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2	CITY OF KINGSTON
3	ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
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5	Public Hearing Re:
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7	32 Abeel Street
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9	January 25, 2018
10	6:00 p.m. Kingston City Hall
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12	ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEMBERS:
13	ANTHONY ARGULEWICZ, Chairman
14	BRIAN CAFFERTY
15	JOHN BONAVITA-GOLDMAN CASSANDRA BURKE
16	CHRIS LARSON MARY ANN NEUBAUER (Alternate)
17	JOSEPH FITZGERALD (Not Present)
18	JULIE SMITH, Clerk
19	DANIEL GARTENSTEIN, Assistant Corp. Counsel
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2	CHAIRMAN ARGULEWICZ: This meeting
3	of the City of Kingston Zoning Board of Appeals
4	will now come to order. It is 6:08 p.m. My
5	name is Tony Argulewicz and I will be chairing
6	this proceeding.
7	This meeting is a continuation of a
8	January 11, 2018 meeting which heard an appeal
9	by the Irish Cultural Center of a decision by
10	the City of Kingston Historic Landmarks
11	Preservation Commission dated November 2nd, 2017
12	denying the Irish Cultural Center a preservation
13	notice of action for proposed work at 32 Abeel
14	Street in Kingston, New York.
15	I'm going to introduce the have
16	the other board members introduce themselves.
17	We have a stenographer, Lora Curatolo. And if
18	board members could please introduce themselves.
19	We do have Joe Fitzgerald, a member of the
20	board, who is not present. And Chris Larson,
21	who is the senior alternate, will be taking his
22	place, at least until Joe shows up. And we have
23	Owen Harvey, who's an alternate, who is recusing
24	himself from this proceeding.
25	So if the other board members would

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2	please introduce themselves as either a board
3	member or alternate, please.
4	MS. NEUBAUER: Mary Neubauer,
5	alternate.
6	MR. BONAVITA-GOLDMAN: John
7	Bonavita-Goldman, board member.
8	MR. CAFFERTY: Brian Cafferty, board
9	member.
10	MS. BURKE: Cassandra Burke, board
11	member.
12	MR. LARSON: Chris Larson,
13	alternate.
14	CHAIRMAN ARGULEWICZ: Chris, as I
15	said
16	MR. LARSON: Board member.
17	CHAIRMAN ARGULEWICZ: will be the
18	board member for purposes of tonight.
19	First order of business, I would
20	like to read a personal statement, if I may.
21	At the January 11, 2018 Zoning Board
22	of Appeals meeting, during public comment my
23	personal recorded comments from a comprehensive
24	plan zoning subcommittee forum held on October

17th, 2017 were submitted for the record. I

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2	feel compelled to address these comments at this
3	time.
4	I was speaking at the public forum
5	as a committee member addressing the
6	consultant's language regarding an appeal of a
7	hypothetical Historic Landmarks Commission
8	decision. I felt that the wording in the final
9	draft did not reflect the discussion and
10	conclusion of the committee. My opinions, as
11	well as other committee members, varied on this
12	topic when we met as a committee. I gave my
13	opinion of what I felt at the time as reflected
14	in current zoning law, reading it as a lay
15	person. The discussion surrounding the appeal
16	process centered on better defining ambiguous
17	language. I am not an attorney.
18	After bringing the question up in
19	consultation with corporation counsel at the
20	December 14th, 2017 Zoning Board of Appeals
21	meeting, I was told that the matter was
22	researched. The legal opinion was that the
23	Zoning Board of Appeals may hear an appeal of a

non-hardship Historic Landmarks Commission 24

decision. 25

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2	Upon receiving that opinion, I am
3	now performing my assigned role as Zoning Board
4	of Appeals chair. Thank you.
5	This evening we will have no public
6	comment as this meeting is a continuation of a
7	previous meeting held on January 11th, 2018. We
8	will, however, receive written statements until
9	the end of the workday tomorrow at the building
10	safety offices. And they may be given to Julie
11	or Tom or one of the other staff members.
12	At this time I'd like to call the
13	Irish Cultural Center attorney and any
14	individuals joining him, as the board has some
15	questions to ask of Mr. Pordy, the attorney.
16	If they could come up here, please.
17	MR. PORDY: Good evening.
18	CHAIRMAN ARGULEWICZ: Good evening.
19	Could everybody please state their name and
20	affiliation, etcetera, for the court for

stenographer, please. 21 MR. PORDY: My name Ronald S. Pordy, 22 that's P-O-R-D-Y. I'm the project attorney for 23 ICCHV. 24

MR. WILL: Brad Will, Ashokan 25

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2	Architecture, project architect.
3	MR. CAREY: Robert Carey,
4	representing the Irish Cultural Center.
5	CHAIRMAN ARGULEWICZ: Thank you,
6	gentlemen.
7	The board has indicated they have
8	some questions. I believe you were sent from
9	our corporation counsel notification of the
10	question and I'll read the question.
11	The board the Zoning Board of
12	Appeals requested a written outline of all
13	boards, commissions and/or other entities that
14	have reviewed the project at issue and a brief
15	description of the changes to the plan that were
16	made at the request of these boards, commissions
17	and/or entities and the results of these
18	reviews.
19	That was the question sent to you,
20	correct?
21	MR. PORDY: Yes, it was.
22	CHAIRMAN ARGULEWICZ: Okay, thank
23	you.
24	MR. PORDY: We received that and

responded on January 24th, yesterday actually.

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2	CHAIRMAN ARGULEWICZ: And the Zoning
3	Board of Appeals members, they do have your
4	response before them but if you can briefly
5	review that, it would be great.
6	MR. PORDY: Is that something you
7	want me to go through now, the response?
8	CHAIRMAN ARGULEWICZ: Yes, go ahead.
9	MR. PORDY: Okay, let me get my
10	glasses on here.
11	We received a request I'll read
12	the substance of the request from corporation
13	counsel the other day, asking us to supply a
14	writing outlining all boards, commissions and/or
15	other entities that reviewed the project at
16	issue and a brief description of the changes to
17	the plan that were made at the request of these
18	boards, commissions and/or entities and the
19	result of those reviews.
20	We supplied the information
21	requested to the extent possible in the short
22	time allotted. And we drafted a letter, which
23	was sent yesterday, back to corporation counsel

and the ZBA providing that outline to the extent

that we could supply.

