

Historic Preservation Review Board – February 14, 2007 @ 7:00 PM

The meeting of the Historic Preservation Review Board was called to order by Chair, Mary Jane Anderson, at 7:05 PM at Town Hall.

Chair Anderson called the roll.

Members present: Mary Jane Anderson, Chair; Michael Jean Carpentier, Kevin Peterson and David Waldron

Also Present: Sandy Strehlou, HPRB Coordinator

Minutes

Minutes of HPRB meeting of 1/24/07 were approved.

Heritage Tourism Pilot Project

HP Coordinator Sandy Strehlou informed the Board that a \$1200 grant from the LTAC, Lodging Tax Advisory Committee, was awarded to the Town of Friday Harbor HPRB for a Heritage Tourism pilot project. The grant will fund promotional activities aimed at attracting shoulder-season visitors, a collaboration between the Town's historic preservation program and local restaurants and B&Bs and other lodging establishments operating in historic buildings. The overall goal is to demonstrate the economic benefits of historic preservation. With unanimous agreement of the Board, Chair Anderson agreed to sign an agreement between HPRB and the TFH regarding the LTAC funds. The HPRB Coordinator will staff the project and will make periodic progress reports to the HPRB.

Alternative Roofing Materials

The Board continued discussion of alternate roofing materials and metal roofs. Coordinator Strehlou will prepare a draft policy statement regarding HPRB roofing material policy. Once approved by the Board, Strehlou will inform the Port of Friday Harbor about the policy and the research conducted that lead to this position. The board was reluctant to ban metal roofs, ultimately reaching consensus: "If a metal roof looks like shingles it will comply with the preservation guidelines." Strehlou will research policies regarding roofing material in Port Townsend and La Conner and see what information the Washington Trust may have regarding roofs.

Historic Sites Inventory

The Board's recent fieldwork was discussed and several properties were reviewed using the criteria adopted by the Town Council (Ord 17.64.080) for assessing the appropriateness of historic designation: the McHenry House (The Bike Shop) at 380 Argyle and the Gross House (Post San Juan) at 685 Spring.

The McHenry House/The Bike Shop—380 Argyle

1. Yes - connected to Ed Scribner and Captain McHenry
2. Yes – original craftsman style and feel of house is retained.
3. Yes – It is in its original location.
4. No – Due to the loss of other nearby residential buildings on this end of Argyle and Nichols streets, the significance of this site—as a contributing factor to “the continuity or character of the streetscape, neighborhood, or Historic District”—has been diminished.
5. Yes
6. Yes – Despite various renovations that have diminished the some of the original features, (ie. lost set backs, shingles on the front façade, uncomplimentary front porch and deck windows) the original architectural character and uniqueness of the building is still evident.
7. N/A

The Gross House/Post San Juan—685 Spring Street

1. Yes
2. Yes
3. Yes
4. Yes – The area which includes this property was once characterized by rural farms, farm houses and farm buildings. It was an open landscape surrounded by kitchen gardens, cultivated crops and orchards. Today, commercial infill along Spring Street has replaced much of what was once open space, although the playing fields and the community garden across the street echo the past visually. The Nash houses (now Spring Street School), the Erickson/Rosaia Doyle Wilson house and several other vintage residential buildings still remain scattered along Spring Street, as they did 100 years ago.
5. Yes
6. Yes – Though the building has had recent embellishments, (ie. complicated divided light windows, non-traditional doors, and some non-matching siding on the rear addition,) it remains a very good example of a simple, traditional I-House.
7. NA

Upcoming Events

Board trainings will likely start in March, basic skills training in April and a workshop on incentives in May.

The board is asked to consider those who may be eligible for this year's Partners in Preservation Award.

It is time to start thinking of ideas for the San Juan County Fair next summer.

Mary Jane Anderson, Chair

Peggy Sue McRae
8:55: Meeting adjourned