

HISTORIC AREA COMMISSION
New Castle Town Hall
2nd and Delaware Streets
February 18, 2010

Present: Sally Monigle, Chairperson
David Bird
Bill Hentkowski
Robin Hegvik

Absent: Doug Heckrotte

City Personnel: Jeff Bergstrom, Inspection Department

Mrs. Monigle called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. Roll call followed.

NEW APPLICATIONS

W. Bridgewater, 400 Delaware Street

Repair, prime and paint windows, doors and trim.

Discussion: Mr. Chris Dixon from Affordable Contracting presented representing Col. Bridgewater. This is an extensive project that Mr. Dixon estimates will take about 2-3 weeks per window. Every window in the house will be worked on. Mr. Dixon does have his business license to do work in the City. (*He further explained some of the work that he anticipates will be done as the job progresses.*) Whatever is replicated will be replaced in wood. Mr. Dixon will keep members of HAC apprised as the job progresses and HAC will be available for consultations throughout the project.

Action: Mr. Bird made a motion to approve the application as submitted with the proviso that the litany be followed and if there is any variance from replicating or replacing windows that Mr. Dixon come back to HAC. Ms. Hegvik seconded the motion.

Disposition: Approved by unanimous vote.

OLD APPLICATIONS

A. Jarvis, 15 The Strand

Adding overhang and soffit per sketch.

Discussion: Part of the work on the application concerning repairs of leaks in the third floor back room under the flat roof. It was approved between meetings because of the emergency nature of the work. The remainder of the application was then discussed. Mr. Bergstrom reviewed the plan that was submitted and offered that is the most serviceable way of doing the work. Mr. Bird suggested sending the plan and a picture to Mr. Heckrotte for his input.

Action: Mr. Bird made a motion to approve the application as submitted subject to the review by the architect and his recommendation. Mr. Hentkowski seconded the motion.

Disposition: Approved by unanimous vote.

NEW APPLICATIONS

T. Corbett, 122 Delaware Street (Historic Village Quilts)

Move current sign from 116 Delaware Street to 122 Delaware Street.

Discussion: Previous concerns about this sign included the height of the sign (low) and it had not been approved initially by HAC. Code dimensions call for signs to be

7' above the surface. Dimension of the sign are 36" length and 27" width. Dimensions for signs in the historic district per the Code are 12 square feet maximum. The clear height of the sign above the sidewalk is 85" and the Code requires 84" so the sign meets the height requirement.

Action: Mr. Bird made a motion to approve the application as submitted with the proviso that the sign is hung in accordance with the City's specifications for height and extension from the building and that the sign itself be of the dimensions indicated in the Code. Discussion followed about the bracket used to hang the sign. **Mr. Bird added to his motion that the size of the bracket be in proportion to the size of the previous bracket that was used. Mr. Hentkowski seconded the motion. Ms. Monigle noted that HAC needs to be more attentive to signage in the City (where they are placed, what they look like, how they are hung), especially with the prospect of the National Park Service coming to the City.**

Disposition: Approved by unanimous vote.

M. Cashman, 135 E. 2nd Street

Remove old flat roof and install new flat roof at rear of house.

Action: Mr. Bird made a motion to vote on the application as submitted. Mr. Hentkowski seconded the motion.

Disposition: Approved by unanimous vote.

J. McAdams, 222 E. 2nd Street

Install fence (6' staggered) in rear yard.

Discussion: HAC members discussed the sketch of the fence that was submitted with the application and expressed concern with the spaces between the pieces of fencing and the staggered placement of the fencing. The fencing is on the side of the house. The applicant was not present to address members' concerns.

Action: Mr. Bird made a motion to continue the application with the intent that at least two (2) members of HAC speak with the applicant on an interim basis to obtain additional information about placement of the fence and verification of the type of fence to be installed. Mr. Hentkowski seconded the motion.

Disposition: Approved by unanimous vote.

EMERGENCY REPAIRS

Note: Mr. Bird again expressed his concern with applications being submitted as 'emergency' because of the applicant's procrastination.

C. Byham, 124 E. 3rd Street; L. Deemer, 138 E. 2nd Street; R. Pennell, 28 The Strand

Action: Mr. Bird made a motion to approve the applications of 124 E. 3rd Street, 138 E. 2nd Street and 28 The Strand as submitted. Mr. Hentkowski seconded the motion.

Disposition: Approved by unanimous vote.

EMERGENCY REPAIRS (Contd.)

R. Poskitt, 17 The Strand

Replace seals and glass panels on two (2) skylights on rear 1st floor addition; reflash all 3rd floor exterior walls to deck, replace rotted clapboards, coat 3rd floor deck w/silver roof coating, replace cracked roof shingles at rear, replace rotted wood fascia on rear 3rd floor, reinstall all loose rain gutters, remove and replace exterior 3rd floor storm door and interior door.

Discussion: Ms. Monigle expressed concern about the use of an Anderson door, which are vinyl coated, to replace the exterior 3rd floor storm door and interior door.

Action: Mr. Bird made a motion to vote on the application as submitted with the proviso that the replacement exterior storm door and interior door be wood and in the event there is a reason why that is not possible the homeowner is to appear before HAC to argue their case. Ms. Hegvik seconded the motion.

Disposition: Approved by unanimous vote.

Approval of Minutes – Ms. Hegvik made a motion to accept the minutes of 1/21/10. Mr. Bird seconded the motion which was approved by unanimous vote.

Old Business

Ms. Monigle informed that a proposal has been received by the Library Building Committee to have engraved bricks in the children's courtyard (rear of building between the Robinson House and the new library structure. The courtyard is in an obscure location and near a modern sculpture. Each local HAC member was consulted (with the exception of Mr. Heckrotte) by Ms. Monigle and no one had a reason to deny this fundraising venture. Mr. Bird suggested the type of brick to be used should have an 'aged' appearance. The library will submit a sample of the brick to be used for HAC's approval. She continued by stating that a vestry member of the Episcopal Church contacted her and they are also proposing a fundraising venture involving named bricks in the walkway toward and around the church. Local HAC members were not supportive of new, named bricks in the churchyard because of its historic nature and felt it would change the appearance around the church. The feeling of HAC members present was that this project would be inappropriate and offensive in the graveyard. Signed bricks are very contemporary. Ms. Monigle will inform the vestry member of the concerns expressed this evening. The church still has a right to submit an application.

New Business

Mr. Hentkowski asked about a condenser on the property at 4th and Harmony Streets that needs to be removed and if it presents a problem. Mr. Bergstrom reported that there is already one condenser located on an adjacent property and the neighbor has no objection to the location of the condenser on the adjacent property or on the property at 4th and Harmony Streets.

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Adjournment

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Turner

Debbie Turner, Stenographer