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2	So in the outline that we provided,
3	I'll just go through the list of the other
4	boards and agencies that we've been before
5	during this nearly two-year process with this
6	application for the ICC project.
7	Of course we've been before the City
8	of Kingston Planning Board with respect to site
9	plan review. And also the Planning Board of the
10	City of Kingston has acted as lead agency for
11	the SEQRA review required for the project.
12	We've actually the city was
13	responsible for uploading and sending the
14	project documents to SHPO, that's the New York
15	State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic
16	Preservation. That was done through the
17	planning department over the course of a several
18	month period.
19	We also have been before the city's
20	Historic Landmarks Preservation Commission, the
21	HLPC, which is the substance of this hearing
22	tonight.
23	As well as the Heritage Area
24	Commission, or LWRP review, that's the coastal
25	assessment review. That happened earlier on, we

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2	went through a detailed review with them.
3	We've of course project also
4	received scrutiny from the zoning enforcement
5	officer with respect to some zoning issues that
6	were raised early in the project that went up on
7	appeal before this Zoning Board of Appeals, in
8	which a certain neighbor had challenged the
9	zoning district within which the property is
10	located. That ZBA held in favor of the
11	applicant, ICCHV. That ZBA decision was then
12	appealed to the New York State Supreme Court in
13	an Article 78 proceeding, in which Judge Richard
14	Mark presided. And the judge also held in the
15	ICCHV's favor dismissing the action.
16	And then we have been before the
17	well, actually the Planning Board is responsible
18	for submitting the documents to the Ulster
19	County Planning Board for their review. And
20	they rendered a letter that was sent to the
21	Planning Board, which we responded to, as we
22	were required to to the Planning Board with

And I'll just give you a little more

total of eight agencies that we've been before.

respect to the you UCPB letter. So that's a

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detail. If you turn to page two of my letter response.

So in a nutshell, this project has
been before the Planning Board, at least this
time around, since March 23rd, 2016 when we
submitted a detailed application to the planning
department to get this project on the Planning
Board calendar.

The first order of business with the Planning Board was to make a SEQRA determination and to designate themselves as lead agency.

They then notified any what's called involved agencies or interested agencies to confirm their status as lead agency. And that was confirmed and it was so resolved.

Just so that you know, for clarification, this project requires no variances. This project is simply subject to site plan review. And is in compliance with all applicable bulk zoning regulations.

This is a totally legal project.

One might never know from some of the attempts to intervene in the process but this is a legal project.

2	The ICC has appeared on numerous
3	occasions before the Planning Board and
4	undergone extensive site plan and SEQRA review.
5	A comprehensive full environmental assessment
6	form, over 70 pages, I think 74 pages to be
7	exact, was submitted to the Planning Board for
8	its review. It detailed every review criteria
9	required under SEQRA. It was subject to
10	multiple revisions afforded by the Planning
11	Board and was submitted by the ICC by ICC to
12	the Planning Board as the lead agency.
13	The SEQRA process was finally
14	completed on or about July 10th, 2017 when the
15	Planning Board made a SEQRA determination after
16	several reviews. A determination of
17	non-significance, which is referred to as a
18	negative declaration. The Planning Board voted
19	five to zero in support of the negative
20	declaration.
21	Among the changes that were made to
22	the project during the SEQRA and site plan
23	review process was and these are just
24	examples of the key changes that were made.
25	Number one, the applicant ICC,

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2	eliminated a proposed second floor banquet
3	facility, with the space being redesignated
4	primarily with classrooms and offices.
5	And just for clarification purposes,
6	this building has a basement level, which we
7	proposed to contain a small theater, and then a
8	first and second level. So now when we're
9	talking to the second level, it's the third
LO	level of the building but the second level
L1	because the first level is actually underground
L2	for the most part.
L3	Number two, the ICC then converted
L 4	the first floor to a flex space for art
L5	exhibits, social events, meetings, small
L 6	performances, a teaching kitchen and a
L7	restaurant area. Originally that area was going
L 8	to be more dominated by the concept of a
L 9	restaurant but that was scaled back
20	substantially.
21	Number three, a reduction in the
22	width of the building. The building was reduced
23	by three feet and actually was reduced it
24	originally was even a wider building. But with
25	respect to this application that's been in

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2	effect for the last two years, the building was
3	reduced by three feet and that resulted in the
4	reduction of the building size by approximately
5	676 square feet. The building height was
6	reduced by one and a half feet.

The Abeel Street entrance and parking area originally proposed was redesigned based on input from various sources, including UCPB, which I'll get to in a moment, and to include the elimination of ten on-site parking spaces in order to allow for greater pedestrian access, shuttle bus drop off and pick up, and improved traffic flow and access within the parking area.

Number six. There were other related design modifications, including improvements to delivery access and trash pickup. And those changes were made to reduce any types of disruption and noise for the neighbors.

Number two, the New York State
Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation
Office, which is the acronym referred to as
SHPO. The Kingston planning department had

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2	consulted with SHPO and provided copies of plans
3	and other relevant documents in connection with
4	the site plan and SEQRA approval for this
5	project.

SHPO reviewed the project over the course of several months and provided three separate review letters dated September 30th, 2016, December 2nd, 2016 and May 1st, 2017 to the Planning Board. The ICCHV, through its planning consultant, Matthew D. Rudikoff Associates and Laurie Resta, provided extensive response to SHPO's September 30th and December 2nd, 2016 review letters. And the ICCHV made several changes to the original proposed design in response to SHPO, culminating in SHPO's full approval of the project dated May 1st, 2017, which was sent to the Planning Board and a copy to me.

