

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

The meeting of the Historic Preservation Review Board was called to order by Acting Chair, Kevin Peterson at 7:03 PM at Town Hall.

Acting Chair, Peterson called the roll.

Board Members present: Acting Chair, Kevin Peterson; Melanie Rollins, David Waldron and Matt Shildneck.

Also present: Michael and Donna Fey, Property owners; Ingrid Gabriel, Visitor and County Clerk (arrived at 7:42pm); Sandy Strehlou, HPRB Coordinator; Kristine Steckbeck, HPRB Intern; Peggy Sue McRae, Recording Secretary.

Minutes

The minutes of the HPRB meeting of 06.23.10 were approved.

Design Review – Fey Deck

Mr. Fey addressed the board regarding plans for building a deck replacement behind their historic home at 240 Harrison Street. The house is within the historic district and the project is a residential rehabilitation. The Feys have owned the house for two years and are interested in the history of their home. The planned deck will not compromise the historic integrity of the house. The new deck will have a one-foot step down and will help to mask the concrete basement when looking at it from Warbass Way. A material, Fibron, that mimics wood, will be used for the surface of the deck. The railings, will be clear acrylic material instead of posts in order to maintain the view.

The board reviewed the project using the general guidelines for rehabilitation, residential, page 59 HP manual.

- A. Principals for Rehabilitation of Historic Structures
 - 1. Original qualities - yes – (will not alter structure)
 - 2. Additions or alterations – yes (will not alter structure)
 - 3. Era
 - a. Additions & Exteriors – NA
 - b. Components of Style – NA

c. Alterations not imitating “early style” - yes

- B. Preservation of Significant Original Qualities – NA
- C. Replacement or Substitution of Original Features – NA
- D. Existing Alterations on Historic Buildings – NA
- E. Existing Alterations on Historic Buildings – NA

Detailed Guidelines - NA

Comments: The board recommended use of landscaping to further mask the concrete basement and enhance the appearance of the property from Warbass Way.

The Feys voiced an interest in further restoring their historic home and were invited to come to the board for advice. The Feys left at 7:30.

Intern Report – Survey of 1940-1965 Structures

The HP’s Intern Kristine Steckbeck reported to the board on her work beginning the survey of structures within Friday Harbor’s historic district that were built during the period 1940-1965. She has surveyed 35 properties on streets Price, Park, Marguerite, Scenic and Hillcrest, and has observed many similarities in the properties of this era including clapboard siding, hipped roofs and picture windows.

Boede Building

The board discussed the need for public education regarding the historic significance of the Boede Cement building. As evidenced by a letter to the *Island Guardian*, San Juan Island online newspaper, there is public misunderstanding regarding the historic significance of the structure. HPRB Coordinator Sandy Strehlou will draft a statement with input from board members and acting chair, Peterson.

Administrative Reviews

The HPRB concurred with a staff decision to administratively review a project involving a re-roof and removal of a chimney from the Garden Path restaurant building. The chimney was not functional and was determined to be a safety hazard. It was not a primary feature of the structure.

In a second project, the San Juan Community Theatre has been re-roofing their roof in stages, beginning in 2008. They are presently commencing on the third and final stage of that project. This project was administratively approved.

Scenic Byways

Coordinator Strehlou provided the board with recommendations for a variety of Scenic Byways projects for Friday Harbor.

Next HPRB Meeting

David Waldron will chair the next meeting, August 11th.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58

Kevin Peterson, Acting Chair

Peggy Sue McRae, Recording Secretary