

FARMINGTON HISTORICAL COMMISSION PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, June 25, 2015

Chairwoman Myers called the meeting to order at 7:40

ROLL CALL

Present: Atkinson, Bernath, Gundlach, Myers, Stacey, Taylor, Weimar

Guests: Wendy Wilkinson, homeowner and Leah Brewer, building owner

Absent: Gratton, Harrison (approved)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to add to agenda: new business: 4. Historic homes in the business district and old business: 2. Update on renovations at 22801 Farmington Road.

Motion to approve the agenda, as amended, was made by Gundlach, seconded by Atkinson, all ayes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from May 28, 2015: motion to accept minutes by Atkinson, all ayes.

FINANCIAL REPORT

A financial report was not available.

NEW BUSINESS

1. New roof and siding at 33503 Shiawassee - the homeowner presented her plans for a new asphalt roof and vinyl siding and brought material samples. The home has an asphalt roof and wood siding.

We approved the black fiberglass shingle roof and denied the siding, based on the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation -

6) Deteriorated historic features will be repaired rather than replaced. Where the severity of deterioration requires replacement of a distinctive feature, the new feature will match the old in design, color, texture, and, where possible, materials. Replacement of missing features will be substantiated by documentary and physical evidence. We explained that the Commission's decision was advisory only. We urged her to take care that the new siding approximates the style of the original, with the same reveal, columns and frieze. We encouraged her to get a quote for painting.

2. New trim and gutters at 33432 Oakland - the building owner presented her plans for new 6" aluminum gutters, vinyl soffits, vinyl porch ceiling, and aluminum cladding of all wooden trim and brought material samples. We approved the gutters but denied the vinyl and aluminum trim, based on the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation - *6) Deteriorated historic features will be repaired rather than replaced. Where the severity of deterioration requires replacement of a distinctive feature, the new feature will match the old in design, color, texture, and, where possible, materials.*

Replacement of missing features will be substantiated by documentary and physical evidence.

We explained that the Commission's decision was advisory only. We urged her to reconsider her plans to use the soffit material as porch ceiling and choose a material that would more closely approximate the narrow bead board already there.

3. Annual report to the City Council. Commissioner Myers drafted a document, **Farmington Historical Commission Annual Report**. The document was reviewed and suggestions were made. The revised document is an attachment to these minutes.

WARNER MANSION ACTIVITIES

Commissioner Bernath reported. The Porch Party planned for July 9 is sponsored in part by the Historical Commission. The theme is Fred Warner's birthday. The Flea Market at the Mansion during the Founders Festival will open early. Volunteers are needed for the many events at the Mansion during the Founders Festival. The Warnerettes will be in the Parade. Hickling, England is a small town where Fred Warner was born. They are putting together an exhibit on Governor Warner and the Mansion sent a box of memorabilia. There is a new grant writer volunteer at the mansion. Warner Mansion financial balance documents are attached to the minutes.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Election of Officers. The following officers were elected to office for one year terms: Chairperson: Myers, Vice Chairperson: Atkinson, Secretary: Weimar, Treasurer: Stacey.
2. Update on Addition and garage replacement at 23801 Farmington - still pending final design, his preliminary project plans include extending his front porch to the northeast, making a wrap-around style that is incompatible to the four-square style of the house. This change to the front facade would make his home noncontributing to the Historic District. We base our objections on the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation 3) *Each property will be recognized as a physical record of its time, place, and use. Changes that create a false sense of historical development, such as adding conjectural features or elements from other historic properties, will not be undertaken* and 6) *Deteriorated historic features will be repaired rather than replaced. Where the severity of deterioration requires replacement of a distinctive feature, the new feature will match the old in design, color, texture, and, where possible, materials. Replacement of missing features will be substantiated by documentary and physical evidence* and 9) *New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction will not destroy historic materials, features, and spatial relationships that characterize the property. The new work will be differentiated from the old and will be compatible with the historic materials, features, size, scale and proportion, and massing to protect the integrity of the property and its environment.* Three commissioners plan to meet with him at his home on June 30 to review his changes and discuss our objections.

CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS

none

GOOD AND WELFARE/ PUBLIC COMMENT

none

Meeting was adjourned by Chairwoman Myers at 10:02