

The City of Auburn
Historic Resources Review Board
c/o Office of Planning and Economic Development
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Meeting Minutes

May 12, 2015 7:00pm

Present: Ed Onori, Linda Frank, Paul McDonald, Jim Hutchinson, Richard Stankus, Michael Deming

Absent: Betty Mae Lewis,

Staff Present: Christina Selvek

Meeting opened by Chair Michael Deming.

Chair asks for a motion to approve the minutes of April 14, 2015. Richard Stankus states he was absent as he had been unaware there was a meeting and asks for an amendment to the minutes to reflect that. He also notes that while there are four members whose terms have expired only three were listed and asks for an amendment to reflect all four members.

Motion to amend minutes reflecting the reasoning Richard Stankus was absent made by Richard Stankus, seconded by Ed Onori. All members vote approval. Motion carried.

Motion to amend minutes reflecting the names of all four members who are eligible for re-appointment made by Richard Stankus, seconded by Paul McDonald. All members vote approval. Motion carried.

Motion to accept the amended minutes of April 14, 2015 made by Ed Onori, seconded by Richard Stankus. All members vote approval. Motion carried.

Chair opens Public to be Heard. There being none, chair closes Public to be Heard.

Certificates of Appropriateness

Christina Selvek introduces the Certificate of Appropriateness application. Applicant is not present.

41 Grover St. Timothy and Erika Rudl: Proposal to renovate the general exterior of the residence including repairs to two (2) chimneys, removal and replacement of the asphalt driveway and repairs to the masonry foundation on all four facades, several repairs and replacement of existing deteriorated windows and doors, installation of missing wood shingle siding and construction of stacked stone wall at rear of property.

Christina Selvek: States applicants are here if there are any questions of them. There is one amendment: The pine awning window proposed to replace three windows on the west side does not meet Code for the openings. Would like to instead propose casements which would meet Code.

Mike Deming: Invites applicants to speak.

Tim Rudl: States property has degraded due to lack of care. Wants to get it into a livable condition while maintaining the historic look and feel. Roof is a priority due to leaks.

Mike Deming: Asks if chimneys are being rebuilt.

Tim Rudl: Yes. Right side needs repointing.

Mike Deming: Recommends looking into masonry requirements and any recommendations from Board members for their knowledge and experience.

Ed Onori: Expresses concern about construction of the roof.

Tim Rudl: Is a major concern. Will be working to alleviate any issues, will be proposing gutters to help with any drainage issues.

Richard Stankus: Questions functionality of chimneys.

Tim Rudl: One is not functional and we would like to get a wood stove. The others are no longer connected.

Linda Frank: Questions casements over double hung windows.

Erika Rudl: Casement only in the kitchen – we want more light there.

Christina Selvek: Asks if the recommendation is to change from casement to double hung.

Linda Frank: Yes, and to rebuild where possible.

Christina Selvek: Asks if divided light in kitchen.

Linda Frank: Yes.

Mike Deming: Asks if there are any other questions.

Jim Hutchinson: Questions the wood door.

Erika Rudl: Will be for a mud room from the driveway.

Jim Hutchinson: Asks if a storm door will be placed over it.

Tim Rudl: Yes.

Motion to accept the proposal with the added amendments made by Jim Hutchinson, seconded by Ed Onori. All members vote approval. Motion carried.

Other Matters:

Christina Selvek: Historic Preservation Month is scheduled for May 28 with a Mayoral proclamation. Empower Credit Union will be there along with 102 South St. 67 South St. is honored but has not finished year and wants to be sure the award is deserved at this time. Would like to get the board's input.

Mike Deming: They've done more than enough at this time to deserve the award.

Christina Selvek: Board training: we have finished a four year audit for CLG and their findings are a lack of board member training. We can reach out to Crawford and Stearns or another agency for annual training to meet this criteria.

We have four positions up for renewal: Betty Lewis, Ed Onori, Richard Stankus and Paul McDonald. Betty will not be renewing her appointment at this time. Would like to recognize her tenure at the meeting on May 28. Richard Stankus recommends recognition from the board as well.

Mike Deming asks the other board members if they will accept re-appointment. All members agree to.

Christina Selvek: Would like to stagger appointment. Recommends one year appointment for new member.

Jim Hutchinson: Recommends Mike Long for the position.

Richard Stankus: Wonders if partnering with Community Preservation Committee and NFPO would reap any benefits.

Linda Frank: States work is being done at the corner of Swift and South Sts. that needs to be looked into.

Mike Deming asks if there is a higher volume of vacant houses.

Christina Selvek: They are more noticeable due to the Fire Dept. placards.

Richard Stankus: Asks about the numbers on the light poles, finds them distracting.

Christina Selvek: South St. is controlled by DOT so we are at their mercy for requirements. Once the current project is completed we can ask that they be removed.

Richard Stankus: Also the poorly placed redundant signs.

Mike Deming: Asks about the historic signs.

Christina Selvek: They have been ordered and take about eight months to fabricate.

Motion to adjourn made by Jim Hutchinson, seconded by Richard Stankus. Meeting adjourned.

Recorded by Alicia McKeen