Among the changes made in response to SHPO's review, and later reviews of the Planning Board, HLPC, the Heritage Area Commission, was adoption in width and height of the building, elimination of five-foot-high solar panels originally proposed for the roof on

2	top of the building to reduce the building mass,
3	change in brick color from yellow to traditional
4	red, as well as changes in window shapes,
5	architectural style and other factors.
6	And by the way, a copy of the May
7	1st, 2017 SHPO letter is attached as Exhibit C
8	to my memorandum of law which I had originally
9	submitted. So you can look at it there if you
10	need to.
11	Number three, the HLPC, the city's
12	Historic Landmarks Preservation Commission.
13	Now, we have appeared before them on several
14	other occasions but it sort of culminated in the
15	December 9th, 2016 letter in which the HLPC
16	identified some similar issues to those
17	identified by SHPO. And by the way, when
18	Matthew Rudikoff Associates had responded to the
19	SHPO letter, they combined the December 9th
20	comments letter of the HLPC with the comments of
21	SHPO because they were so similar. And there
22	was an extensive addendum attached to our EAF,
23	our SEQRA documents, reflecting all of those
24	changes. Plus the written response to SHPO by
25	our planning consultant, Matthew D. Rudikoff

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2	Associates, which satisfied SHPO's concerns.
3	So in that December 9th HLPC letter
4	there were issues raised very similar to SHPO,
5	comments and some other issues that related to
6	parking, lighting, size of the building, scale
7	of the building, location, or sometimes what's
8	referred to as siting, impact on neighbors and
9	excavation techniques.
10	And as I explained in our memorandum
11	of law, many of those items were outside the
12	limited scope of the HLPC's jurisdiction and
13	were or had already been addressed by other
14	agencies, such as the Planning Board, which
15	actually has the proper jurisdiction on such
16	issues, as well as their jurisdiction over the
17	SEQRA review process.
18	The HLPC also included several
19	observations that did not require any change to
20	the ICCHV, which were discussed at various

Even though the redesign of the building satisfied SHPO, the HLPC still had further subsequent comments, including requests

for certain changes to the sizing of the

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2	windows, changes to the east and west facade,
3	relining of doors and other related details. In
4	response, the ICC added break pilasters, aligned
5	the doors, standardized windows, provided
6	samples of bluestone, brick and colors,
7	increased the setback of the rooftop railings
8	and added landscaping; among other things.
9	All of these changes resulted in
10	satisfying the design concerns of the HLPC, as
11	evidenced by a six to one vote in favor of the
12	ICC on the specific criteria of building design.
13	The result of all of the changes
14	made by the ICC at the request of the HLPC was
15	that when the members voted on the applicable
16	Landmarks criteria, the appropriate criteria,
17	the vote went in favor of the ICC in three of
18	the four criteria. And a copy of that December
19	9th, 2016 letter I'm referring to from the HLPC
20	is attached as Exhibit F to the memorandum of
21	law that you already have.
22	MR. CAFFERTY: Mr. Pordy, can I ask
23	you a question?
24	MR. PORDY: Sure.
25	MR. CAFFERTY: Did the HLPC

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participate in the SEQRA review process?

MR. PORDY: No. As I explained in
the memorandum of law, the HLPC does not
participate in SEQRA. They're actually
specifically excluded from SEQRA review. That's
the state law, not my opinion. And I do have a
section of memorandum that goes into that in

Landmarks commissions do not have jurisdiction to engage in a SEQRA review and they don't participate in the SEQRA review.

Their role is administerial with very limited discretion only with respect to the historical aspects of an existing building typically and in this case to a new project.

And I think that was the point that we made in the memorandum of law, that during the HLPC review, and really why we're here tonight, is that some HLPC members started expanding their limited role by getting into concerns that were not within their limited jurisdiction, such as the size of the building, the location of the building, setback issues, so on and so forth.

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2	MR. CAFFERTY: To your knowledge,
3	did any of the HLPC members participate as
4	individuals in the SEQRA process, aside from
5	their roles as a member of the HLPC?
6	MR. PORDY: No, I do no recall any
7	individual HLPC members you mean getting up
8	and making public comments?
9	MR. CAFFERTY: Yes, that were part
LO	of the SEQRA record.
L1	MR. PORDY: No, not that I recall.
L2	Not at the Planning Board meeting when the SEQRA
L3	review was taking place. Whether they were
L 4	there, I don't know, but I don't believe they
L5	made any comments.
L 6	And also, just to expand on that,
L7	the HLPC can make comments to the Planning
L 8	Board, which they did. That December 9th letter
L 9	that I am referring to is actually addressed to
20	the Planning Board, it's not addressed to us.
21	And that's the mechanism for the Landmarks
22	Commission to express some concerns that then
23	get taken up by the Planning Board, who has the
24	expertise and the appropriate jurisdiction to
> 5	factor all of those comments into their ultimate

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- decision under SEQRA and site plan review
  approval. That's how it works. But it's not
  the place of the HLPC to take over that role if
  they're unhappy with what the Planning Board is
  doing or any other agencies.
- The architect just handed me a note 7 that the solar panel power pack was three to six 8 feet tall -- three and a half feet, not five 9 feet. So I apologize; it's three and a half 10 11 feet, not five feet. But those are going to be 12 rooftop mounted panels that would be visible from certain perspectives. So we eliminated 13 them to really reduce the massing of the 14 15 building. So if you were looking at it from a distance it would be shorter and appear shorter. 16 MR. CAREY: And they're solid versus 17 open railing. 18
- MR. BONAVITA-GOLDMAN: Could I ask a question, if I may?
- MR. PORDY: Sure.
- MR. BONAVITA-GOLDMAN: It pertains
  to something that you mentioned before about the
  delivery access.
- What were the issues with delivery

2	access and how was that changed?
3	MR. PORDY: Well, Bob and Brad can
4	jump in. Essentially what it was was that
5	originally the access we were going to have a
6	dumpster on the side of the building where the
7	trash company would have to back in, pick up the
8	dumpster and, you know, and slams it to the back
9	of the dumpster. That would make too much noise
10	and it would be disruptive having them back in.
11	You know, they could come very early in the
12	morning. So we eliminated that and instead are
13	going to be using trash cans that will be
14	brought out and picked up and eliminate all of
15	that disruption.
16	Now, moving onto the Heritage Area
17	Commission. So the Heritage Area Commission is
18	another city agency that deals with the LWRP and
19	goes through this process called the coastal
20	consistency review.
21	Now, this is an advisory opinion
22	only by the HAC. And the purpose is there's
23	we didn't include this but I may have a copy.
24	It's a multi-page form and we spent a few hours
25	before the HAC and they go through a list of

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2	questions and criteria to determine whether this
3	is consistent with the standards for coastal
4	consistency if we're in a certain part of the
5	city. Because of our proximity to the Rondout
6	Creek, part of the statement falls within that
7	criteria. So we went through that with them.
8	We had two or three meetings I
9	think. The last meeting was a long drawn-out
10	meeting, it took I believe a few hours, if I'm
11	not mistaken. They went through every a
12	number of these things. The members of the HAC
13	were able to provide comments, ask questions, go
14	back and forth with each other. I believe legal
15	counsel was there for the city. I believe Sue
16	Cahill was there.
17	Anyway, the bottom line, that was
18	completed on September 28th, 2016 and they
19	rendered their advisory opinion to the Planning
20	Board and the coastal consistency review, they
21	found the project to be consistent or consistent
22	as modified pursuant to the PB review; which
23	means that if there were any concerns, we
24	addressed them. Their advisory opinion goes to
25	the PB, the Planning Board, and the Planning

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- Board, again, incorporates that into their overall decision making process.
- 4 And that was a very positive review.
- 5 And that was September 2016.

