



City of Oregon City

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Meeting Minutes

Historic Review Board

Tuesday, March 27, 2018

7:00 PM

Commission Chambers

1. Call To Order

Chair Baysinger called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Present: 4 - Grant Blythe, Jon McLoughlin, Ken Baysinger and Ray Stobie

Absent: 1 - Claire Met

Staffers: 1 - Christina Robertson-Gardiner

2. Public Comments

There were no public comments on non-agenda items.

3. Preservation Grants

3a PG 18-01 Preservation Grant, 810 JQ Adams Street-rebuild a portion of the front porch and modify the project to improve water drainage.

Christina Robertson-Gardiner, Planner, reviewed the application for a preservation grant for a house at 810 JQ Adams Street. The project included rebuilding a portion of the front porch that was built incorrectly and had water pooling and modifying the project to improve water drainage so the damage would not occur again. This was the last grant of this fiscal year, and there would be funding again on July 1.

Jacob Tenney, applicant, said the pooling on the porch went all the way to the front door. The costs for repair was high and he wanted to prevent further damage.

There was discussion regarding the intent of the grant and how it was important to preserve the property and work that had already been done.

A motion was made by Board Member McLoughlin, seconded by Board Member Blythe, to approve PG 18-01 Preservation Grant, 810 JQ Adams Street-rebuild a portion of the front porch and modify the project to improve water drainage. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Grant Blythe, Jon McLoughlin, Ken Baysinger and Ray Stobie

4 Public Hearings

4a HR 18-01 Historic Review Board review of alterations to a designated structure at 710 6th Street, the 1st Congregational Church of Oregon City

Chair Baysinger opened the public hearing and read the public hearing statement. He asked if any Board member had visited the site. All had visited the site. He asked if anyone had a conflict of interest or ex parte contact to declare. There was none.

Ms. Robertson-Gardiner reviewed the application to place two signs on Atkinson Memorial Church at 710 6th Street. Staff was able to approve signs on commercial properties, however this was a unique situation and it had been forwarded to the HRB. She read an email that had been submitted by Denyse McGriff who was not in favor of putting permanent signage on the historic facade.

Scott Silver, representing the applicant, discussed three criteria they were trying to meet through this application. They had explored alternate locations for the welcome signs, but there was vandalism and theft in the neighborhood and the signs were placed high on the building so they could not be easily defaced or stolen. He thought the signs would up for 1-3 years.

Louisa Ganyou, resident of Oregon City, was a member of the church. She was in favor of the signs and did not think they would detract from the historic building.

Floyd Rowl, resident of West Linn, was also a church member. The signs would tell their values to the community and show they were a welcoming congregation.

Chair Baysinger closed the public hearing.

Ms. Robertson-Gardiner said staff had suggested a condition that the building would be repaired and show no sign of adherence if the signs were removed.

Board Member Blythe suggested a condition that there be a minimum of six inches between the window sill and the top of the arch from the frame of the signs.

A motion was made by Board Member McLoughlin, seconded by Board Member Blythe, to approve HR 18-01 Historic Review Board review of alterations to a designated structure at 710 6th Street, the 1st Congregational Church of Oregon City with the added conditions as proposed. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Grant Blythe, Jon McLoughlin, Ken Baysinger and Ray Stobie

4b.

HR 18-02: Historic Review Board review of an addition to a designated structure at 203 3rd Avenue in the Canemah National Historic District along with demolition of an existing garage on the site and construction of a new garage and accessory dwelling unit.

Chair Baysinger opened the public hearing. He asked if any Board member had visited the site. All had visited the site. He asked if anyone had a conflict of interest or ex parte contact to declare. Chair Baysinger had known the applicant personally for many years and had explained the Historic Review Board process to him. He did not think that would affect his decision.

Ms. Robertson-Gardiner reviewed the application for an addition to a designated structure at 203 3rd Avenue in the Canemah National Historic District along with demolition of an existing garage on the site and construction of a new garage and accessory dwelling unit.

Jim Riggie and Laura Rambo, applicants, explained the current conditions of the

structures and the improvements that would be made. Kendra Shippy, architect, helped explain the proposed design as well.

Chair Baysinger closed the public hearing.

The Board discussed the conditions of approval.

A motion was made by Board Member McLoughlin, seconded by Board Member Blythe, to approve HR 18-02: Historic Review Board review of an addition to a designated structure at 203 3rd Avenue in the Canemah National Historic District along with demolition of an existing garage on the site and construction of a new garage and accessory dwelling unit with the conditions proposed by staff. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Grant Blythe, Jon McLoughlin, Ken Baysinger and Ray Stobie

5. Communications

Ms. Robertson-Gardiner would be filling in for Ms. Reid who was on maternity leave through July.

6. Adjournment

Chair Baysinger adjourned the meeting at 8:10 PM.