

Historic Preservation Review Board Work Session Wednesday, April 13, 2016 6:00 PM

The meeting of the Historic Preservation Review Board was called to order by Acting Chair, Mike Vouri, at 6:01 PM at Town Hall.

Acting Chair, Mike Vouri called the roll.

Board Members present: Acting Chair, Mike Vouri, Margie Martin, Jeff Iverson, and David Harsh.

Also present: Jesse Pinnow, agent, Michael Corliss and Lauri Corliss, property owners, all representing Friday Harbor House, Sandy Strehlou, HPRB Coordinator; and Peggy Sue McRae, Recording Secretary.

Minutes

The HP board approved HPRB minutes for March 9.

Friday Harbor House Design Review

Jesse Pinnow, addressed the HPRB regarding proposed renovations to Friday Harbor House including alterations of the lower windows on the harbor side of the building and the construction of a garden tool box to be located underneath the renovated windows outside. The structure is a non-historic building within the historic district. The applicant is not seeking incentives.

Mr. Pinnow explained that the remodeling of the interior of the restaurant and placement of the bar were the reason for altering the windows. The garden tool box is intended to save space and help keep the outside grounds tidy.

The project was reviewed according to guidelines for the alteration of non-historic structures downtown, page 51 in the HPRB manual.

1. Alterations should be compatible in size, scale, material, and character with the existing building, nearby historic buildings, and the streetscape. **1 yes 3 No**
2. Additional stories - **NA**
3. Proportion of primary facades should be similar to nearby historic buildings - **NA**
4. Roof alterations should be comparable with existing building, nearby historic buildings, and streetscape. - **NA**
5. Windows, entryways, and inset porches should be in same proportions as

those of nearby historic buildings. - **NA**

The primary issue in non-compliance was the asymmetry created in changing the windows on only one side of the building, the building being a prominent feature of the approach to Friday Harbor from the water.

In order to mitigate this issue and bring the project into compliance it was suggested by the board that the renovated windows be divided into four windows rather than two, matching the windows on the other side of the building, or remodel the windows on the other side to match the proposed new windows.

History Lives Here – Preparations for Heritage Month

Coordinator Strehlou reviewed the May calendar and history events on San Juan, Lopez, and Orcas Islands. Wednesday, May 11 board member Mike Vouri will be giving a history talk, *Coast Survey*, at 7 pm at the library.

The HPRB's Partners in Preservation Awards Reception will be on May 25 at Brickworks. There are a number of notable anniversaries including HPRB - 20 years, Historical Museum - 50 years, San Juan Islands National Historic Park - 50 years, TFH Town Hall - 80 years. It was suggested that engaging other groups in this event may improve attendance.

The board agreed to grant Partners in Preservation awards to the following:

- 1) Ron and Susan Willson for the Firth/Lawson House, 775 Argyle Avenue - *Outstanding Achievement in Historic Preservation and Rehabilitation*.
- 2) Tim Judkins for the c190-0- Mathilda Carlsdotter Nelson House, 570- Guard Street - *Outstanding Achievement in Historic Preservation and Rehabilitation AND Compatible New Construction*
- 3) John and Marilyn Gresseth for the c190-0- Laural Hook House, 590- Guard Street - *Outstanding Achievement in Historic Preservation and Rehabilitation*.

Coordinator Strehlou will contact anniversary guests. Individual roles for board members will be decided at the next HPRB meeting on April 27th.

Board member David Harsh suggested an "in memorandum" feature to draw attention to the historic buildings we have lost, possibly a power point presentation.

Board Members and Recruitment

HPRB board member Stephen Revella has resigned from the board and will come to the next, April 27 meeting to say his farewell. The board is now actively

recruiting for a new board member.

Public Art

Coordinator Strehlou informed the board that Town Council approved the Blair Street Mural project. Town Council while recognizing HPRB's request for a moratorium on murals is not acting on it.

Strehlou also informed the board regarding two proposed public art projects, **1)** adding "art elements" to public benches and **2)** painting sidewalks with paint that shows only when wet.

Board member Margie Martin spoke to the issue of Friday Harbor's new found enthusiasm for public art projects by acknowledging her feelings of sadness at the loss of Friday Harbor's traditional aesthetic based on functionality. The board unanimously agreed with her and discussed how to be more proactive rather than reactive regarding the current proliferation of public art. Board member Mike Vouri suggested approaching local Real Estate agents individually in an effort to educate and enlist them as partners. Engaging High School students in community projects was also suggested.

Interpretive Project Panels

Coordinator Strehlou informed the board that she expects to have two interpretive panels, one on *Argyle* and one on *Fire* completed by the end of May. Also, the Community Theatre is preparing a panel.

Meeting adjourned 7:30

Mike Vouri, Acting Chair

Peggy Sue McRae, Recording Secretary