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Wayne Platte Jr., Chairman Kingston Planning Board
City Hall – 420 Broadway
Kingston, New York 12401

RE: Kingstonian Project – 9-17 & 21 North Front Street, 51 Schwenk Drive
Redevelopment Project in Uptown Kingston for Multiple Use

Dear Chairman Platte;

At the regular meeting of the Kingston Historic Landmarks Preservation Commission (HLPC), held on September 5, 2019, the Commission voted unanimously to forward the following comments to the Kingston Planning Board. As an Involved Agency in this process, the HLPC appreciates the opportunity to submit comment and opinion to be considered in the deliberation of the SEQOR determination.

1. What are the true boundaries of the Historic District and do they cover the full site to Schwenk Drive?
2. Archeological – Formal requirement that as work progresses, all excavations will be observed and recorded to preserve any artifacts or past history of the sites involved. Any exposed artifacts will be fully documented upon excavation by a certified professional.
3. Visual – Concerns were raised with respect to visual impacts within the historic areas and other adjacent lands surrounding the development site. These should be evaluated with careful consideration to the impacts on the district.
4. There is concern of damage to the neighboring properties once any construction/demolition begins. What preliminary survey or precautions will be undertaken?

Recognizing the importance of the City historic character and prominence, the Kingston Historic Landmarks Commission requests that open dialogue be continued with the Planning Board as this project moves forward.

Sincerely,

Mark Grunblatt, Chairman
Historic Landmarks Preservation Commission

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