public Library presented the need to replace the existing AC/ventilation units on the roof with new units. The new units would be placed in the exact same location(s) as the old units and use the same roof penetrations. The new units would be produce less noise; however, they will be larger than the old units. Because they would be placed in the exact location of the old units and because they are larger than the old units are, the new units would be more visible from both Union & Clinton Streets. Too make these new AC units less obtrusive, the library is also planning to install “screening walls”. These screens would effectively hide the new AC units. However, the top 1½-2 feet of these screens would be visible from both streets. After some discussion that dealt with the lack of clear/missing drawings and question about the placement on the roof, the following motion was made by D. Briggs and seconded by D. Scotto.

MOTION: Recommend approval to LPC of the proposal/design as presented with the following condition, that the location of the new AC units #1 & #2 be moved approximately 6-10 feet to the rear of the building, thus making the units and screens less visible and that the original roof penetration continue to be used.

VOTE Yes; 9, No; 2, Ab; 1. Motion approved

Agenda Item 2: Presentation and review of a Certificate of Appropriateness application submitted to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for a two-story rear yard extension with deck at 620 6th Street (between 8th Avenue/Prospect Park West), Park Slope Historic District.

Presentation made by the architect representing the building owner. The architect stated that he was not sure why LPC wanted him to come before the CB, since based on his understanding of the regulations there was no need. Members of the committee felt that the drawing presented did not represent the situation accurately. After some discussion on this motion of to recommend disapproval was made by D. Briggs and seconded by R. Sloane. After some discussion, this motion was withdrawn. After more discussion on the merits of the extension, the following motion was made by D. Briggs and seconded by R. Sloane.

MOTION: Recommend to LPC disapproval of the proposed extension to the rear of 620 6th Street for the following reasons. It does not match the historic context of the district or the block, the proposed fenestration (small & misplaced windows) is inappropriate and no material or color samples as to the type of materials to be used on the outside were presented.

VOTE: Yes; 12, No; 0, Ab; 0 Motion approved.

Agenda Item 3: Presentation and review of a Certificate of Appropriateness application submitted to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for the legalization of window replacements at 624 11th Street (between 8th Avenue/Prospect Park West), Park Slope Historic District.

The committee members were shown pictures of the current windows and a tax photo of the building from the 1940s. The windows were replaced about 20-25 years ago and the Park Slope Historic District was created at about the same time. The current windows are aluminum clad using the existing frames. The cladding was placed on top of the wooden window structure. A motion was made by D. Kummer and seconded by Glenn Kelly.

MOTION: Recommend to LPC legalization of the windows at 624 11th St. However, our approval should not be seen as a precedent for future legalizations nor do we want the building owner to be forced to replace the current windows. We further recommend that when the current windows need to be replaced that the replacement windows meet all LPC requirements.

VOTE: Yes; 12, No; 0, Ab; 1. Motion approved

Agenda Item 4: Presentation and review of a Certificate of Appropriateness application submitted to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for modifications the bulkhead design for a previously approved project at 469 Henry Street (between Kane/Degraw Street), Cobble Hill Historic District.

This building was originally reviewed and approved with a condition by the Landmarks Committee and the full board two-three months ago. It is back for committee review because DOB is ordering a change, increase in size to bulkhead structure on the roof. After considerable discussion as to the merits of the DOB forcing this change and how different examiners review building plan and building regs M. Shames made a motion which was seconded by D. Scotto.

MOTION: Recommend to LPC approval as presented.

VOTE: Yes; 2, No; 11, Ab: 0 Motion failed to pass

A new motion was made by Glenn Kelly and seconded by P. Blake.

MOTION: Recommend to LPC to disapprove the redesigned bulkhead because it is totally out of scale

VOTE: Yes; 11, No; 2, Ab; 0 Motion approved

Motion to approve the committee minutes from the January committee meeting made by Glenn Kelly, seconded by R. Sloane

Vote: All in favor. Motion approved

Motion to request LPC to keep the record open by G. Kelly, seconded by P. Blake

Vote: All in favor. Motion approved

Meeting adjourned 7:55 PM

Minutes prepared by Jerry Armer