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Then we have the zoning issues that 6 were raised by a couple of the neighbors. 7 so in a nutshell, in that regard the neighbors 8 had made a request to the zoning enforcement 9 officer, as they're supposed to do. 10 11 followed the proper procedure for this. Thev 12 made a request, they wanted essentially interpretation from the ZEO of the City of 13 Kingston as to what zoning district this 14 15 property was located in.

They had raised an issue claiming that we weren't in the zoning district that we thought we were. And that went before the ZEO, he made his determination stating that we were in the correct zoning district, which is the West Strand Sub Area within the Rondout District.

They then appealed the ZEO's decision to this ZBA. The ZBA held a hearing on the issue and also determined that we were

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- properly located within the West Strand Sub

  Area.
- The neighbors then appealed this 4 ZBA's decision in an Article 78 proceeding. And we prevailed in that and the city prevailed, the 6 city was also a respondent in that, and the 7 court held that we were properly zoned and 8 dismissed the rest of the claims. And may have 9 also made note of I think one or two of the 10 planning board right at the time but essentially 11 12 dismissed the case.

The Ulster County Planning Board also has jurisdiction over the project because of our proximity to the Wurtz Avenue Bridge, we're within 500 feet of that. That's considered a state highway or a state facility. So what that does is that draws us into the UCPB jurisdiction.

UCPB reviewed the project and submitted its comments and recommendations to the Planning Board on or about December 7th and then we submitted our responses to the UCPB comments, which we are entitled to do. That goes directly to the Planning Board. Once the

2	UCPB comments go to the Planning Board, it's
3	within the Planning Board's jurisdiction. And
4	we submitted a multi-page response and we also
5	made some changes to the site based on the UCPB
6	comment letter. That really prompted us to
7	change the traffic flow, which I referred to
8	earlier just now at the beginning of the letter,
9	in cooperation with the Planning Board.
10	So we changed the flow of traffic in
11	the parking area that was originally located on
12	the Abeel Street of the building, of the lot.
13	We eliminated those ten parking spots which
14	impeded traffic low. We provided enhanced
15	pedestrian access from the parking area to the
16	building entrance. And provided parking and
17	drop off locations for the shuttle bus. We are
18	going to engage a shuttle bus if we have events
19	at this building where it might be crowded to
20	alleviate any parking concerns. And
21	additionally, at the suggestion of the UCPB we
22	put in lighting along the path and handrails on
23	the sidewalk leading up to its main to the
24	building main entrance on the West Strand. And
25	the other site plan comments have already been

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addressed in the redesign of the project from the other agencies.

So, you know, in sum, the ICC site plan and SEQRA approval process has been one of the most timely, vetted, scrutinized project in the city's recent history. The FEA, that's the full environmental assessment form, submitted by the ICC is one of the most comprehensive ever submitted in the City of Kingston for a project of this limited scope and size.

The ICC has worked tirelessly with each agency that's gone before us to insure that the project is consistent with the zoning law, including all of the Landmarks provisions, the comprehensive plan of the City of Kingston and the Riverport Implementation Plan.

As set forth in our memorandum of law, the HLPC, the Landmarks Commission that is, does not have the planning or the environmental expertise, is not qualified or authorized to engage in expanded review of a project outside its limited jurisdiction; which it did engage in doing.

Therefore, with respect to the ICCHV

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2 project or any future project for the future of Kingston, it is not within the limited authority 3 of the HLPC to arbitrarily impose an impassable impediment at the end of a long regulatory process, an arduous regulatory process that 6 we've been through, and to deny a PNA. Which in 7 essence is denying a building permit for a 8 project that is in compliance with all aspects 9 of the regulations to which it is subject and 10 for which it has passed muster with every other 11 12 agency. We do not have final site plan approval 13 but we've gone through the gauntlet of every other agency. 14

And one of the things that I will just add, that's very telling in this project, is that in terms of the intervention that's been mounted against this project, there's really never been anything about it that says we're doing something illegal, because we're not.

We're a private property owner, we're allowed to build this building. We are in compliance with all of the zoning requirements, within all of the bulk requirements. As a matter of fact, we could make a much larger building under the

2	current bulk requirements for this zoning issue
3	than we determined to do.
4	And instead what's happened is, in
5	this intervention, is there's been an attempt to
6	divert everyone's attention from that reality,
7	that this is a legal project in compliance with
8	the zoning laws. They do it by demonizing the
9	project. Saying this is a massive building.
10	It's going to swallow the Rondout. It will
11	destroy Kingston. And nothing could be further
12	from the truth. This is a
13	16,000-plus-square-foot building.
14	There is plenty of precedent for
15	this in the Rondout, which is a commercial and
16	mixed use district in the City of Kingston. I
17	have faith in this ZBA and in the City that it
18	can handle having a 16,000-square-foot
19	commercial building erected in the city.
20	There's nothing unusual about it. There's been
21	much larger buildings built. And especially a
22	building that's intended and will really be a
23	cultural center open to the public for its use.
24	CHAIRMAN ARGULEWICZ: Mr. Pordy,
25	we're straying a little bit from the question

- that was posed to you. So I appreciate your
- 3 efforts in answering the question.
- And I ask any board members if you
- 5 have any follow-up questions for Mr. Pordy
- regarding the question as I posed it originally.
- 7 MR. PORDY: May I just add one
- 8 thing?
- 9 CHAIRMAN ARGULEWICZ: Sure. If it's
- 10 relevant.
- MR. PORDY: It's relevant. It's
- very relevant to this line of questioning.
- As many of you may know, I've only
- been involved in the project for the last couple
- of years with this current application that's a
- part of this hearing. But before I got involved
- the ICC had made a prior application for this
- 18 project. And my understanding, and I'll let my
- 19 client speak for themselves or if you have any
- questions regarding this, is originally this
- building was actually wider than it currently
- is. This building was actually already narrower
- 23 under this application from the prior
- application, which had been approved by a prior
- version of the HLPC.

