



CITY OF CONCORD

REPORT TO THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Carlos P. Baía, Deputy City Manager for Development

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SUBJECT: Appointment of an ad hoc committee to oversee a redevelopment assessment for the former Gas Holder House

Recommendation

Accept this report confirming the proposed members of the former gas holder house redevelopment assessment ad hoc committee.

Background

A recent report commissioned by the City of Concord and Liberty Utilities outlined three possible outcomes for the former gas holder house: demolition; restoration as a static monument; or redevelopment. Liberty Utilities has indicated that they are moving toward demolition by year's end.

Discussion

In an effort to salvage this structure in a productive manner, the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance has suggested that an assessment of possible redevelopment scenarios be undertaken with the following goals:

- Explore and assess redevelopment and stewardship scenarios, using recent City/Liberty Utilities report as a starting point.
- Produce options with practical financial information, suggestions about ownership/management models and recommendations for next steps.
- Create a document that can test the interest of other private and public sector parties and help inform City's future decision-making.

Mayor Bouley is recommending that the assessment be led by an ad hoc committee consisting of the following Councilors:

1. Councilor Champlin
2. Councilor Kenison
3. Councilor Kretovic
4. Councilor Todd
5. Councilor Werner