



HISTORIC DISTRICT REVIEW BOARD

Regular Meeting

Town Hall

June 17, 2014

6:00 p.m.

At 6:00 p.m. Chairman Joe Fehrer, having established a quorum, called to order the Regular Meeting of the Historic District Review Board. In addition to Joe Fehrer, present were John Caton, David Gay, Sandra Salopek and Terry Strub. Also in attendance were Town Planner Rob Testerman and Assistant Town Clerk Amanda Hurley.

The Board observed a moment of silence which was followed by the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion made by Terry Strub, seconded by David Gay, to accept the agenda as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

The Historic District Review Board reviewed the minutes of the March 18, 2014 Regular Meeting.

Motion made by David Gay, seconded by John Caton, to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2014 Regular Meeting as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. *209 Jefferson Ave –Siding*

Rob Testerman stated that the original application was submitted September 2013 for a rear addition and deck. The applicants had originally applied for the hardi-plank siding, but were proposing vinyl instead. Rob Testerman passed around a sample of the siding that he received from the contractor and explained that the insulated vinyl siding was the same of that approved at the last HDRB meeting for 368 Tazewell Avenue. The guidelines stated that synthetic material to replace or cover the original materials should be avoided on buildings that contributed to the historic and architectural character of the district, however 209 Jefferson Avenue was not listed as a contributing structure. The guidelines also stated that if synthetic siding was used, it should match the size, type, style and surface appearance of the original material as closely as possible. Rob Testerman presented a few color photos of the home to the Board.

Joe Fehrer asked what the age of the home was. Rob Testerman stated that it was unknown because the register did not list the homes on that block of Jefferson Avenue.

The Board was in agreement that the proposed vinyl siding would be more appealing than the current siding and would be more consistent with the neighboring homes.

Terry Strub questioned what would happen to the shutters. The Board agreed that the home should keep the shutters for consistency in the neighborhood. Rob Testerman stated that he would inquire with the applicant and let the Board know.

Motion made by David Gay, seconded by Terry Strub, to approve the application for vinyl siding at 209 Jefferson Avenue as presented subject to correction of any moisture, rot or infestation problems on the existing structure prior to covering with synthetic material, per guideline suggestions. The motion was unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no Old Business to discuss.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Rob Testerman stated that work was underway on the old school. Charon Ventures, LLC had applied for demolition permits with the Code Official. Rob Testerman and the Virginia Department Of Transportation (VDOT) were currently addressing comments on the site plan, specifically erosion and sediment control and VDOT's requirements for site access.

There was much discussion regarding the drainage issue at the corner of Plum Street. Rob Testerman stated that a section of curb and gutter at the intersection of Plum Street and Madison Avenue would be replaced as a VDOT requirement. Rob Testerman noted that this would not necessarily resolve the storm water ponding issues.

David Gay expressed his concern of the underground oil tank and Rob Testerman stated that it would be addressed.

Joe Fehrer mentioned that there were cats living under the school and inquired about closing off the foundation as part of the building permit. Rob Testerman stated that that would be the purview of the Code Official.

Rob Testerman stated that, during construction, the playground parking area would be closed off.

Joe Fehrer asked Rob Testerman to keep the Board informed of the project as it moved forward and also pointed out that the developer invited the Board to take a walk through of the school before renovations began. Rob Testerman stated that he would email the developer.

Rob Testerman commented that construction of the new home that was approved last month was underway at 368 Tazewell Avenue. The board agreed that the home looked very nice and the infill looked great.

Joe Fehrer pointed out that the ramp and stairs were completed at the Cape Charles Civic Center at 500 Tazewell Avenue.

Motion made by Sandra Salopek, seconded by David Gay, to adjourn the Historic District Review Board Regular Meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

Chairman Joe Fehrer

Asst. Town Clerk