

Historic Preservation Review Board Meeting Wednesday, August 11, 2010, 7:00 PM

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

Acting Chair, David Waldron called the roll.

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

Also present: Sandy Strehlou, HPRB Coordinator; Kristine Steckbeck, HPRB Intern; Peggy Sue McRae, Recording Secretary.

Minutes

The minutes of the HPRB meeting of 07.28.10 were approved.
The minutes of the HPRB meeting of 04.28.10 were approved with corrections.

The Erickson Property/Boede Building

HPRB Coordinator Sandy Strehlou reported to the HP board regarding a request by Town Administrator C. King Fitch that she draft a paper to answer questions posed by the County Council regarding the history of the Town's assessment of the historic significance of the Boede building.

Strehlou noted that C. King Fitch clarified that the Town Council's withdrawal from the Erickson property transaction was related to the council's use of Hotel/Motel tax monies.

Coordinator Strehlou explained the background of the HP board's determination of the historic significance of the Boede building. The Boede building was in the HPRB's original inventory of historic places begun in 1994-1997 when Nancy Larsen was the HPRB coordinator. At that time the property was listed as an inventoried property designated for eventual landmark status. The board's determination of the Boede building's historic significance is based on national criteria. It was ranked highest in the HPRB's original assessment and remains the highest rated Friday Harbor property for landmarking status. Architectural historian Boyd Pratt authored a paper titled, *Elements of Significance*. Mr. Pratt's paper addresses the *Statement of Significance* format used by, The Town of Friday Harbor, the Washington Dept. of Archeology and Historic Preservation, and the National Park Service/Secretary of the Interior.

Thus a record of the Town's assessment of the Boede building's historic significance shall be entered into the public record.

Port Project/Downriggers

HPRB Coordinator Strehlou informed the board of the Port's plan to build a higher screen (than the currently existing screen) behind the Downriggers Restaurant. She asked for board input on the aesthetics of the project. Board member Kevin Peterson offered to have an informal chat with Port representative to offer ideas. Peterson also pointed out the grave hazard to pedestrians of restaurant parking where cars back out across the sidewalk.

Peterson Bridge Design

Coordinator Strehlou provided the board with an article regarding board member Peterson's design for a bridge spanning the Columbia River between Portland, Oregon and Vancouver, Washington. Peterson recapped the challenges of working with large bureaucracies. The board appreciates Peterson's talent and expertise.

Scenic Byways

Coordinator Strehlou shared further logo possibilities from the Scenic Byways Committee with the board. Strehlou has requested that any future build-out of Scenic Byways infrastructure within the TFH go through a voluntary design review before the HP Board. She also shared with the board the By Way's Committee's interest in incorporating bicycle friendly features in their plan.

San Juan County Fair

Boyd Pratt will be giving a talk on the Saturday of the Fair at 11:30 on Preserving Historic Barns in San Juan County.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55

David Waldron, Acting Chair

Peggy Sue McRae, Recording Secretary