

ACTION SHEET

**HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE
1 JUNKINS AVENUE
Eileen Dondero Foley Council Chambers**

7:00 p.m.

**March 14, 2007
reconvened from March 7, 2007**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Sandra Dika, Vice-Chairman John Golumb; Members, David Adams, Richard Katz, Ellen Fineberg; Planning Board Representative Jerry Hetjmanek; and Alternate John Wyckoff

MEMBERS EXCUSED: City Council Representative Ned Raynolds

ALSO PRESENT: Roger Clum, Assistant Building Inspector

A site walk was held at 6:30 p.m. at 55 Congress Street.

I. OLD BUSINESS

Approval of minutes – February 21, 2007

It was moved, seconded, and passed unanimously to approve the minutes as presented.

II. WORK SESSIONS

D) Work Session requested by **Jeannette E. Hopkins Trust, owner**, for property located at **39 Pray Street** wherein permission was requested to allow new construction to an existing structure (one story rear addition to existing ell and kitchen bay, window changes to ell and bay). Said property is shown on Assessor Plan 102 as Lot 38 and lies within the General Residence B and Historic A Districts.

The Commission recommended a public hearing.

E) Work Session requested by **Parade Office, LLC**, for property located **195 Hanover Street**, wherein permission was requested to allow demolition of an existing structure (demolish building) and allow a new free standing structure (mixed use building of retail, hotel, office, and residential units). Said property is shown on Assessor Plan 125 as Lot 1 and lies within the Central Business B, Historic A, and Downtown Overlay Districts.

The Commission recommended another work session.

F) Work Session requested by **Eric D. Peterson, owner**, for property located at **43 Sheafe Street**, wherein permission was requested to allow demolition of an existing structure (demolish existing ell) and allow new construction to an existing structure (construct new ell). Said property is shown on Assessor Plan 107 as Lot 20 and lies within the Central Business B and Historic A Districts.

The Commission recommended a public hearing.

G) Work Session requested by **82-86 Congress, LLC, owner**, for property located at **82-86 Congress Street**, wherein permission was requested to allow new construction to an existing structure (add one story structure to existing building, add rooftop HVAC equipment, renovate storefronts and existing windows). Said property is shown on Assessor Plan 117 as Lot 45 and lies within the Central Business B, Historic A, and Downtown Overlay Districts.

The Commission recommended a public hearing.

H) Work Session requested by **Fifty-Five Congress Street Condominium Association, owner**, and **Jim and Mary Weisheit, applicants**, for property located at **55 Congress Street**, wherein permission was requested to allow exterior renovations to an existing structure (attach valance to exterior windows) as per plans on file in the Planning Department. Said property is shown on Assessor Plan 117 as Lot 9 and lies within the Central Business B, Historic A, and Downtown Overlay Districts. *(This item was tabled to a work session at the March 7, 2007 meeting.)*

The Commission reopened the public hearing and approved the application as amended to include the sign only with new dimensions (30" X 48"), the use of bracket style A, and that the bottom of the sign align with the header on the building.

III. OTHER BUSINESS

Comments concerning Draft HDC Rules and Regulations document

The Commission asked that this item be rescheduled to a future meeting and be placed at the beginning of the agenda.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

At 9: 50 p.m., it was moved, seconded, and passed to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Good
HDC Secretary