

## **Historic Preservation Review Board – July 23, 2008 @ 7:00 PM**

The meeting of the Historic Preservation Review Board was called to order by Chair, Mary Jane Anderson, at 7:04 PM at Town Hall.

Chair Anderson called the roll.

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

Also Present: Sandy Strehlou, HPRB Coordinator, Jim Carroll representing Harbor Village

### **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes for HPRB meetings of April 23, 2008 and June 25, 2008 were approved.

### **New Member Welcomed**

The board made introductions and welcomed new member Matt Shildneck. Matt has lived on the Island since 1979 and resides within the Town of Friday Harbor. He works as an electrician.

### **Harbor Village Exterior Paint Plan**

Mr. Jim Carroll arrived and addressed the board regarding plans to paint the exterior of the Harbor Village businesses. He explained that the idea was to paint the separate businesses in different "soft and historic" colors thus breaking up the mass of the large building. He said he hoped to bring to the development some of the character of residential Argyle and was open to suggestions and feedback from the board. The board encouraged Mr. Carroll to make color tests before committing to specific colors. Doors will be treated with the trim colors of grey. The board thanked Mr. Carroll for his time and the thought he was putting in to the project. Mr. Carroll left at 7:53 pm.

### **Preservation Manual Update**

#### **The Waterfront**

It was agreed by the board that treatment of the waterfront in the HP manual be treated as a stand-alone section apart from "downtown" requiring a paragraph describing the transition from a working waterfront to today's recreation based waterfront. The board agreed to approach Tina Rose to do new drawings describing the harbor, geographically define the waterfront.

The board agreed with the following suggestions and tasks submitted by coordinator Strehlou:

#### **A. Waterfront p.37**

- **Suggestion1:** Make this a stand-alone section, apart from Downtown.
- **Suggestion2:** Define what area constitutes the waterfront.
- **Suggestion3:** Start with a very brief description of the history of the “working” waterfront, including the shift (timeframe and look) from working waterfront to recreational.
- **Suggestion4/Task1:** With narrative and Tina Rose drawings describe the buildings that once lined the harbor.
- **Suggestion5/Task2:** Write a new paragraph summarizing the current character of the waterfront.
- **Suggestion6/Task3:** Identify the significant remaining landmarks, sites and landscape features—including those, if any, mid-century or qualifying recent past structures.
- **Suggestion7/Task4:** Detail recommended traditional design elements for the waterfront derived from looking at archival waterfront photos.)
- **Suggestion8/Task6:** Recommend ways to develop interpretive structures/markers/ signage to help tell the story of the waterfront. Include strategies that property owners could incorporate into undeveloped spots within developed properties, onto existing cotemporary structures, and within plans for new construction.
- **Suggestion9/Task5:** Consult with the Port of Friday Harbor to gain input on the new content.

#### **B. Pedestrian Walkways and Alley**

- **Suggestion1/Task6:** Kevin Peterson will write a white paper on these topics for future review.
- **Suggestion2/Task7:** The Board will conduct field work and commission new drawings to illustrate traditional and newly-developed walkways and alleys.
- **Suggestion3:** Current paragraph is ok, but break up the paragraph into smaller paragraphs.
- **Suggestion4/Task8:** Replace the alley drawing with a new drawing to be created by Tina Rose.
- **Suggestion5/Task9:** Conduct a field assessment of Sunshine Alley and consider creating new language to address design guidelines for the building facades that face the alley. Any guidelines created should have historic integrity. This may need to be a new design category.

### C. Streetscape p.38

- **Suggestion1/Task6:** Strehlou suggested a discussion about how to better address scale and mass issues now that the developers are building bigger and broader. Kevin Peterson will write a white paper on these topics for future review.
- **Suggestion2/Task10:** David, Kevin and the Board may want to have a more lengthy discussion of other streetscape issues/amenities. If there are subjects to add, it may be here or in new subsections to this subsection.

### D. Parking p.38

- No change to the first paragraph recommended.
- **Suggestion1/Task11:** Identify parking lots in the downtown historic district (ie. the newer FH House lot, the Legion, Sunshine Alley, Car Quest, lot-next-to-the-fire station, courthouse lot, etc.) and evaluate what works and does not work.
- **Suggestion1/Task12:** On the subject of parking, pgs 37-39, the board agreed that the manual needs all new drawings. New drawings of "nicely screened parking" were recommended.

### E. Public Space p.39

- **Suggestion2/Task10 (repeated):** David, Kevin and the Board may want to have a more lengthy discussion of other streetscape issues/amenities. If there are subjects to add, it may be here or in new subsections to this subsection. The first paragraph of this subsection speaks to the ideas Kevin and David brought to the Downtown Forum and the HPRB last year. Regarding public space, pg 39, the board agreed with Strehlou's suggestion, adding the possibility of adding "pocket parks" or small "green" spaces.
- **Suggestion3/Task13:** Rewrite the second sentence of the second paragraph to say "Churchill Corner" and "Palace Theater, and the current location of Wells Fargo Bank. Memorial Park is still applicable, the park next to Friday Harbor House might be an addition. The pathway through the Tukang (Todd) project may be, though it is too early to tell. I am not sure if Churchill Corner still applies, is it a place people stop and meet? There is no pathway from the complex down to the park...Friday Harbor Center (alley way) should be included. How about the stairway from First down to the harbor?

### F. Roof Form p.39

- **Suggestion1:** It was decided by the board that the next section, Roof Forms pg 39 was out of place and should be deleted.

- **Suggestion2/Task14:** Should we clarify what we mean by the last sentence of this paragraph ... "should be compatible with immediate neighbors." Where would this content go in the subsection?

#### G. Color p.39

- **Suggestion1:** "...one *neutral* base color.."

#### Staff Report

##### Administrative Review County Courthouse

Coordinator Strehlou informed the board of an administrative review done on behalf of the County Courthouse for repairs in kind needed for waterproofing and water damage repairs. Additionally, they will be fixing the window sashes using storm windows inside. A grant was received and Washington Trust is monitoring the project.

##### HPRB Centennial Celebration Project

In light of the board's current projects it was suggested by coordinator Strehlou that the Waterfront project (earlier discussed as a centennial project) be put aside for now and that the board focus on bringing historic register language to the Town Council in the fall. Strehlou handed out a draft titled, *17.64.090 Historic Landmark Register*. Completion of this project was recommended as an alternative centennial project. Much has been done on this already. The board will discuss this at the next meeting.

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Mary Jane Anderson, Chair

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Peggy Sue McRae  
9:00 Meeting adjourned