

**Town of Friday Harbor
Historic Preservation Review Board
Minutes: April 25, 2007, 7:00 PM**

The meeting of the Historic Preservation Review Board was called to order by Chair, Mary Jane Anderson, at 7:07 PM at Town Hall.

Chair Anderson called the roll.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mary Jane Anderson, Chair; Gary Franklin, Michael Jean Carpentier, Kevin Peterson and David Waldron

ALSO PRESENT: Sandy Strehlou, HPRB Coordinator; Lynn Danaher, developer; Howie Rosenfeld, resident and business owner; Meagan Boe, resident; and Anna Howden, architect.

Minutes

Minutes of HPRB meeting of 3/28/07 were approved with a correction.

Communications from the Town and Citizens

Citizen Howie Rosenfeld addressed the HP board encouraging the board to consider expanding the Historic District to include the entire town.

Lynn Danaher Presentation: Potential Argyle Avenue Development

Property owner and developer Lynn Danaher gave the HP board a presentation in support of her request to have her property, and property she plans to purchase from the Land Bank, included in the Historic District. She explained that Historic Preservation incentives concerning both height and parking—incentives currently available only within the Historic District—would make it possible for her Argyle development to conform with the historic preservation guidelines on a mandatory basis.

HPRB Coordinator Sandy Strehlou, noted the HP board will need to consider the big picture and cannot easily justify adding to the Historic District in piecemeal segments. Chair Mary Jane Anderson noted that expanding the District would produce opposition due to the possibility of obstructed views created by the height incentive. Strehlou clarified that maintaining the integrity of the Historic District was the broader issue and the board's primary responsibility.

Kevin Peterson offered that the comprehensive development of Danaher's 11 acres could be seen as an opportunity and urged Danaher to do the groundwork.

Board member David Waldron noted that expanding the historic district would require a public hearing. He observed that Danaher's property is adjacent to the Historic District and may be a natural place to expand but that the board would need to look at the big picture and give it more thought.

In conclusion, Chair, Mary Jane Anderson told Ms. Danaher the HP board will consider her request and explore the possibilities.

At 7:40 Lynn Danaher, Howie Rosenfeld, Meagan Boe, and Anna Howden departed.

Spring Street Redesign Proposal

Peterson and Waldron presented to the board material concerning a possible re-design of Spring Street. Noting that significant parts of the above and below ground Spring Street infrastructure needs upgrading, Peterson and Waldron put forth ideas including rearranging parking to make more space for wider sidewalks, trees, site furnishings and commerce. A discovery process will continue over the next year, and a public dialogue over the next two years.

Coordinator Strehlou pointed out that TFH is open to advisory input from the HPRB on the impact of development on the Historic District. Lighting will be a part of the restructuring of Spring Street and is already an issue HP is addressing. Chair Anderson pointed out that it is in HP guidelines to encourage landscaping.

Old Business

Coordinator Strehlou asked the board to think about what was significant in the recent board training and what topics they would like covered in the future. One topic to be covered is *Conflict of Interest*.

May 2007: Partners in Preservation Award and Activities

Coordinator Strehlou and board member Gary Franklin will prepare an article for the newspaper acknowledging the people who in the past year have contributed to historic preservation in Friday Harbor through projects that passed through the design review process. They will email it to the rest of the board for feedback.

Ron Boe was chosen to receive the 2007 Partners in Preservation Award. It is suggested the award ceremony be held on the site of the relocated Churchill House.

Board Training: Incentives

Regarding the upcoming Community Forum on Historic Preservation Incentives with Michael Sullivan, Coordinator Strehlou asked the board to consider how they would like to participate in this event and what other activities they may wish to engage in with Mr. Sullivan.

Street Lights

Waldron gave a report on the streetlights in Friday Harbor. He observed that on lower portion of Spring Street, the existing lights alternate sides, while on the portion above the Argyle intersection, the lights are on one side of the street. The existing cobra-style street lights are around 20 ft tall; in Memorial Park they are 14 ft. Waldron advised against the proposal to intersperse historic street lights among the existing street lights. Illumination standards will be a factor, as they are currently not being met. Peterson also advised against mixing types of light as the colors differ.

Coordinator Strehlou will mention to King Fitch, Town Administrator, that HPRB recommends taking a comprehensive look at Spring Street and deferring the lighting issue until we have a better sense of the larger plan.

Roofing Materials Policy Discussion

It was suggested that the issue of roofing go first on the next agenda of the next meeting so as not to be deferred again. The board must decide whether the current guidelines regarding roofing materials should be modified. The current policy is, no metal roofs.

Staff Report

The Frits House will be featured in the October 2007 issue of *Cottage Living Magazine* in the magazine's regular cottage "make-over" feature. Strehlou reports that the editors of the magazine are excited about the possibility of helping to save the house by showing what it could look like it renovated.

Mary Jane Anderson, Chair

Peggy Sue McRae
9:02: Meeting adjourned