

Historic Preservation Review Board – November 28, 2007 @ 7:00 PM

The meeting of the Historic Preservation Review Board was called to order by Chair, Mary Jane Anderson, at 7:02 PM at Town Hall.

Chair Anderson called the roll.

Members present: Mary Jane Anderson, Chair; Kevin Peterson (arriving at 7:15), David Waldron, Gary Franklin and Michael Jean Carpentier

Also Present: Sandy Strehlou, HPRB Coordinator; Pauli Gavora representing the American Legion Hall and Taine Pyle contractor for the Blue Dolphin.

Minutes

Minutes for the HPRB meeting of November 14, 2007 were approved with minor corrections.

Design Review: American Legion

Ms. Pauli Gavora presented the American Legion's plan to replace the existing 69 feet of chain-link fence with a glass panel fence improving the view of the Hall's patio and providing a wind buffer. Bronze colored aluminum posts will frame the glass panels. In the ensuing discussion the board recommended the glass be non-reflective, and if tinted, cautioned that it could deaden the view. The board supported the applicant's choice of using the darker bronze color for the aluminum posts.

Design review for alteration of non-historic structures.

1. Compatibility – Yes
2. Additional Stories - NA
3. Proportions – NA
4. Roof Alterations – NA
5. Windows, Entryways, Porches – NA

The project was unanimously approved. Ms. Gavora was thanked by the board and then departed.

Design Review: The Blue Dolphin

Mr. Taine Pyle presented the board with plans to give the Blue Dolphin Restaurant a “facelift” by covering the front of the building with horizontal Hardieplank siding with cedar trim similar to that found on the buildings across the street. The project will include an added cornice along the top of the front of the building. In discussion the board agreed that the project was an improvement and that the cornice was compatible and an improving feature.

Design review for downtown alteration of non-historic structure.

1. Compatibility – Yes
2. Additional Stories – NA
3. Proportions – NA
4. Roof Alterations – Yes
5. Windows, Entryways, Porches – NA

The project was unanimously approved. Mr. Pyle was thanked by the board after which he departed.

HPRB Policies

Administrative Reviews: David Waldron presented the board with draft language adapting the board’s administrative review language to give the HPRB Coordinator a broader mandate to make administrative decisions. HPRB Coordinator Sandy Strehlou recommended considering this topic in the context of updating the manual. Board member Gary Franklin requested that Coordinator Strehlou check other communities to see what their policies are. It was recommended that this be a topic for discussion at an upcoming board retreat.

Procedures for Projects Involving Board Members: David Waldron also presented the board with draft language adapting the board’s policy toward board members involved with projects that financially benefit the board member. The board discussed ambiguities in the current language and the importance of holding board members to a high standard in regard to public perception. Coordinator Strehlou recommended the board think about the issues of concern.

Holiday Schedule

The HPRB will meet on December 12 but not on December 26 due to holidays.

Board Retreat

Coordinator Strehlou presented the board with a list of possible topics for the board to discuss at an upcoming retreat. She requested the board think of what topics they would most like to discuss and email them to her.

It was agreed that the retreat should be a half day, 4 hours, after the first of the year in January. Specific dates will be discussed at the next meeting.

General discussion ensued regarding the effectiveness of the board and public perception of the board.

Mary Jane Anderson, Chair

Peggy Sue McRae
8:55: Meeting adjourned