

Historic District Review Board

Regular Session

February 21, 2006

4:30 P.M.

At approximately 4:30 p.m. on February 21, 2006 in the Town Council Chambers, Chairman Russ Dunton called to order the Regular Session of the Historic District Review Board. In addition to Chairman Dunton present were Melvin Dudley, Dianne Davis, Town Planner Jason Pruitt, and Town Clerk Joy Pelletier. Jan Neville arrived after the gavel.

Dianne Davis led the Invocation and all recited the Pledge of Allegiance

Consent Agenda

Chairman Dunton suggested to reverse the order of new and old business and to add an application under New Business for 613 Jefferson Ave making it the first item to be discussed.

Motion made by Melvin Dudley, seconded by Dianne Davis and unanimously approved the agenda format as amended

Motion made by Dianne Davis, seconded by Jan Neville and unanimously approved to accept the minutes of January 17, 2006 as amended.

Old Business

A. Preserving Historic Landmarks – Rosenwald School

Town Planner Jason Pruitt recapped the request from Town Council to the Historic District Review Board concerning a proposal to include the Rosenwald School in the Historic Overlay. He explained including this area in the Historic Overlay would be the easiest way to protect the structure from future deterioration and possible demolition. Mr. Pruitt further indicated he had been in contact with the owner of the property in reference to including the property as a Virginia Historic site.

Motion made by Melvin Dudley, seconded by Dianne Davis and unanimously approved to include the Rosenwald school property in the Historic District Overlay as outlined by staff.

B. Historic District Demolition Regulations – Zoning Ordinance Section 8.21

Information only. Mr. Pruitt gave a brief synopsis of the Work Session held jointly with the Town Council and this Board and updated the Board on what had transpired since the meeting.

C. Historic District Review Board Vacancy

Although the Council would make the ultimate decision on filling vacancies, the Board discussed their needs in filling the void. They asked Mr. Pruitt to recommend

to Council the need for flexibility in applying the Historic Guidelines to each application and the need for someone with building or construction experience.

- D. Trees in the Historic District – Zoning Ordinance Section 8.18 A
Jason Pruitt updated the Board on the current status of this issue. He indicated the Planning Commission had 100 days to make a recommendation to Council.

New Business

613 Jefferson Ave – Kathy & Louis Fraas

The Board reviewed the application and discussed the mixed architecture in the neighborhood. The siding on the existing structure is hardiplank; the addition will match. The architectural shingles on the existing structure and the addition will also match the existing structure. There was substantial discussion over the addition being two stories while the existing structure is only one story. Also mentioned was the roof line on the existing structure being hipped while the roof on the addition would be gabled. The Board indicated a need to view the property prior to making a decision.

Motion made by Melvin Dudley seconded by Dianne Davis and unanimously approved to table this item until Tuesday February 28, 2006 at 4:30 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Announcements

- A. Waterfront Design Guidelines and Master Plan Public Input Session
February 28, 2006, 6:30pm to 9:00pm, at the Historic Palace Theatre
Board member Melvin Dudley commented on the professionalism shown by Vlad and Karen at the last session. He also commented on the input the group, as a whole, offered, but especially the insight of the Harbor Master Smitty Dize.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Melvin Dudley, seconded by Dianne Davis and unanimously approved.

Chairman

Town Clerk