

Historic Preservation Review Board Meeting Wednesday, December 10, 2014, 6:00 PM

The meeting of the Historic Preservation Review Board was called to order by Acting Chair, David Harsh, at 6:02 PM at Town Hall.

Acting Chair, David Harsh called the roll.

Board Members present: Acting Chair; David Harsh, Stephen Revella, and Jeff Iverson

Also present: Mike Greenway, general contractor for Sundries Court, Donald and Penelope Torkington, property owners Sundries Court. Sandy Strehlou, HPRB Coordinator; and Peggy Sue McRae, Recording Secretary.

Sundries Court - Update

Sundries Court property was previously reviewed, approved and granted incentives. Since the initial review, the property has changed ownership. The HPRB recently consulted with the new owners regarding certain obligations required in exchange for incentives granted. Several elements completed after the change in ownership do not comply with the agreed upon plans and/or were not reviewed for approval by the HPRB. Mr. Torkington addressed the HPRB requesting that certain elements that deviate from the approved plan be approved at this time as they have already been installed or constructed.

Balcony Partition: Project contractor Mike Greenway has submitted a revision plan documenting the partition that was not on the original approved plan. Acting Chair David Harsh suggested an alternate design. A motion to approve the partition as it is was passed by the board 2 in favor, 1 opposed.

Carriage Lights: The Torkington's requested that the six carriage lights, an inappropriate style according to HPRB guidelines be allowed to remain as they are. A motion to approve the existing carriage lights as they are was passed by the board. 2 in favor, 1 opposed.

Discovery Kayak: HPRB Coordinator, Sandy Strehlou made it clear that she must be kept informed regarding precise plans for the Discovery Kayak business. It was agreed that the transoms shall be competed. The installed side door was never approved. Acting Chair, David Harsh proposed that HP staff and Land Use Administrator Mike Bertrand work together with Discovery Kayak and the Torkingtons toward developing a suitable plan.

According to Mike Greenway gutters will be installed the following week and downspouts will be in the back corners.

At 7:00 pm Mike Greenway, Don and Penelope Torkington departed.

Board Training

Once all vacancies on the HP board are filled, Coordinator Strehlou plans to hold a board training to go over the HPRB's commonly accepted principals. She spoke briefly about the HP manual and the need to update it especially regarding the shoreline, green building practices, and a revised window policy. She noted that when there is a question the HPRB looks to the Dept. of the Interior. Our local program is more flexible and specific to Friday Harbor, that said, the closer to the Dept. of the Interior standards the better. She stressed the importance of being consistent.

New board members were informed that we are close to becoming a CLG certified local government, and that would include benefits such as tax incentives, grants, and support for our program. In 2015 the HPRB will get its landmarking program adopted in order to become a CLG.

Coordinator Strehlou requested board members email her with ideas for the board training.

Eco House

Coordinator Strehlou informed the board that property owner Lynn Danaher, the Land Bank, Boyd Pratt and OPALCO have had preliminary discussion on using the Acanthus house at 460 Argyle for community education regarding energy conservation.

Meeting adjourned 7:35

David Harsh, Acting Chair

Peggy Sue McRae, Recording Secretary