

## Historic Preservation Review Board Meeting Wednesday, April 28, 2010, 7:00 PM

The meeting of the Historic Preservation Review Board was called to order by Acting Chair, Kevin Peterson at 7:04 PM at Town Hall.

Acting Chair, Peterson called the roll.

Members present: Acting Chair, Kevin Peterson; Matt Shildneck, Michael Jean Smith, and David Waldron.

Also present: Sandy Strehlou, HPRB Coordinator; Peggy Sue McRae, Recording Secretary; and Don Jarrell representing The Whale Museum.

### Minutes

The minutes of the HPRB meeting of 3.24.10 were approved.

### Design Review/The Whale Museum

Mr. Don Jarrell introduced himself and addressed the board regarding The Whale Museum's proposed projects. Mr. Jarrell is a retired energy engineer who is working with Val Viers, the president of The Whale Museum board, to develop a plan to weatherize the museum. The museum has a current annual energy bill of \$9,000.00.

The museum plans to install insulation and replace windows. They would also like to replace an outdated electric furnace with a heat pump system. They are in discussions with OPALCO to make the Whale Museum retrofit a model of an energy efficient historic building. The museum has a \$50,000 grant to use for the window and insulation phases of the project.

Board member Matt Shildneck asked why the museum does not begin by replacing the heating system. Mr. Jarrell explained that the museum has a pending grant for a new heating system.

Other proposed projects include: one new window on the north side of the building, new exterior paint, roof repairs and interior repairs.

**Siding:** Yes – (referring to installing insulation) as long as it is done in a manner that does not change the outside appearance of the building, complies with the Secretary of the Interior standards (refer to Steven Matthison) and the board discourages the drill and plug method. (pg 43 HP manual)

**Roof:** Yes – replacement of roof with similar size and color asphalt shingles. (pg 43 HP manual)

**Windows:** Yes – Make the new rear elevation window as close in shape and proportion to the other windows in building as possible. (Though not to be used as future precedent) The board recommends wood (or other paintable material) over vinyl, and a single or double hung fenestration. (pg 46 HP manual)

Coordinator Sandy Strehlou recommended Mr. Jarrell and the museum make use of the expertise exhibited recently at the HP sponsored Green Rehab workshop. Acting Chair Peterson recommended forming an oversight board of local professionals to help guide and oversee the projects. Key phrase: Short term improvements with a long-term perspective. It was agreed that the museum would make a great model project.

### **New Board Member**

The Mayor will announce the HPRB's new member on May 5<sup>th</sup> at the Town Council meeting. The board will rotate the chair every 3 months.

### **Green Rehab Feedback**

Coordinator Strehlou was very pleased over all with the Green Rehab workshop and received good feedback from attendees on the presenters not to mention the excellent lunch provided by Paul Stevens. The workshop attendees were a good cross section of people and the workshop was a stellar training for the board. The board offered their compliments and applause to coordinator Strehlou for her excellent work in putting it all together.

### **Preservation Month**

David Waldron will attend the town council meeting on May 5<sup>th</sup> to announce preservation month activities. Coordinator Strehlou will be attending a barn conference in Walla Walla, May 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>. The regular HP meeting scheduled for May 12<sup>th</sup> will be cancelled, as Boyd Pratt will be speaking that evening at the Historical Museum on The History of Concrete Block Buildings in Friday Harbor. Coordinator Strehlou will resume walking tours of Friday Harbor on Saturdays except for May 8<sup>th</sup> when Roche Harbor will have its own walking tour. Board member Michael Jean Smith volunteered to attend the Historic Church tours at the Christian Science Church on May 16, and at St. Francis Catholic Church on May 30<sup>th</sup>. The Preservation award ceremony will take place on Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 7:00 pm at Island Gardens.

### **Administrative Review: American Legion**

Coordinator Strehlou informed the board that the American Legion would be resuming their previous plan minus the balcony roof. They are no longer asking for incentives.

### **Farmer's Market**

The board welcomed news that the State of Washington has allocated funds to contribute to, along with the Land Bank easement payment, the purchase of the Boede Building for the Permanent Farmers Market project. Board member Waldron credits our state representative Kevin Ranker with this success.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35

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Kevin Peterson, Acting Chair

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Peggy Sue McRae, Recording Secretary