

**Preservation Society
Design Review Committee
MINUTES
October 22, 2009**

This meeting was held at Obsidian Realty, 1816 Aliceanna Street.

Committee Members in attendance: Jerome Bird, Ann Hagerty-Boyce, Robert Quilter, John Thompson, Andrea Drake

Executive Session: Chair Jerome Bird announced that the Traditional Building Conference was seeking an addition juror for the Design Competition to be held during the coming Saturday between 1-4 pm. The Design Teams are using 1704 Aliceanna St. (the double Vann Brothers lot) as the focus of the design completion. DRC the Program for the completion at the last meeting. After the meeting, Ann Hagerty-Boyce volunteered to be the juror.

Mr. Bird also reported on his conversation with Councilman Kraft about the 2000 block of Aliceanna St. (Washington Square) seceding from CHAP. DRC members thought this was a terrible idea and instructed Mr. Bird to send a letter of opposition to Councilman Kraft, with copies to other Preservation groups.

Regular Session

1909 Aliceanna Street – Richard Cavazos, architect; Spyros Stravakas, owner

This is a revisit for this property, a 2 story brick Greek Revival townhouse with a pent roof that is next to a one-story Thai restaurant, which is also owned by Mr. Stavrakas. The architect appeared at the last meeting of DRC, and at a meeting several years ago.

The owner & architect propose to use the building as a restaurant, adding an entrance ramp to make it accessible to wheelchair users. The owner design plans also include a four story addition at the rear of the property.

It was observed by the Design Review committee that the revised design retains the roofline of the historic house– allowing the pent roof to maintain its original form, before the new addition intersects with the roofline creating a flat space about three quarters of the way down the back roofline.

The DRC members reiterated that the proposed four-story addition is too massive for the property and would overwhelm the historic. DRC members cited the following CHAP guidelines:

Design additions to be compatible with the existing historic structure in massing, height, form, and scale.

Suggestions were made to reduce the mass of the addition to make the project compatible with CHAP guidelines

Decision: Not approved

Marketplace.

Dan Winner

The purpose of this meeting was to review the facades planned for the east side of the 800 block of Broadway. The architect presented the design plans with an earlier color sketch of the entire block and current condition drawings of each property.

The Design Review Committee members were concerned with the fenestration of the historic properties and offered suggestions as to more appropriate window divides for several of the properties. The architect promised to incorporate the changes into the next round of drawings.

The meeting was adjourned at 8 PM.