

Historic Preservation Review Board – June 11, 2008 @ 7:00 PM

The meeting of the Historic Preservation Review Board was called to order by Chair, Mary Jane Anderson, at 7:03 PM at Town Hall.

Chair Anderson called the roll.

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

Member Absent: Kevin Peterson, excused.

Also Present: Sandy Strehlou, HPRB Coordinator; Dave Krueger and Ron Howard representing the Jehovahs Witness building project and Matt Shildneck potential new board member.

Approval of the minutes for the HPRB meeting of May 28, 2008 was postponed to facilitate timely treatment of the Jehovahs Witness design review.

Design Review: Jehovahs Witness

Dave Krueger introduced the Jehovahs Witness remodeling project. The project is categorized as an alteration of a non-historic structure in a residential area of the historic district. The applicants are not seeking incentives. Mr. Krueger explained that the footprint of the building would remain the same and that the stone flashing will come off. He explained that the flat roof and stone flashing were causing drainage problems and that the roof will have a new design. He explained that they photographed examples of vernacular architecture for the Jehovahs Witness Regional Building Committee to review. The resulting design includes pitched roofs with dormers, Hardi lap siding, heavy composition shingles, new windows, some door changes and a partial drive through.

Of the two potential designs Mr. Krueger said that they were leaning towards the design with the dormers matching on either side.

Ron Howard also addressed the board mentioning that he expected the project to take about two weeks except for the painting and that an existing metal section of roofing will be taken off of the building.

Board member David Waldron stated that he thought the matched dormers provided a balanced look and he thought the plan was right on and a big improvement.

Design Review:

1. Compatibility – Yes

Comment: The new plan is more compatible than the present building.

2. Additional Stories, New Roof – Yes

Comment: New design is more in harmony with surroundings in Argyle's historic neighborhood.

3. Proportions – Yes

Comment: Windows on the street side tone down the mass of the building.

4. Windows, entryways, porches – Yes

Comment: Added entryway gives the building a more residential scale.

Recommendations: In trimming out vents, use rectangular not curved shapes. Match style of doors and windows. Regarding lighting choose a craftsman style.

The board thanked Misters Krueger and Howard for their excellent presentation and for the work put into their design process. Coordinator Strehlou commended the project pointing out that with lower Argyle facing pressures to become more commercial the project helps to retain the residential character of an important historic neighborhood.

After Mr. Krueger and Mr. Howard departed Coordinator Strehlou recommended the board write an article about this project as a newsworthy story and an example of a design review well prepared.

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Corrections were made regarding the design review for the American Legion addition. The following section was rewritten as follows.

Materials –Yes contingent on: Redesign the stairway using cable ground rails and posts which match the deck posts. Use tempered glass only on the landing. As long as the roof is not seen from the public right of way metal may be used.

Also, in the second to the last sentence of the document the word “and” was eliminated. The sentence now reads: Lights must all be the same color.

National Historic Preservation Month

The board briefly discussed events of last month relating to National Historic Preservation month. Coordinator Strehlou noted positive responses from local Bed & Breakfasts and noted that many locals took advantage of the Saturday walking tours. The lecture, *Paying Attention to the Ordinary: Friday Harbor's Rural Architecture*, by Boyd Pratt at the Historical Museum is on video.

Manual Update

Coordinator Strehlou explained her suggestions based on her continuing forward from page 34 reviewing the HP Manual. She found as she went forward information that she thought might be better suited for earlier sections that the board has already reviewed. She recommended restructuring the information for clarity. It was decided that the board take time to read her comments and suggestions before proceeding.

New Board Member

There are two applicants for filling the vacant board position. The Mayor appoints the board members. It is hoped he will make an appointment before leaving the Island next week.

Mary Jane Anderson, Chair

Peggy Sue McRae
8:02 Meeting adjourned