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**City of Rensselaer Planning Commission
Regular Meeting**

Monday June 9, 2014 - 6:00 PM

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MEETING MINUTES

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Members Present:

Christine Van Vorst – Chair, George Farrell, James Ahlmeyer, Lynn Feltus

Members Absent:

Tom Cardamone, Bridget Swick, Robert Campano

Staff Present:

Tony Manfredi – Asst. Planning Director and Charles Moore – Director of Planning. Jack Spath-Counsel

Others Present

David Gardner, Bruce and Greg (Monolith Solar) Will O'Leary

Call to Order:

Chairman Van Vorst called the meeting of the City of Rensselaer Planning Commission to order at 6:00PM. Roll call was taken and quorum determined.

Adoption of Past Meeting Minutes

The meeting minutes for April were reviewed and accepted.

58 Riverside Ave-Monolith

Applicants from Monolith Solar presented their application requesting site plan review and special use permit approval for the installation of solar panels at the Sprague Energy site at the Port. The board asked questions pertaining to flood resistant design which the applicant answered adequately. It was determined that a public hearing was already held at the previous meeting.

Decision-A motion was made to approve the special use permit and site plan. The motion carried unanimously.

17 Riverside-Hart-

Will O'Leary presented on behalf of applicant's request for a Certificate of Appropriateness to replace (10) windows with Alside Excalibur replacement windows. Mr. O'Leary presented the case that an exception should be made to afford homeowners the option of installing historic looking windows that were made of vinyl, thus allowing homeowners in the historic district a more affordable option. The Planning Board discussed the current zoning law which prohibited the installation of said windows.

Decision- A motion was made to allow the installation of said windows. The motion was denied by one vote. A motion was made to deny the applicant pending a further inquiry into historic standards. The motion carried unanimously.

6 Belmore Place-

The applicant requested a Certificate of Appropriateness to approve his color selection for the property at 6 Belmore. The applicant presented that he had already painted part of the house and showed pictures of the house in its post-painted state. It was determined by the board that the color was unacceptable.

Decision A motion was made to allow the applicant to repaint the house historic colors subject to the approval of the Planning Department staff. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment:

A motion was made to adjourn by Christine Van Vorst, seconded by George Farrell, and all agreed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 PM.

Next Meeting:

The next regular meeting is scheduled for July 14, 2014 at 6:00 PM.

Record of Decisions:

An official record of decisions noting the details of motions and votes from this meeting along with any conditions & stipulations of approval has been filed with the City Clerk and a copy maintained in Planning Department records.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tony Manfredi, Secretary