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Minutes – Special Meeting – March 31, 2011

- 1.0 Chairman Hurd called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM. Members present included Courtois, Hurd, Nelson, Quinn and Saucier. Nelson sat for Iacobello. Also present were Art Hall, architect and Len Jacobs, attorney representing the applicant.
- 2.0 PZC Application as follows: PZ-2011-02 of Ellington Prospect, LLC for a Special Permit/Site Plan of Development to create 10 additional apartment units at One Ellington Avenue in the City of Rockville Historic District
 - 2.1. The applicant presented changes made to the plans that had been presented to the commission at the March 10 Regular Meeting. The changes included a change in the rear fire exit, the front door and portico, the front porch and the trim work on the south side of the building. The fire exit will now be internal with a dormer as the only external addition. The dormer will include a window that matches the existing structure. The front door will be replaced with a wood door as opposed to the previously planned fiberglass door. The door will be a 48" wide single panel door. The columns on the portico will be replaced with wood columns instead of fiberglass. The trim work on the south side will be replaced to exactly match the original design.
 - 2.2. The commission discussed the project in its entirety. There was a suggestion made to add a row of bricks to the planned concrete slab on the front of the building. This addition will blend with an existing brick wall and will render the concrete undetectable from the street. The applicant will incorporate this change into the plans. The Commission went through the packet outlining the project and had no complaints with the plans for the 17 numbered renovations. This approval is dependant on the applicant including the changes that were outlined. The Commission also approved of the windows, roofing, landscaping, and signage. Members of the Commission voiced strong opposition to the planned installation of vinyl siding on the building. While the Commission realizes this is the most economically feasible solution, it will greatly alter the historic character of the building. Chairman Hurd will compose a letter to the PZC outlining the Commission's approval of most aspects of the project, and the mixed feelings related to the vinyl siding.
- 3.0 There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

[DRAFT FOR APPROVAL]

Paul Courtois, Secretary

Date Approved: