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Please share with the land use committee.

Thank you!

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Hi, Nina:

I looked through the handbook and did not see the essence of the particular issue we discussed reflected. But the handbook is not really the authority. It's based on statute and provides a practical guide for implementing historic districts at the local level.

The state statutes enacted this enabling legislation so that

Any municipality may... establish within its confines an historic district or districts to **promote the educational, cultural, economic and general welfare of the public through the preservation and protection** of the distinctive characteristics of buildings and places associated with the history of or indicative of a period or style of architecture of the municipality, of the state or of the nation.

Further, when the city of Stamford applied to become a Certified Local Government (CLG) in 2011, it made a commitment to considering its historic resources in planning and development activities. It intentionally entered into a partnership with the US Dept. of the Interior (National Park Service) and the CT State Historic Preservation Office. The main reason it is eligible for this partnership is because of the local legislation in place to designate these local districts. Without this local legislation,

the city would not be eligible to be a CLG.

CLG status is mostly beneficial to the city: It is eligible each year for \$20,000 in non-matching federal funds and \$30,000 in matching state funds for the designation, pre-development planning, and promotion of historic resources and historic preservation activities. So far the City has applied for and received about \$40,000 in funds.

But there is an expectation on the part of the Park Service and this office that as a result of this partnership, the city will protect its historic resources and encourage attempts to identify and protect and preserve new buildings and districts, and so I especially appreciate your concern in this current matter.

If the developer wants to be on the study committee, he/she needs to understand that the express purpose and goal is to identify and protect the historic resources in the South End.

I would also strongly encourage the city to apply for a non-matching federal grant to hire a professional consultant to prepare the study report, so that if it moves forward through the local process, there will be a thorough and accurate document for the future historic district commission to refer to in its deliberations.

I am in the office all day today, but not too much tomorrow and would be happy to speak with you further if you need clarification or additional information.

Thank you again for your efforts.

Mary

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