

Fruit Street Local Historic District Commission
Meeting Minutes – August 10, 2017
Mayor's Conference Room

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM

Roll Call

Present: Leslie Eckholdt, Bonnie Sontag, Maurice Southworth, Kevin Wallace, Marian Levy

General Business

Approval of Minutes

Kevin Wallace made a motion to adopt the minutes of the November 30, 2015 meeting. Leslie Eckholdt seconded the motion. Motion approved by four votes with one abstention.

Correspondence

When Maurice saw that the owners of 44 Prospect Street (corner of Fruit St.) had put up a replacement fence, he informed them of their obligation to apply to the FSLHD Commission before performing repairs/replacements. He allowed this replacement in the same letter.

Old Business

None

New Business

20 Fruit Street, Susan and Phil OFlaherty.

The owners are asking permission to re-build the front fence in the same style and re-using if possible the existing sphere-shaped finials. The new fence will be built with a granite base to help prevent future wood decay, and they will incorporate the existing granite steps. The side gate and driveway gates will be replaced. The driveway fence will be replaced with exactly the same style fence. All fencing will be the same height as the existing fencing, made of wood and painted white.

Discussion about the challenge and cost of installing a granite base, but owners decided it would be worth the effort and cost in terms of longevity of the fence.

Kevin make a motion to approve a certificate of non-applicability; Marian seconded the motion; unanimous vote to approve.

An informal discussion ensued regarding the owners' desire to install a pool and shed in the back of the property. Only the roof-line of the shed would be visible from a public way and therefore come under the purview of the Commission. Kevin informed Phil of the minimum 6 foot set-back requirement. There was design discussion for the home-owners' education and "matching the house" was generally agreed for the design of the shed. Phil will view other 'dependency structures' around town to see how they look.

3 Fruit Street, Julie Wehrwein

The owner wishes to repair shutters and replace siding. She was not in attendance. Her application states that she will replace clapboards on the front of the house with pre-primed cedar. It will be painted to match the existing color. The shutters will be repaired and re-installed.

Kevin made a motion to approve a certificate of non-applicability; Marian seconded the motion; unanimous vote to approve.

Other Business

Kevin stated that 5 Fruit Street is on the market. He will notify the listing agent to identify the property as part of the LHD. He will also monitor disclosure on MLS and follow up if necessary.

Adjournment

Maurice made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Leslie seconded the motion; unanimous approval. Meeting adjourned at 7:36 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Bonnie Sontag, Note Taker