2	So I think that's very very key for
3	this board to understand that we've been knocked
4	back and forth throughout this process and in an
5	earlier application with a building that was
6	wider than the proposed building. That was a
7	big comment by current HLPC members, it's too
8	wide. It's not too wide, this was originally
9	approved by a prior version of the HLPC.
10	Thank you.
11	CHAIRMAN ARGULEWICZ: Thank you.
12	And certainly thank you for answering my
13	question, it's very thorough.
14	With the board having no follow-up
15	questions, we will move along. I do want to
16	note receipt of a letter from Mr. Replansky, who
17	represents several parties adjacent to the 32
18	Abeel Street property. We do have receipt of
19	that letter from Mr. Replansky and the board
20	members have it and there are a number of
21	exhibits attached to that letter.
22	At this point in time
23	MR. PORDY: I want to object to that
24	letter. Frankly, I'm not sure how much I care
25	about what he is trying to say to this board.

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2	CHAIRMAN ARGULEWICZ: I'm just
3	putting it in the record.
4	MR. PORDY: I understand but I did
5	not get a copy of that letter. And he
6	intentionally left me out of the loop on that
7	letter and his prior letter to this board.
8	So it appears first of all, this
9	board has graciously let the neighbors
10	participate in this, in the public portion of
11	this at the last meeting, that Mr. Replansky is
12	claiming to represent before this board. They
13	have no standing to be involved in this hearing.
14	We are the aggrieved party and this is a hearing
15	with respect to the ICC. I'm just pointing out
16	some technicalities here.
17	So it's concerning whether he is
18	submitting this, these materials, knowing that
19	he's not a party or if he's trying to interfere
20	with our legal rights in this process, I'm
21	objecting to that. Because it would be very
22	unusual and not permitted in a court of law for
23	an attorney to submit documentation to a quasi
24	judicial board like the ZBA and not copying
25	counsel, to the actual party before the

- 1 32 Abeel Street 2 proceeding. CHAIRMAN ARGULEWICZ: I think maybe 3 a phone call, a little discussion about protocol 4 would be in order. That's beyond the purview of the Zoning Board, attorney/attorney protocol. 6 And I do want to acknowledge your 7 objection and certainly you can respond in 8 writing to us. The pile is growing thicker in 9 responses to responses so if you'd like to add 10 another one, so be it. Feel free. 11 12 At this point I'd like to excuse you gentlemen from the front and I'd like --13 MR. CAFFERTY: I'd like to ask him 14 15 one question on a comment he made. Mr. Pordy, on the last comment that 16 you made with regard to the former approvals by 17 the HLPC on earlier application, are you aware 18 of whether or not -- I see Mr. Grunblatt. Are 19 there any other members that still are on the 20 2.1 HLPC today that were on the HLPC then, besides Mr. Grunblatt?
- MR. CAREY: I believe Alan Baer is 2.3 on there, he's one. 24

25 MR. PORDY: Grunblatt, Baer. Okay.

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2 CHAIRMAN ARGULEWICZ: Thank you. Αt this point I'd like to call an additional 3 witness to be questioned by the board. So thank 4 you. If you could vacate your area there. 5 MR. CAREY: Okay if I leave these 6 boards up? 7 CHAIRMAN ARGULEWICZ: 8 Sure. At this time I'd like to call as 9 witness Mr. Tom Tiano, please. 10 Good evening, Tom. Would you please 11 12 state your name for the stenographer and your position. 13 14 MR. TIANO: My name is Thomas Tiano, 15 I'm the deputy chief in charge of building and safety division of the Kingston Fire Department, 16 17 City of Kingston, New York. 18 CHAIRMAN ARGULEWICZ: And as such in 19 that position you handle zoning issues, zoning 20 law, questions --2.1 MR. TTANO: Correct. 22 CHAIRMAN ARGULEWICZ: requirements? 23

MR. TIANO: Yes, that's correct.

One of my additional duties right now is the

2	zoning enforcement officer.
3	CHAIRMAN ARGULEWICZ: The board has
4	heard on a number of occasions by various people
5	speaking in public and in attorneys letters, so
6	I want to ask you directly, Tom, if I may. To
7	the best of your knowledge, are all lot and bulk
8	requirements in the City of Kingston Zoning Law
9	for this building proposal met at this
10	particular time, to the best of your knowledge?
11	MR. TIANO: Yeah, I did some
12	research. The building is located in the RT
13	district. For the requirements of the RT
14	district the proposed development by the Irish
15	Cultural Center is within the guidelines and
16	requires no additional variances from the Zoning
17	Board.
18	CHAIRMAN ARGULEWICZ: You took the
19	next question out of my mouth here. So no
20	additional variances at this point, to the best
21	of your knowledge, will be coming before the
22	Zoning Board of Appeals for this proposal,
23	building?
24	MR. TIANO: That's correct.
25	CHAIRMAN ARGULEWICZ: Thank you. I

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2	have a further question. Some minutes were
3	forwarded to us today of a September 6th, 2012
4	Historic Landmarks Preservation Commission
5	meeting and January 7th, 2016 Historic Landmarks
6	Preservation Commission meeting.
7	In your capacity within the building
8	safety division, do you attend on a regular
9	basis Historic Landmarks Preservation Commission
10	meetings?
11	MR. TIANO: Yes, I do. I was not
12	involved with the building department in 2012 so
13	I was not at that meeting. However, I was
14	present at the 2016 meeting.
15	CHAIRMAN ARGULEWICZ: You were
16	present at the 2016 meeting. Do you have in
17	front of you minutes from that meeting?
18	MR. TIANO: Yes, I do.
19	CHAIRMAN ARGULEWICZ: Would you like
20	to summarize for me, please, the agenda item 34R
21	Abeel Street, Bob Carey, at the January 7, 2016
22	meeting?
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MR. TIANO: On January 7th, 2016 a
presentation was submitted to the Historic
Landmarks Preservation Commission by the

