

Fruit Street Local Historic District Commission
Meeting Minutes – August 8, 2013
Police Station Conference Room

Meeting of the Fruit Street Local Historic District Commission was called to order at 7:07 PM.

Roll Call

Present: Leah McGavern, Bonnie Sontag, Maurice Southworth, Kevin Wallace

Absent: Tom Bower

General Business

Approval of Minutes

Leah made a motion to approve the meeting minutes for April 11, 2013. Kevin seconded the motion. Minutes were approved unanimously.

Correspondence

None.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Tyrus Porter

1 Fruit Street

Application for certificate of appropriateness for window replacements.

Mr. Porter would like to replace six windows in the 1842 brick addition to their home at 1 Fruit Street. The windows were probably installed during the 1930's and are well beyond their "due date" for replacement. He would like to replace all six windows, even though three are not visible from the street. Replacing all six at the same time will ensure that they look the same.

All windows are 6-over-6 and double-hung. One is on the Fruit street side, two are on the side visible from Fruit St. and the other three are on the back side, partially visible from Prospect Street.

Mr. Porter explored the possibility of replacing with true divided-light windows, but they would have to be custom-made at a cost of about \$2,000 per window. As an alternative he is proposing to install simulated divided light windows that present the appearance of true-divided light windows, especially for these windows on a structure set back from the street or partially visible. This is a long-lasting, wood product that will have the same size and glazing pattern as the old windows and will also be double-hung. He will replace all wooden sills with new wooden sills.

Commission members discussed the merits and costs of true-divided light vs. simulated divided light and agreed that the latter is the standard accepted replacement for ill-fitting, non-insulated windows in older structures. They viewed photographs of the structure from all sides and agreed that it would be best to replace all the windows at one time.

Leah made a motion to approve issuance of certificate of appropriateness. Kevin seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

During the course of discussion and consideration of this application, the application, plan(s), supporting material(s), department head comments, peer review report(s), planning department comments and other related documents, all as filed with the planning department as part of this application and all of which are available in the planning department, were considered.

Other Business

None.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Bonnie Sontag, Note Taker.