

Fruit Street Local Historic District Commission
Meeting Minutes – October 22, 2015
City Hall Auditorium

This Special Meeting of the Fruit Street Local Historic District Commission was called to order at 7:00 PM

Roll Call

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

Absent: Kevin Wallace

General Business

Approval of Minutes

Marian Levy made a motion to adopt the minutes of the November 14, 2013 meeting. Leslie Eckholdt seconded the motion. Motion approved by unanimous vote.

Correspondence

2 Fruit St. Update: the owners have decided to repair the windows and replace the side clapboards. Maurice has sent them a letter notifying them that these repairs do not need a hearing by the Commission. He will send a copy to Dianne to file in the Planning and Development Office.

Old Business

None

New Business

20 Fruit Street, Susan and Phil O’Flaherty; Aileen Graf, Graf Architects
Informal discussion

Note: this business was dealt with first, followed by other business.

The new home owners are proposing to build an addition to the rear of the structure that would create a second floor over the existing sunroom. It would expand a bedroom into a master bedroom with closet and bathroom. The sunroom dates from the 1920’s and sits on brick piers. The architect proposes a reconstruction of the sunroom that would include a full foundation. It would contain ductwork for the hot-air heating system. It would probably have a concrete wall with exterior faced in brick to match the foundation on the front of the house. The architect would keep the shingles on the first level, and suggests clapboards with panels to “lighten” the look on the upper addition. The architect proposes to add a window to the existing kitchen that projects beyond the sunporch. The owners will have reproduction period windows installed with interior storm windows if they need additional insulation. There will be no shutters on the side windows.

Members requested photographs of similar treatment on other structures so that they could better imagine how panels would look on this project. Members noted that additions have been made to the house since its original construction. This addition would look different enough to read as a newer addition and still contribute to the overall coherence of the whole.

In passing, the owners mentioned that they want to repair the front portico roof with wood shakes instead of the asbestos now in use. This is a change of material, so the Chair requested that they include this work in their application.

Upgrading the gutters with the same materials will be supported by a letter of non-applicability from the Chair. This work will not be included in the application.

All agreed to a public hearing on the application at the November 12 regularly scheduled meeting. The architect will submit the application in time for public notification to abutters.

Other Business

None

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Bonnie Sontag, Note Taker.