

Historic Preservation Review Board – September 8, 2004 @ 7:00 PM

The meeting of the Historic Preservation Review Board was called to order by Chair Scott Zehner at 7:03 PM at Town Hall.

Chair Zehner called the roll.

Members present: Scott Zehner, Chair; Martha Padve; René Adsley; David Waldron and Mary Jane Anderson

Also present: Sandy Strehlou; HPRB Coordinator, Michelle Makinson owner of the property at 65 Nichols Street.

Minutes

After minor corrections the minutes for HPRB meeting of August 11, 2004 were approved.

Makinson Project

Michelle Makinson, of the Makinson Nichols street project, and project architect David Waldron presented an initial proposal for the Makinson project. The project involves new construction and renovation of a house on Nichols street to create a small grocery/deli commercial business. The board reviewed the project, commended the applicant on the proposed project's conscientious incorporation the HPRB guidelines so far, and requested further details on various aspects of the project. The Makinson's will be seeking parking incentives.

The board thanked Mrs. Makinson and she departed at 7:50

County Fair

Sandy Strehlou provided the board with a list of public comments collected at the Fair many of which contained feedback in reference to Memorial Park. She also, thanked the board for their participation preparing and staffing the booth. Martha Padve remarked that fair goers enjoyed seeing the old photographs in the exhibit and suggested we continue making use of them. She also commented that one had to be outgoing to draw people in. In closing, Strehlou mentioned that she is working with Town staff to find a better storage place for the booth, in a different, more secure building. She will provide more information about this at the next meeting.

Memorial Park

Town Council will meet on September 16, 2004 to decide whether to appropriate funds to proceed with preparations for the renovation of Memorial Park. On September 21, 2004 Strehlou and Waldron will make a presentation to the

American Legion about Memorial Park. Padve suggested a newspaper article to introduce the project to the public.

Historic Designation Registry

Strehlou provided the board with a sample draft of an application for the historic designation of historic properties in Friday Harbor. Mary Jane Anderson suggested that the board show the application draft to Boyd Pratt for feedback and offered that it may be helpful to see examples from other communities. Chair Scott Zehner suggested property owners may be encouraged to designate their property out of neighborhood pride. He also cautioned that legal type language may intimidate people. Anderson suggested that the *Washington Trust for Historic Preservation*, could be a valuable resource. She clarified that the *Washington Trust* is a state-wide non-profit organization, not to be confused with the State of Washington's Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation.

Signage

Padve asked if the board might proffer a statement in regard to signage. It was suggested that before the board offer opinions on signage it would be beneficial to read the TFH sign ordinance. The sign ordinance is available at <www.fridayharbor.org>

Design Review Process

Strehlou requested feedback from the board concerning the first design review meeting on the Makinson project. The board suggested that Strehlou give staff reports informing the board of applicant's issues that relate to HP Manual, and highlight only those that may be in conflict with the current guidelines. The board commended Strehlou on her thorough approach. Additionally, it was stated that although preliminary meetings with an applicant may be vague, it is beneficial to all parties to meet early on.

9:05 PM: Hearing no objection, Chair Zehner declared this meeting adjourned.

Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting

The next HPRB meeting will be September 22, 2004.

Scott Zehner, Chair

Peggy Sue McRae, Secretary