

Historic Preservation Review Board Meeting Wednesday, August 10, 2016 6:00 PM

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

Acting Chair, David Harsh called the roll.

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

Also present: Port of Friday Harbor Director Ted Fitzgerald representing Spring Street Landing; Sandy Strehlou, HPRB Coordinator; and Peggy Sue McRae, Recording Secretary.

Approval of Minutes

Approval of June 8, 2016 minutes was postponed.

Introducing New Board Member Francine Shaw

The HPRB's new member, Francine Shaw was briefly introduced. Shaw is a town resident and previously came before the board as an applicant when she remodeled her home on Argyle. She has a professional background in planning with bachelor's degree in architecture.

Design Review: Modification of the Restrictive Covenant to Accommodate the New Spring Street Landing Fireplace Vent

The external flue for a large propane fireplace in the restaurant bar is a new element added to the Spring Street Landing project. The project was formerly approved granting height and parking incentives and is therefore under a mandatory 20-year restrictive covenant whereby all changes to the approved design must be reviewed and approved by the HPRB. The proposed external flue does not change the over all building height. The proposed flue chimney will be covered with a dense, dark grey, hard "Masonite like" material and, as proposed would have a mushroom shaped top.

Review: Alteration of Non-Historic Structure

Design Considerations (p. 39), Roof form only. - **4 Yes** with conditions. Approved under the condition that the applicant modifies the mushroom shaped cap to retain a more traditional look provided the desired materials can be found or fabricated.

Guidelines for Alteration (p. 51), 1.Compatibility, size, scale, material, character. – **4 Yes**

Roof Alterations – Compatible with existing building. **4 Yes**

Conclusion: The new element was approved provided the stated condition to modify the look of the cap is met.

Mural Ordinance – Continued Discussion

HPRB Coordinator Sandy Strehlou reviewed the recent history of murals in Friday Harbor, the establishment of the town’s mural ordinance, and the process that an applicant must go through. Applicants must come before the HPRB, the town’s Art’s Commission, and the Land Use Administrator who makes recommendations to the Town Council.

Since the adoption of the mural ordinance, the Council has not concurred with the HPRB’s recommendations to prohibit mural within the historic district. Coordinator Strehlou suggested approval of smaller sized murals as a possible mitigation while recognizing the importance of the board’s concerns

Acting Chair David Harsh recommended the board become pro-active rather than reactive and it was suggested the board have a work session geared toward public education.

Strehlou will provide information regarding murals including information from other communities.

It was agreed to follow the next HPRB meeting on August 24th, which may be a short meeting, with a mural work session. Jeff Iverson will not be present.

Administrative Review Report

Coordinator Strehlou informed the board of an administrative review of the Phifer building, home to Rock Island Communications. The proposal was to replace an existing tower with a new tower that will match a second tower already in place. Strehlou consulted with the board’s former acting chair Mike Vouri who agreed that an administrative review was appropriate.

Meeting adjourned 7:35

David Harsh, Acting Chair

Peggy Sue McRae, Secretary