

## **Historic Preservation Review Board Meeting Wednesday, August 24, 2016 6:00 PM**

The meeting of the Historic Preservation Review Board was called to order by Acting Chair, David Harsh, at 6:07 PM at Town Hall.

Acting Chair, David Harsh called the roll.

Board Members present: Acting Chair, David Harsh; Margie Martin, and Francine Shaw. Excused Absence: Jeff Iverson. Absent Mike Vouri.

Also present: Peggy Sue McRae, Recording Secretary. HPRB Coordinator Sandy Strehlou was away.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of August 10, 2016 were approved.

### **Spring Street Landing**

Acting Chair, David Harsh advised the board that HPRB Coordinator Sandy Strehlou sent photos to the Port of Friday Harbor illustrating possible solutions for the capped chimney above their bar fireplace.

### **Mural Ordinance – Work Session**

Acting Chair David Harsh opened the discussion of Murals in Friday Harbor and Friday Harbor's municipal code regarding murals.

It was pointed out that murals in Friday Harbor have been proliferating on an accelerated J curve over the past year.

It was shared that Friday Harbor's historic architecture reflects the character of our forbearers with its straightforward, no-nonsense, unadorned, style. To lose this visual heritage is a painful loss of local culture. It changes our identity.

Territorial era architecture in one of the few Pacific Northwest towns that never suffered a major catastrophic fire is a particularly rare treasure.

It was suggested that the board urge the town to refocus its beautification toward landscaping. Appreciation for TFH flower baskets was expressed.

Acting Chair, Harsh shared his findings regarding mural ordinances from other communities particularly Manassas, Virginia and Port Townsend, Washington.

Board member Francine Shaw volunteered to create a rough draft of a proposed revision to Friday Harbor's mural ordinance incorporating aspects of the Port Townsend mural ordinance.

The board will create revisions to the TFH mural ordinance in order to present them to Town Council at a future date.

Meeting adjourned 7:50

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David Harsh, Acting Chair

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Peggy Sue McRae, Recording Secretary