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2	applicants for the ICC project at 34R Abeel
3	Street.
4	Request was that the Historic
5	Landmarks Preservation Commission issue a letter
6	of recommendation so that the proposed work
7	being done there could proceed to the Planning
8	Board with the approval of the Preservation
9	of the Historic Preservation Commission with
10	regard to the development of the project.
11	The commission did have several
12	questions and in the letter that was sent to the
13	Planning Board they specifically offered a
14	condition
15	CHAIRMAN ARGULEWICZ: Excuse me,
16	what was the date of that letter, please?
17	MR. TIANO: That letter was dated
18	January 20th, 2016.
19	CHAIRMAN ARGULEWICZ: And addressed
20	to?
21	MR. TIANO: And it was addressed to
22	Mr. Bob Carey, he is the applicant who had asked

that the letter be sent to the Planning Board. 23 And I believe that Mr. Carey delivered it to the 24 Planning Board personally. 25

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2	CHAIRMAN ARGULEWICZ: Does the copy
3	of your letter indicate in the opening paragraph
4	that Historic Landmarks Preservation Commission
5	is offering to Mr. Carey a letter of conditional
6	approval? Is that in your letter also?
7	MR. TIANO: That's exactly what it
8	says, it's conditional approval and then they do
9	state the issues of the condition.
10	CHAIRMAN ARGULEWICZ: Which are?
11	MR. TIANO: There was some
12	discussion regarding the size of the Roman-style
13	brick that was to be used on the building. The
14	Landmarks Preservation Commission felt that the
15	oversized brick was out of place with the scale
16	of the bricks that were used in the historic
17	district there, so they did recommend a change
18	in the bricks.
19	And the other condition regarded the
20	proposed solar panels that were going to be
21	placed on the roof. The commission felt that a
22	parapet wall should be erected in front of them
23	high enough that the panels would not be seen
24	from the street level. Those were the two
25	conditions that they put in here.

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2	And it also states that should any
3	variances from the Zoning Board of Appeals be
4	needed, that they reserve the right to have
5	these changes come back before them for review.
6	CHAIRMAN ARGULEWICZ: Has any change
7	to the setback and bulk regulations required.
8	Were there any changes to the best of your
9	knowledge, were there any changes to the setback
10	and bulk regulations that would require another
11	review by the HLPC?
12	MR. TIANO: I believe the original
13	plans at this time in 2016, the footprint of the
14	building went from property line to property
15	line width wise, which was an allowable use of
16	the dimensions there.
17	The conditions have changed, the
18	Irish Center now is using the other proposal, a
19	setback off the property line to actually make
20	the building footprint smaller.
21	CHAIRMAN ARGULEWICZ: Smaller?
22	MR. TIANO: It is smaller now than
23	what was adopted in 2016.
24	CHAIRMAN ARGULEWICZ: So according
25	to this, making the building smaller would

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2	require an additional review by the HLPC, would
3	that be an accurate statement?
4	MR. TIANO: I believe that's what
5	they wanted to do. Any changes in that would
6	require a review by the HLPC.
7	CHAIRMAN ARGULEWICZ: And who is
8	this letter copied to, please?
9	MR. TIANO: Copies of this letter
10	went to the Zoning Board of Appeals and the
11	planning office. And it was signed by the then
12	chairman of the committee, Yourij Donskoj.
13	CHAIRMAN ARGULEWICZ: I guess this
14	is a loaded question but you're a big guy with
15	big shoulders.
16	Reading that letter, would you say
17	the HLPC granted approval to this project on
18	January 7th, 2016 at a meeting by then
19	membership of the committee of the
20	commission?
21	MR. TIANO: I would say that the

MR. TIANO: I would say that the
committee did give a conditional approval and
the steps that they asked to be corrected, I
believe that the Irish Center did address the
brick size.

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2 CHAIRMAN ARGULEWICZ: The brick and the solar panels? 3 MR. TIANO: And the solar panels. 4 CHAIRMAN ARGULEWICZ: And making the 5 building smaller? 6 MR. TIANO: Absolutely. If I were a 7 8 betting man, like you say, I would bet that they had given approval for this proposed building, 9 10 yes. 11 CHAIRMAN ARGULEWICZ: And you were 12 at that meeting? MR. TIANO: Yes, I was. 13 CHAIRMAN ARGULEWICZ: Any questions 14 15 from any other board members? MR. CAFFERTY: Were you present also 16 at the September 23rd, 2016 meeting of the HLPC? 17 MR. TIANO: 2016 or 2017? 18 19 MR. CAFFERTY: I'm sorry, the meeting that took place that generated this 20 2.1 transcript. 22 MR. TIANO: Yes, I was, I was present at the meeting in September of 2017. 23

MR. CAFFERTY: And this is probably 24

25 also a loaded question but there was a lot of 1 32 Abeel Street

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discussion, this was the meeting in which the
vote was taken on the various criteria and the
ultimate decision to issue a preservation notice
of action or not.

MR. TIANO: That's correct, it was substantial decision back and forth by both Most of it dealing with the appearance of the building and the scale as to how it would look in the neighborhood. The proponents for the Irish Center did come up with drawings that were requested by the Historic Landmarks Preservation Commission to show how the building would fit into the landscape there. And then questions were brought about the size of the windows, questions were also brought about the color of the brick and color of the bluestone that was going to be used for the rear foundation. And all of these questions got answered and then the vote was taken for the preservation notice of action.

CHAIRMAN ARGULEWICZ: And that was September of 2017. So between January 7th, 2016 to September 2017, were anymore questions raised? You were at all of the meetings in the

42 1 32 Abeel Street 2 interlude there pretty much? MR. TTANO: The Trish Cultural 3 Center did not come up before the Historic Landmarks Committee during that time. They were before other groups. And it was only I believe 6 August of 2017 that they did appear again before 7 Landmarks. At the time there was a zoning issue 9 that had come up between there. So they were not before Landmarks during that period. 10 CHAIRMAN ARGULEWICZ: All of the 11 12 additional questions came up in August? MR. TIANO: 13 Yes. 14 CHAIRMAN ARGULEWICZ: 20179 15 MR. TIANO: Yes, they did. CHAIRMAN ARGULEWICZ: A multitude of 16 17 questions were raised? Yes? 18 MR. TIANO: All of those questions that were raised in August of 2017, the majority 19 20 of them dealt with the size of the building. 2.1 was the committee's feeling that the building at this time, the way it was presented, was too 22 large for the proposed site. 2.3 CHAIRMAN ARGULEWICZ: 24 Anv other

questions for Tom at this point?

