

The City of Auburn
Historic Resources Review Board
c/o Office of Planning and Economic Development
Memorial City Hall - 24 South Street
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Meeting Minutes
February 14, 2017 7:00pm
Council Chambers

Present: Michael Deming, Ed Onori, Linda Frank, Andrew Roblee, Paul McDonald, Richard Stankus

Excused: Jim Hutchinson

Staff Present: Christina Selvek

Meeting opened by Chair Michael Deming.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the meeting minutes of December 13, 2016 made by Paul McDonald, seconded by Andrew Roblee. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Chair opens the Public to be Heard portion of the meeting. There being none, the public to be heard portion of the meeting is closed.

Certificates of Appropriateness

a. 44 South Street- Adam and Son, Inc.

Christina Selvek introduces the application-The application is proposing to remove the existing concrete foundation walls from the original carriage house that was destroyed by a fire and demolished in 1989. The proposal is to construct a new 30 ft x 40 ft wood-framed storage structure that would be compatible with the massing, size, sale and architectural forms of the former carriage house. The new storage structure would consist of 2 x 6 wood construction, 3/4 in plywood sheathing and wood clapboard painted in the "Shimmering Smoke" color. The building would have wood corner molding in the "Pegasus" color. The roof would be of wood truss construction with 3/4" plywood sheathing, and 25 year roofing.

Chair invites applicant to present the Certificate of Appropriateness.

Jason Coe, Beardsley Architects and Engineers- Representing the applicant. This proposal was put together to mimic the past carriage house that was on the property in the 1980's. It is smaller in scale but does mimic the materials, colors and roof slopes used in carriage houses on South Street.

Chair asks Board for questions and comments.

Linda Frank mentions that the design mimics the original carriage house with the exception of the door.

Jason Coe- The original structure had three doors. However, the smaller scale of the new proposed structure did not allow three doors so instead windows were used give it a similar feel.

Christina Selvek- The materials are well chosen. The wood materials, colors and windows are all appropriate and fit with the architecture of the neighborhood. Christina asks if the windows are operable and if there will be lighting. Jason Coe responds that they are not operable and is unsure of any outdoor lighting.

Christina Selvek asks if the carriage house will be used for storage and/or office space. Jason Coe responds that it will be used for storage space only and will not be for office space.

Motion to approve the proposal for 44 South Street made by Richard Stankus, second made Linda Frank. Ed Onori abstains. All other members in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Other Business:

a. Planning Board Referral to Historic Resources Review Board

Christina Selvek introduces the Planning Board referral to Board members which is a request for a home occupation, a Bed and Breakfast, in the historic district located at 107 South Street. Since this property is in the South Street Historic District and as per Section 305-15 of the Auburn Zoning Code, the application requires review by HRRB. We will be looking at the use and how that will impact the outside of the building.

Chair invites applicant to present the proposed project.

Victoria VonRandall, 107 South Street- Distributes a write up to Board members on the proposed Bed and Breakfast.

Richard Stankus commends the home owner on the tremendous amount of restoration work that has been done on the home. Victoria and the family have shown commitment to the home, to the neighborhood and to the historic district and it is recognized. This proposal fits the guidelines for being a Bed and Breakfast. Richard support the application.

Michael Deming asks if the neighboring Bed and Breakfast was at the Planning Board meeting.

Victoria VonRandall mentions that she and the owner of the Bed and Breakfast on Fitch Ave are friends and although she was not the Planning Board meeting she is aware of the B&B plans and is supportive of it.

Victoria explains that her plans include two bedrooms (initially) and the driveway was expanded for parking for the bed and breakfast. She also explained some the restorative work that she completed since she purchased the home.

Christina Selvek asks if the proposed use will affect the exterior of the home and if there will be any business signage?

Victoria responds that everything will remain the same and as far as signage, City Code allows a small sign out front and one on the house but would prefer not to put a sign on the house and just go with one out front.

Christina reminds the applicant that the Board oversees signage in the Historic District and discussions around the signage can take place when Victoria is ready to propose the signage.

Motion to approve the proposal for 107 South Street made by Richard Stankus, second made Paul McDonald. All members in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

b. 2016 Financial Disclosure Forms

Christina Selvek reminds Board members to submit Financial Disclosure Forms to the City Clerk.

c. W. Genesee Street Historic Markers

Christina Selvek states that the city secured Federal Highway money to repave Genesee Street from 326 on the west side of the city to the intersection of South Street. As part of the project we can include up to five historic markers. Proposed historic markers were included in Board member packets. Christina asks if Board members had any comments.

Michael Deming asked if more information can be included on Fitch's historic marker because of his work as an abolitionist.

Linda Frank responded that all of the signs are the same format and space is limited.

Richard Stankus asked who is responsible for the signs maintenance. Christina Selvek mentions that they are in the city's right of way. Michael Deming recommends that these signs should be added to the city's preservation ordinance for review and maintenance.

Board members discussed sign locations. Linda Frank mentioned that the markers will be placed in the City right of way from Columbus Street to the west. Board members agree that the historic markers and their locations are appropriate.

The next regular scheduled meeting is Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at 7pm. Motion to adjourn made by Richard Stankus, second by Ed Onori. Meeting adjourned.

Recorded by Renee Jensen