

Fruit Street Local Historic District Commission
Meeting Minutes – September 11, 2008
City Hall

Meeting of the Fruit Street Local Historic District Commission was called to order at 7:05 PM.

Roll Call

Present: Bonnie Sontag, Stephen Feige, Kevin Wallace, Tom Bower

Absent: Maurice Southworth

General Business

- a) Approval of Minutes

Not available for review.

Correspondence

None

Old Business

Rules and Regulations

There was discussion regarding public notification to abutters for public hearings. It was suggested that the language for notifying abutters within 300 feet be changed to 100 feet due to the density of the neighborhood.

There was further concern about the potential for excessive cost to applicants for publishing notices in the local newspaper for public hearings. It was suggested that the Commission, at its discretion, should determine the need to publish on a case by case basis.

Nancy Colbert will prepare a revised document for review and adoption at the next meeting.

New Business

Timothy Bowers and Kristen Moody, 8 Fruit Street, appeared before the Commission for permission to replace shutters although there are currently none on the house. There was discussion to determine evidence as to the prior existence of shutters (hooks, old photographs, etc). It was suggested that perhaps a public meeting may be necessary. Ongoing discussion to determine if application fell under any exclusions in the ordinance. However, Nancy Colbert suggested that Section 9.3 of the ordinance could apply as a “repair or replacement” and that the Commission could issue a Certificate of Non Applicability.

Tom Bower made a motion to Issue a Certificate of Non Applicability as a “repair” of an Exterior Architectural Feature. Seconded by Stephen Feige. Vice Chair Bonnie Sontag suggested that shutters be replaced “in kind” with those used on the attached unit at 6 Fruit Street. Motion was unanimously approved.

Bank Account

Vice Chair Bonnie Sontag thinks that the Commission should have a separate bank account for its fees to offset the cost of publications and education materials (for use by the general public), and the publication of notices in local newspapers. Commission will need to justify the need for a separate account as the current fees go to general fund. Bonnie Sontag made a motion to establish a separate bank account. Kevin Wallace seconded. Unanimously approved.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Kevin M. Wallace - Note Taker.