

From: [Toma, Michael](#)
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Subject: Request for Legal Opinion re: South End Historic District Study Committee
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Valerie,

Please pass on to the Board of Representatives that I have confirmed that C.G.S. §7-147b authorizes the BOR, as the legislative body of the City, to appoint a South End Historic District Study Committee or to authorize the Mayor to appoint such a committee. This statute says, in pertinent part: “The legislative body shall appoint or authorize the chief elected official of the municipality to appoint an historic district study committee for the purpose of making an investigation of a proposed historic district or districts.” My understanding is that one historic district study committee was previously formed for an area of town not near the South End. In such case, a second study committee may be formed to study the new area of town.

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From: Rosenson, Valerie
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Kathy –

At last night’s Steering Committee meeting, a question was raised about an item submitted for the Board’s agenda by Rep. Adams on behalf of the South End NRZ. In particular, committee members questioned whether the Board of Representatives has the authority to appoint a South End Historic District Study Committee or to direct the Mayor to appoint such a committee, under CGS § 7-147b or another provision of State law.

In light of this discussion, Rep. de la Cruz, the Co-Chair of the Land Use/Urban Redevelopment Committee has asked me to request a legal opinion confirming the authority of the Board to either appoint or direct the Mayor to appoint such a study committee. Attached for your information is a draft version of the proposed resolution , which is currently being reviewed by the South End NRZ.

Thank you,
Valerie

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