

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

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

City Personnel: Jeff Bergstrom, Inspection Department

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

NEW APPLICATIONS

S. Suski, 119 E. 3rd Street

Air conditioner condenser placement approval.

Discussion: The unit will not be visible from the street. Mr. Heckrotte asked if the applicant has spoken to the neighbors as a courtesy. The house next door is a rental property and they have not spoken to anyone.

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

Disposition: Approved by unanimous vote.

T. Graham, 126 Harmony Street

Replace two (2) dormer siding in kind, roof, window sills. Repair front porch, door blinds and fence.

Discussion: Mr. Gary Goerss, contractor for the applicant, presented to the Board. Mr. Heckrotte noted that everything on his list is repair or replace in kind except the front door. He recommended a 6-panel door. He also suggested the contractor discuss further with the applicant, do some research and let this Board know what they want to do and demonstrate to the Board that it is appropriate to the house.

Dormer siding and the roof were discussed. The matter of the fence was then discussed. Mr. Goerss said that most of the current backyard is protected, except for approximately 10 feet. He will provide the fence detail when he appears before this Board again.

Action: Mr. Heckrotte made a motion to vote on the application as submitted with the proviso that the litany, including storm windows, be followed and if the fence is replaced it will be with one of the approved fences and that the contractor will return to this Board to inform what they want to do with the front door. Mr. Bird seconded the motion.

Disposition: Approved by unanimous vote.

L. Foster, 104 E. 3rd Street

Replace 1st and 2nd floor flat roofs to include soffits and fascia.

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

Disposition: Approved by unanimous vote.

EMERGENCY REPAIRS

L. Sitler-Cordano, 28 E. 3rd Street

Repair/replace gate.

Discussion: Mr. Heckrotte recommended replacement of the whole fence and gate across the back of the property. The applicant had a contractor look at the fence and he thinks he can repair the gate. Ms. Sitler-Cordano said they are concerned with the gate's condition causing a safety hazard. The doors are very heavy and need to be stabilized. She described the procedure the contractor would use to re-anchor the gate. Mr. Heckrotte believes the gate is not appropriate for the neighborhood and is in poor shape. He suggested putting in an approved fence and gate. Discussion followed about the costs involved with the work which would be labor-intensive if the gate is repaired.

Action: Mr. Heckrotte made a motion to vote on the application as submitted which is that the applicant will repair the existing gate in kind; however, they made the strong recommendation that the applicant replace with a fence and gate, the design which would be brought back to HAC to review. Mr. Bird seconded the motion. (The applicant received a copy of the fence/gate litany.)

Disposition: Approved by unanimous vote.

R. Nowak, 219 E. 2nd Street

Remove and replace upper main rear roof.

Discussion: Ms. Monigle noted that Mr. Hentkowski spoke to the applicant by phone. The applicant insists that nothing about the roof is visible to the public. The applicant has also informed that the rafters are bad.

Action: Mr. Heckrotte made a motion to vote on the application as submitted with the proviso that the shingle roof will be in accordance with the litany, which is weathered wood blend dimensional shingles, and the flat roof can be whatever color the applicant wants. Mr. Bird seconded the motion.

Disposition: Approved by unanimous vote.

Approval of Minutes – Mr. Bird made a motion to accept the minutes of 2/17/10. Ms. Hegvik seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a vote of four in favor and one abstention.

Old Business

Mr. Bird questioned the status of responses from the Library to questions/concerns that this Board has raised. Mr. Bergstrom informed the Library has been in contact with his department and are working on some of the issues this Board noted. They plan on attending the April HAC meeting. (*Discussion followed.*)

Adjournment

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Turner

Debbie Turner, Stenographer