



HISTORIC DISTRICT REVIEW BOARD

Regular Meeting
Cape Charles Civic Center
December 15, 2015
6:00 p.m.

At approximately 6:00 p.m. Chairman Joe Fehrer, having established a quorum, called to order the Regular Meeting of the Historic District Review Board (HDRB). In addition to Joe Fehrer, present were John Caton, David Gay and Sandra Salopek. Terry Strub was not in attendance. Also in attendance were Town Planner Larry DiRe and Assistant Town Clerk Amanda Hurley. Contractor Sean Ingram for 219 Tazewell Avenue was in attendance. There were no members of the public in attendance.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

The HDRB reviewed the minutes of the November 18, 2015 Regular Meeting.

Motion made by David Gay, seconded by Sandra Salopek, to accept the minutes of the November 18, 2015 Regular Meeting as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. 219 Tazewell Avenue – Porch addition to rear of building

Contractor Sean Ingram stated that 219 Tazewell Avenue was a typical four square structure. There would be changes to the building including the addition of a rear screened porch and a kitchen renovation. The kitchen renovation included a double pane window replaced by a quadruple pane window. Azek would be the material used for the siding and would look identical to the existing wood siding. The roof would be a shallow hip roof with standing seam metal. There was a deck currently in the footprint of the proposed 200 square feet screened porch. There would be brick piers for the foundation of the porch.

Assistant Town Clerk Amanda Hurley read the submitted comments from Terry Strub who stated that she saw no problem with approving the application for 219 Tazewell Avenue.

Motion made by David Gay, seconded by John Caton, to approve the application for 219 Tazewell Avenue as proposed. The motion was unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Guidelines review – Architectural Metals; Synthetic Siding; Paint (pages 53-57)

Joe Fehrer suggested that the Guidelines Sections each begin on their own page.

The Board was in agreement to remove “with chemicals or heat” and have the sentence read, “Copper, lead and tin can be cleaned” under the section regarding Architectural Metals.

Under the section Synthetic Siding, the statement “Decorative elements, trim, features and special surfaces should be retained when adding synthetic siding” should be bolded.

There was some discussion regarding asbestos siding.

Also under the Synthetic Siding section, number 5 should be updated to include “similar siding” in reference to wood and the sentence should be reworded for clarity in reference to the casings being proportional to the depth of the siding.

Terry Strub submitted a comment in writing stating that the last paragraph under the Synthetic Siding section had a typographical error. The sentence could be reworded to read “Once siding dents or fades, it needs painting just as frequently as wood.”

Larry DiRe suggested the Planning Commission and HDRB schedule a joint meeting regarding building materials in reference to the Zoning Ordinance and the Historic District Guidelines. The meeting would be held before the Historic District Guidelines were finalized in case there were any changes.

There had been no citizen volunteers for the paint committee that was proposed several months ago. Joe Fehrer stated that he felt a suggested paint palette would still be beneficial to have.

Terry Strub submitted a comment in writing suggesting that it might be helpful, for clarity, to reference pages 9-15 that picture the architectural styles for the color selection.

Larry DiRe recommended creating a document such as a tip sheet that would highlight some of the more important elements of the Historic District Guidelines which might be useful to prospective homebuyers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Larry DiRe reported that in January, he would provide the Board with a list of all the projects the HDRB approved in 2015 and what their status was. He would also work with Code Official Jeb Brady to provide the Board with construction values of approved projects for 2015.

Larry DiRe also reported that he was expecting to hear from the Department of Historic Resources regarding the scheduling of a workshop with the additional funding that was available through the National Park Service. The funding would allow for expansion of the historic district to include structures that were not listed on the National Register of Historic Places and to schedule an information workshop on disaster planning and management. The Board discussed some of the structures that they would like to include in the National Register including 114 Peach Street, the Rosenwald School, the Cape Charles Museum and the Harvey’s Building which was just recently moved to Cape Charles from Oyster.

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

Chairman Joe Fehrer

Asst. Town Clerk