

## **Historic Preservation Review Board Meeting Wednesday, June 08, 2016 6:00 PM**

The meeting of the Historic Preservation Review Board was called to order by Acting Chair, Mike Vouri, at 6:10 PM at Town Hall.

Acting Chair, Mike Vouri called the roll.

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

Also present: Roger and Marguerite Bennett, property owners of 1 Spring Street; Sandy Strehlou, HPRB Coordinator; and Peggy Sue McRae, Recording Secretary.

### **Approval of Minutes**

After a minor correction board members Mike Vouri, and David Harsh, postponed approval of the HPRB minutes for April 27. Board member Jeff Iverson was not present at the April 27 meeting. Margie Martin will be needed to make a quorum.

### **Mural Review: 1 Spring Street**

HPRB Coordinator Sandy Strehlou began the mural review by reviewing the mural review process. Both HPRB and the Friday Harbor Arts Commission will review the mural, which then goes on to the Land Use Administrator who will then make a report to the town depending on if the mural meets the criteria in the mural ordinance. Regarding this review the relevant criteria are: G, I, and J.

Roger Bennett addressed the board. He explained that his tenant who will be opening a Fish and Chips place on the property painted the mural. Mr. Bennett has pending construction on the property and said that if the town did not want the mural he would paint it out. The mural was intended to be temporary, 6 to 9 months.

**Mural Review** – Relevant criteria from the TFH mural ordinance G, I, and J.

**G.** The mural must be compatible with the existing architecture and area surrounding proposed site.

**3 No** – Mural is not compatible with adjacent historic building or the greater waterfront.

I. The mural must enhance the aesthetic with-in the Town through scale, color, material, and texture.

**2 No, 1 Abstain** – Mural interrupts the visual cohesion of the waterfront. Board member David Harsh abstained objecting to ordinance language that would dictate style.

J. The mural must portray the natural environment, and historical, environmental, or cultural features of the town or proposed site.

**2 No, 1 Abstain** – The mural has no apparent relevance to the town.

David Harsh abstained objecting to ordinance language that requires murals to be of a narrative or representational style excluding abstract art.

The board briefly discussed the merits of site-specific abstract art.

### **Mural Moratorium**

Coordinator Strehlou introduced the concept of smaller art on buildings, art that does not dominate the entire façade of a building as a possibility that might mitigate the propensity for large murals. The board will revisit this topic. Meanwhile, the board reiterated its stand encouraging the town to enact a moratorium on additional large murals within the historic district.

### **Public Education**

It was suggested that the town include the mural ordinance in a packet to go with building permits and also recommend the town put out a press release with mural information.

### **Administrative Review**

Coordinator Strehlou described a proposed administrative review of the Yacht Club's replacement of second floor deck railing. The board approved this project for an administrative review.

### **Summer Absences**

Both Mike Vouri and Jeff Iverson will be not be present for either July meeting.

## **Partners in Preservation Review**

In reviewing the recent Partners in Preservation event it was agreed that the program went very well and Brickworks was a great location for it. Board member David Harsh suggested bringing in other entities such as Historic Barns of San Juan Island. Strehlou mentioned not wanting the program to go on too long.

Meeting adjourned 7:05

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Mike Vouri, Acting Chair

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Peggy Sue McRae, Recording Secretary