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MR. CAFFERTY: Just one other.
During that meeting is it your
opinion that the question
CHAIRMAN ARGULEWICZ: Which meeting?
MR. CAFFERTY: The meeting we were
just talking about.
CHAIRMAN ARGULEWICZ: The September
meeting?
MR. CAFFERTY: Right. We're still
on the same meeting.
CHAIRMAN ARGULEWICZ: Just for the
record.
MR. CAFFERTY: Is it your opinion
that the conversations, questions, concerns of
the members, were they confined to the criteria
for which they were supposed to be?
MR. TIANO: In my opinion they were
not. Again, it's my opinion that the committee
was overstepping their bounds in some of the
questions that they had asked. Many of them
regarded site plan, which again is a Planning
Board issue, not the Landmarks Commission issue.
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come into the criteria that the section in

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1 2 zoning pertaining to the preservation notice of action that the Landmarks Commission is supposed 3 to issue, it does not specify any size requirement that they were supposed to measure this building by. 6 MR. CAFFERTY: Thank you. 7 8 CHAIRMAN ARGULEWICZ: Any other questions? 9 10 (No response.) CHAIRMAN ARGULEWICZ: Tom, thank you 11 12 very much. At this point in time I'm going to 13 ask for a recess for a consultation with 14 15 attorney, please. (Off the record.) 16 17 CHAIRMAN ARGULEWICZ: At this point in time I do want to make sure that we put 18 Mr. Pordy's letter with answers to our question 19 in the record. 20 2.1 I also want to enter the January 7th, 2016 meeting of the City of Kingston 22 Historic Landmarks Preservation Commission, 2.3

those minutes as discussed with Mr. Tiano, into

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the record.

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2 And I'd like to call another witness for some clarification, if he would. I think I 3 still see him here. Mr. Bob Carey. Would you 4 come up, please. 5 And could you just state your name, 6 Bob. 7 MR. CAREY: 8 Robert Carey. 9 CHAIRMAN ARGULEWICZ: And your affiliation again? 10 MR. CAREY: I am the lead on the 11 12 building project. 13 CHAIRMAN ARGULEWICZ: Okay, thank 14 you. 15 Bob, it was also forwarded, I did not mention previously when I was speaking with 16 Mr. Tiano on the January 7, 2016 meeting of the 17 Historic Landmarks Preservation Commission, also 18 forwarded to the Zoning Board members were 19 minutes of the September 6th, 2012 meeting of 20 the Historic Landmarks Preservation Commission. 2.1 And I know all of us, our memories 22 are fading a little. Do you remember that 23 meeting by any chance? You were at that 24

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meeting.

2	MR. CAREY: Yes, I do.
3	CHAIRMAN ARGULEWICZ: Your memory is
4	better than mine.
5	I'm looking at those minutes and I
6	see an agenda item 34R Abeel Street, Bob Carey,
7	contractor. And the minutes indicate that
8	proposing two-story 9,042 square-foot structure
9	with a full basement, terrace and balcony to the
10	Irish Cultural Center. They will have a parking
11	area for 15 cars and parking on a vacant lot
12	across the street for 23 cars. Plans were
13	submitted. This project would include two
14	sites, one site for the new construction and one
15	site for parking lot. Contractor will be
16	attending more meetings as this project
17	progresses. Footprint of the building and
18	parking lot were up for a vote at this meeting.
19	Contractor would like a recommendation from our
20	commission to bring to the Planning Board
21	meeting Monday evening. Brian Hurley motions to
22	approve. And Yourij Donskoj seconds. All
23	approved.
24	Do you recall that discussion and
25	that vote at that meeting?

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2	MR. CAREY: Yes, I do.
3	CHAIRMAN ARGULEWICZ: For the board,
4	the question is, it spoke of 9,042-square-foot
5	structure. Could you briefly tell us what the
6	width is now of your proposed building and what
7	it was then in that 9,042 square feet?
8	MR. CAREY: The original building
9	proposed back in 2012 I believe, Brad, you
10	have the dimension on that.
11	MR. WILL: 86.
12	MR. CAREY: 86 feet wide.
13	MR. WILL: 86 foot three inches.
14	CHAIRMAN ARGULEWICZ: 86 feet wide?
15	MR. CAREY: Correct.
16	CHAIRMAN ARGULEWICZ: And what is it
17	now?
18	MR. CAREY: 83 feet.
19	CHAIRMAN ARGULEWICZ: It is now
20	proposed 83 feet wide?
21	MR. CAREY: Correct.
22	CHAIRMAN ARGULEWICZ: There's been a
23	reduction in the width
24	MR. CAREY: Of three feet.

CHAIRMAN ARGULEWICZ: -- from 2012

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- 2 to now of three feet.
- MR. CAREY: I would like to add too,
- 4 that was the width of the building but there was
- a stair structure to the west, on the west side
- of the building, which was an additional --
- 7 added an additional 14 feet.
- 8 CHAIRMAN ARGULEWICZ: Now, the
- 9 calculation of the square feet, 9,042, would be
- 10 86 by -- I'm not sure how that 9,042 was
- 11 calculated.
- MR. WILL: The depth of the original
- footprint was 94 foot nine inches. So the
- 14 calculation --
- MR. CAREY: Please remember, it's
- not a square building.
- MR. WILL: It's not square.
- 18 CHAIRMAN ARGULEWICZ: That's why I
- asked because I calculated the 9,042.
- MR. CAREY: It's an L-shaped
- 21 building.
- MR. WILL: You take that rectangular
- area, the 18,172, you would back out 11,000
- 24 square feet from that bite.
- 25 CHAIRMAN ARGULEWICZ: I think I'm

