

Land Use-Urban Redevelopment Committee – Board of Representatives

Harry Day, Chair

Committee Report

Date: Tuesday, December 22, 2015

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Democratic Caucus Room, 4th Floor, Government Center

The Land Use-Urban Redevelopment Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Day and Committee Member Reps. Heaphy, Hoch, McGarry, McNeil, Okun, Patterson and Ryan. Also present was Nancy Ormsby, Engineering Department.

Chair Day called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. He welcomed Representatives Heaphy, Hoch and Patterson as new members of the Committee.

Item No. Description Committee Action

Approved 7-0-1

1. <u>LU29.061</u> APPROVAL; Demolition of the Convent Building at

200 Strawberry Hill Avenue.

11/17/15 – Submitted by Mayor Martin

12/01/15 - Approved by Planning Board

12/10/15 - Approved by Board of Finance

Chair Day stated that the proposed demolition has been approved by the Planning Board and the Board of Finance, and that the only remaining steps required in order to proceed are consideration by this Committee and approval by the full Board.

Ms. Ormsby explained that:

- This building has been slated for demolition since October. The neighbors have been notified and there have been no objections. The building is of no historic significance
- The extension of the school building has no use for the building, which is of no structural significance and has small rooms and low ceilings
- The area will work as a staging area for construction vehicles and equipment
- The contract for the work has been awarded to Viking Construction, which is ready to start right away
- There is a grant to help pay for the demolition
- The building contains no altars or religious icons; there was a stained glass window which was removed
- The demolition will take one week; there is no abatement work required because the building has
 no asbestos (the Committee was subsequently informed by Ms. Ormsby that this information was
 incorrect and that some abatement will be required and is included in the scope of work)
- The trees to be taken down were posted

A motion to approve this demolition was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 7-0-1 (Reps. Day, Heaphy, Hoch, McNeil, Okun, Patterson and Ryan in favor; Rep. McGarry abstaining).

Respectfully submitted, Harry Day, Chair

There is no video of this meeting due to technical difficulties.