

Fruit Street Local Historic District Commission
Meeting Minutes – July 10, 2008
City Hall

Meeting of the Fruit Street Local Historic District Commission was called to order at 7:03 PM.

Roll Call

Present: Maurice Southworth, Bonnie Sontag, Tom Bower, Stephen Feige and Kevin Wallace

General Business

- a) Approval of Minutes

Minutes not available for review.

Correspondence

None

Old Business

None

New Business

- a.) Maurice and Liz Southworth
12 Fruit Street

Application to replace existing fence at 12 Fruit Street.

Vice Chair Bonnie Sontag presided over this portion of the meeting as Chairman Maurice Southworth recused himself for the review of application.

The applicant submitted a request for the repair/replacement of an existing wooden fence and was hoping for a waiver under section 9.3 of the FSHDC Ordinance. Ms. Southworth felt there were no significant changes to the existing fence with the exception of a flat top “cap” in lieu of upper balusters. There was discussion among commission members regarding the applicability of the ordinance in this situation and the significance of the proposed change. There was some concern expressed over establishing a precedent at this early stage of the Commission’s existence; the Commission should be careful and clear in its actions with regard to applicability of the ordinances.

Bonnie Sontag made a motion to schedule a public hearing on the application at the August 14, 2008 meeting.

Stephen Feige seconded the motion.

The motion to approve the public hearing was approved by a vote of three in favor: Bonnie Sontag, Stephen Feige, Tom Bower; one disapproval: Kevin Wallace.

- b.) Jack and Mary Slatoff
10 Fruit Street

Application to remove and restore existing front door overhang and trim.

Chairman Maurice Southworth took back his seat on the Commission.

The applicant submitted a request to remove the existing front door overhang and to restore entrance moldings that were previously cut and removed. Discussion among Commission members about the significance of the proposed changes. It was the general sense that consistency in determining applicability of the guidelines is critical.

Tom Bower made a motion to schedule a public hearing on the application at the August 14, 2008 meeting.

Kevin Wallace seconded the motion.

The motion was approved unanimously

c.) Discussion of ordinance, design guidelines, rules and regulations

Design guidelines were reviewed and discussed. Nancy Colbert will advertise that recommended changes will be made available for public review and comment at the August 14, 2008 meeting.

Rules and Regulations will be discussed further at the August 14, 2008 meeting.

Nancy Colbert will provide options for notification to abutters and adjoining properties at the August 14, 2008 meeting. The two applications who requests were reviewed at this meeting will only be required to notify Fruit Street residents and owners of adjoining properties.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Kevin M. Wallace - Note Taker.