

Historic Preservation Review Board Meeting Wednesday, June 11, 2014, 6:00 PM

The meeting of the Historic Preservation Review Board was called to order by Acting Chair, Elizabeth Anderson at 6:05 PM at Town Hall.

Acting Chair, Elizabeth Anderson called the roll.

Board Members present: Acting Chair; Elizabeth Anderson, Nina LeBaron, Ellen Roberts, and David Harsh. Absent: Matt Shildneck

Also present: Mary Mason, representing Herb's; Ashley Philips, HP intern with the National Park; Sandy Strehlou, HPRB Coordinator; and Peggy Sue McRae, Recording Secretary.

Minutes

HPRB Minutes for the meeting of 04.30.2014 were approved.

Design Review: Herb's Awnings and Signs

HPRB Coordinator Sandy Strehlou opened the discussion by reviewing the historical use of awnings in the Pacific Northwest noting that by the 1850s there were awnings in Seattle. Awnings here were traditionally shed styled and were sometimes used for advertising. The shed style would be the appropriate style of awning for Herb's Tavern.

While the current HPRB manual does not address awnings, board member Ellen Roberts provided a document from the National Park Service U.S. Department of the Interior: *The Use of Awnings on Historic Buildings, Repair, Replacement and New Design*. It was noted that the board include awnings when next updating the HPRB manual.

Mary Mason, representing Herb's indicated that she thought the owner's of the building already ordered umbrella or dome styled awnings.

Recommendations

#1. Awnings: The board recommended that if at all possible, the applicant return the umbrella styled awnings in exchange for shed style awnings as referred to in Preservation Brief #44, *The Use of Awnings on Historic Buildings, Repair, Replacement and New Design*.

#2. Signs

A. Spring Street Elevation: After some discussion regarding signage the board recommended that the signage on the Spring Street side of the building be elongated as to better fit the shape of the false front and parapet,

or as an alternative leave it off altogether, or trade off regarding size limitations by eliminating the lit sign.

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B. First Street Elevation: It was recommended that the sign centered above the door on First Street elevation be elongated horizontally, that the dark trim be removed, and make it blend in as much as possible with the building.

Mary Mason, Ashley Philips, and board member Nina LeBaron departed at 7:15 pm

Preservation Month 2014 – Review

Coordinator Strehlou opened a review of May's recent Historic Preservation events by questioning the relevance of the actual awards ceremony. It was suggested that as an alternative, regarding awards being presented to organizations, recipients be presented with the award at one of their own meetings. It was also suggested community recognition could be accomplished with a newspaper article and photograph.

Ellen Roberts reported that the Sunshine Alley Walking Tour was "Great". Strehlou noted that the walking tours gained in attendance since last year. She also commented on the success of the event at the Grange Hall noting that a lot of history is documented by these events. Board member David Harsh commented on the importance of capturing our living history and noted there is real public interest in the stories of our "Old Timers".

Strehlou noted the contributions of other community members to appreciating local history and the *Writing Our History* project. Writings from this project can be found at historylink.org

Staff Reports and Announcements

Strehlou informed the board that

- the historic residential building on the corner of Guard and Tucker has been demolished;
- she is working with Brickworks to develop signage;
- the public hearing for the Port's Spring Street Landing project will take place on June 26th;
- and, because the building known as Jeri's Mall has been hit by a car, damaging structural rebar, it may now be possible to make a recessed entrance.

Meeting adjourned 8:02

Elizabeth Anderson, Acting Chair

Peggy Sue McRae, Recording Secretary