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**Landmark Preservation Board  
Thursday, June 16, 2011**

Meeting Summary

8:30 am Common Council Chambers

Members Present: Louise Birkhead, Bob Haley, Don Radke, and Jeff Romano (*No Quorum*)  
Staff: Kate Auwaerter

CA-11-12 1234 James Street (Bishop's House Estate). Stephen Buechner presented a proposal to rebuild the decks on the courtyard side of the condominium. The two-story decks would be expanded out by 5' (for a total depth of 10'), but all other deck details would remain the same. He confirmed that there would be no encroachment on any underground utilities. The existing material is painted pressure treated wood, which is also the planned replacement material. The board members noted that the recommendation would be to use non-treated wood but that it could not require the applicant to replace the deck with non-treated wood given the existing condition.

CA-11-13 712 Rugby Road. Jeff Rogers (Mueller Farms Landscaping Co) presented the application for extensive landscaping at 712 Rugby Road, including the replacement of a mortared stone retaining wall at the front of the house and steps, replacement of the front walkway, introduction of a new curvilinear path to the rear of the house where a new patio including stone fireplace and hot tub would be installed. The proposed replacement materials and details are as follows: the retaining wall would be replaced with dry-lay composite concrete block. The front steps would also be replaced with concrete block with limestone treads. The front walk would be natural flagstone. The pathway back to the rear of the house and the patio would be made of concrete pavers and the fireplace would be made of a composite concrete material made to look like stone.

In regard to the design, the board members recommended that the connecting pathway be a single arc rather than the curvilinear design. J. Romano also recommended that they redesign the trenching system at the side of the house to avoid the roots of a large honey locust. Otherwise, the members felt that the design was acceptable. In regard to materials, the members noted that the proposed composite materials for the retaining wall, patio and patio features would not be approved and recommended that the applicants use natural materials – clay, poured concrete faced in stone, or stone. For example, they suggested a poured concrete retaining wall with stone facing. D. Radke said that given the fact that the stone fireplace was a removable object, the board may have more latitude to allow the owners to use the proposed concrete masonry product for the fireplace. The board members asked the applicant to resubmit the materials list and also asked for an image of the front elevation of the house.

CA-11-14 102 Burlingame Road. Jim and Linda White, new owners of 102 Burlingame Road, presented an application to repaint the house and replace the garage doors. J. White noted that although he had found a supplier for wood sectional overhead door, this type of door was becoming increasingly difficult to find. The board members noted that they would recommend approval of the application as submitted. In further conversation, the owners said they hoped to restore the house to its original appearance and the board members provided advice about where to look for original images and plans of the house. It was also noted that within the last 10 years the stucco on the house had been replaced with EIFS, which had not come before the board.

CA-11-15 221 Brattle Road. The applicant presented the application for a 14' x 28' rectangular in-ground pool. She noted that they had not yet determined the materials for the pool apron or path to the pool from

the existing patio. The board members recommended a natural materials. She said she would submit the apron and walkway materials for the next meeting.

Pass Arboretum: Green Infrastructure Project. Mat Marco (CH2MHill) and Sara Endriss (Viridian Landscape Studio) presented a proposal to install two rain gardens on the Avery Avenue side of Pass Arboretum. M. Marco noted that he and K. Auwaerter as well as other city staff had met with members of the Tipp Hill Neighborhood Association to discuss the project. S. Endriss noted that the gardens would be on the periphery of the park and would include native grasses and shrubs in the basin with larger deciduous trees (such as tamarack) around the edges. The board members discussed whether or not there were constraints on adding new features to the arboretum and how new introductions of features and species should be documented. K. Auwaerter said she would provide a copy of the Local Protected Site nomination to CH2MHill. The board members also discussed the underdrain system between the two gardens. It was noted that the outflow pipe would be surrounded by stone blocking built into the sloped hillside. The pipe would be covered by the stone and not visible.

Project at 1235 James Street. K. Auwaerter noted that she had been contacted by the owners of 1235 James Street about replacing the decking on a side porch. It was noted that the porch originally was covered, but was now exposed to the elements. The owners want to replace the decking with a composite material, which the board members noted would be in appropriate. They recommended painted or stained fir or cedar. K. Auwaerter noted that she would contact the owners.