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- 2 back in geometry class.
- MR. WILL: Call it 7,100 square
- 4 feet.
- 5 MR. PORDY: Just a quick
- clarification, the 9,000 plus feet that you are
- 7 referring to did not include the basement
- 8 calculated in.
- 9 CHAIRMAN ARGULEWICZ: That didn't
- include the basement.
- MR. PORDY: Right. There were still
- three levels to the building but when the
- application was originally submitted, my
- understanding is that Mr. Carey did not include
- the basement because he thought it was -- at
- least advised that he didn't have to include the
- square footage in the basement.
- 18 CHAIRMAN ARGULEWICZ: And how does
- that compare to today's proposal with the
- 20 basement?
- MR. PORDY: Well, if you include the
- basement in the original basement, I think Bard
- has the calculations.
- MR. WILL: It's a 83-foot square in
- both directions -- 83-foot length in both

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2	directions, so it's about 6,890 square feet.
3	CHAIRMAN ARGULEWICZ: So compared to
4	the 9,042 square feet without basement, keep
5	apples to apples, how does that compare to the
6	square footage of today's proposal?
7	MR. WILL: So today we were at
8	8,213, that's been ever since we reduced it from
9	8,883 or so. So we reduced it by 700 square
10	feet. And that total is about the current
11	total is about 200 square feet more than the
12	original, if you count all three stories.
13	CHAIRMAN ARGULEWICZ: So it's about
14	200 square feet more than this original 9,042?
15	MR. WILL: Correct. I will say that
16	that number, I'm not exactly sure if that's the
17	16,038 or 15,200. If it's the 15,200
18	CHAIRMAN ARGULEWICZ: If the
19	basement were added to the 9,000?
20	MR. WILL: The final approved
21	version in 2012 is 15,200.
22	CHAIRMAN ARGULEWICZ: The minutes
2.3	reflected 9.042.

MR. WILL: Yes, I did a correction 24 in 2012 noting the 15,200. 25

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2	CHAIRMAN ARGULEWICZ: I don't have
3	the minutes on the correction, I'm just stating
4	what is in the minutes of September 6th.
5	MR. PORDY: The reason for that is
6	under the Zoning Code in Kingston and many
7	municipalities, basements or cellars sometimes
8	are not included in the square footage when
9	describing the building. And I won't get into
10	the details or the mechanics of that but that
11	was the thinking at the time.
12	MR. WILL: I think it's also worth
13	noting that the original approved design,
14	previous original design, was zero lot line on
15	the east side, that was a setback.
16	CHAIRMAN ARGULEWICZ: I was more
17	concerned with the width and that's been
18	answered, gone from 86 feet wide at the 2012
19	wide to 83 feet wide. I have that correct,
20	right?
21	MR. CAREY: Correct.
22	CHAIRMAN ARGULEWICZ: Any questions
23	for Mr. Carey?
24	MR. PORDY: Just one other thing.
25	When Mr. Tiano was testifying, we just wanted

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2	to, just for the record, there were actually
3	four meetings between the January 2016 meeting
4	and the September 25th, 2017 meeting where the
5	HLPC made the vote.

So the other four meetings, one was on November 3rd, 2016, where the first round of revised designs were presented to the commission members.

And there was a follow-up meeting on July 13th, 2017; again, revised designs presented.

And between November of 2016 and July of 2017, when we got back to the HLPC, the ICC was working hard at making a lot of the revisions which I described in my letter and articulated at the outset here tonight. And also there were a couple of delays in the HLPC while they were assembling some of the members, so it couldn't have happened until July of 2017.

And we went back on August 3rd, 2017. Again, continuing that review process, trying to go through some of the changes they wanted us to make. Including they asked us for a visual study, which we had to hire an outside

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2	vendor to help us prepare and we submitted.
3	And we met with them on September
4	14th, 2017 to complete the review and the
5	discussion of the design alterations.
6	And then finally on September 25th,
7	which would be the meeting that they took the
8	vote that we're here for tonight discussing. So
9	challenging.
10	CHAIRMAN ARGULEWICZ: Now, any other
11	questions for Bob Carey, please?
12	At this point, since you're up here,
13	Mr. Pordy, are there any final comments that you
14	would like to make before the board proceeds
15	with the next step, whatever that may be?
16	MR. PORDY: Well, we're hoping that
17	this case can be resolved quickly and soon.
18	And just in closing I would just
19	like to remind the board that what we're here
20	seeking is a reversal of the denial of the PNA.
21	And that this ZBA, which it has the authority
22	and jurisdiction to do, order the PNA to be
23	issued forthwith at the conclusion of your
24	deliberations and upon your determination,
25	whatever it may be.

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2	CHAIRMAN ARGULEWICZ: Okay, thank
3	you.
4	At this time I'd like to entertain a
5	motion by board to close the hearing and adjourn
6	the meeting until the close of business tomorrow
7	at five o'clock, at which time written comments,
8	as I said at the beginning of the meeting, from
9	the public can be produced and given to the
10	office building safety.
11	So if I could have a motion to in
12	effect close the hearing and adjourn the meeting
13	until the close of business tomorrow at five
14	o'clock and make a final statement.
15	Go ahead.
16	MR. CAFFERTY: So moved.
17	CHAIRMAN ARGULEWICZ: Brian?
18	MR. BONAVITA-GOLDMAN: I second.
19	CHAIRMAN ARGULEWICZ: And John?
20	MR. BONAVITAG-GOLDMAN: Second.
21	CHAIRMAN ARGULEWICZ: All in favor?
22	Aye.
23	MR. CAFFERTY: Aye.
24	MS. BURKE: Aye.

MR. BONAVITA-GOLDMAN: Aye.

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2	MR. LARSON: Aye.
3	Opposed?
4	(No response.)
5	CHAIRMAN ARGULEWICZ: We will for
6	information purposes, the decision regarding
7	this matter there's mountains of paperwork
8	and transcripts, etcetera, that we have to
9	consider. We want to make sure that we make the
10	absolute best decision and I want to review
11	this.
12	So the decision will be made within
13	the timeframe allowed by Zoning Law. And of
14	course everybody will be notified when that
15	meeting will occur.
16	Thank you for everybody's attendance
17	this evening.
18	(Whereupon, the Meeting was
19	adjourned at 7:36 p.m.)
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5	I, Lora J. Curatolo, Certified
6	Shorthand Reporter, Certificate No. 1031-1, and
7	Notary Public, do hereby certify that I recorded
8	stenographically the proceedings herein at the
9	time and place noted in the heading hereof, and
10	that the foregoing transcript is true and
11	accurate to the best of my knowledge, skill and
12	ability.
13	IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto
14	set my hand this 7th day of February 2018.
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