

Burton Historic District
Architectural Review Board
Minutes
June 5, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm.

Board members present: Jim Wohlken, Chuck Weikart; Jim Croup; Alison Weeks; Joe Hernandez

Visitors: Gwen Evans, Lisa Hernandez

Chairman's Report

Approval of February 20, 2017 minutes. Motion to approve by Mr. Weikart; Seconded by Mr. Hernandez. By voice vote, the motion passed.

New Business

Permit #1009-17 – Century Village (Historical Society) would like to put a closet addition onto the back of the Bond Building. Ms. Gwen Evans was present to speak to the Board about the project. Ms. Evans noted that the Bond Building is not an historical building. The reason for the addition is that the Historical Society does not have enough room for tables, chairs and supplies, and these supplies are being taken by other people who rent the building.

Mr. Croup asked if the same siding would be used. Ms. Evans said that it would, and that they still have grant money remaining to be used for this project. Mr. Croup asked if the roof would be shingle or metal. Ms. Evans replied that it would be shingle. Mr. Croup motion to approve the Permit, seconded by Mr. Weikart. By voice vote, the motion passed.

The Board then discussed with Ms. Evans the proposed project list that Century Village (Historical Society) submitted to the Board. Mr. Hernandez asked if anything on their project list would change any of the affected buildings' outward appearance in terms of color, materials, etc. Ms. Evans verified that nothing on the outside of the buildings would be different. Ms. Evans stated that most of the projects involved scraping, repairs, and windows. Mr. Croup asked Ms. Evans to reaffirm that nothing would change in any of the buildings' outward appearances. Ms. Evans affirmed that the outward appearance would not change.

Ms. Evans asked if either the Board or the Village Office had been notified of changes occurring in the Maple Museum building recently – the building is almost done being painted. The color had been changed to brown, from a dark charcoal grey or black. Ms. Hernandez verified that neither the Village Office nor the HDARB had been notified. This led to a discussion of the fact that last year, paint colors/materials were changed, again, without prior approval. Mr. Wohlken asked Ms. Evans how the Historical Society (Century Village) selects colors. Ms. Evans replied that historical books are used. Mr. Croup reiterated to Ms. Evans that the Board is not against them changing colors, but that the Board needs to be notified beforehand. Ms. Evans said that she spoke with Terri Kwiankowski (business manager) and asked if anyone spoke with her about addressing the Board. Ms. Evans is aware that the Board needs to be notified.

Mr. Wohlken asked if there were ways to ensure that communication takes place between Century Village (the Historical Society) and the Board. Mr. Croup reiterated to Ms. Evans the importance of the need for Mr. Greene to convey to the Historic District Architectural Review Board any anticipated changes before they take place.

In other business, the Board was notified that Subway had rescinded the request for a fence with a "Subway" banner. The owner of Subway rescinded the request due to the high costs associated with the various permits that would be necessary.

Recently, Mr. Croup received a call from Linda Stone on behalf of Ross Hornak. Ms. Stone and Mr. Hornak were hoping that Mr. Hornak could get one or two years of tax abatements from the Village, so that money could be used to improve the exterior of the Burton Fox Inn. Ms. Stone requested that the Historic District Review Board write a letter to Council, requesting this. Mr. Hernandez also received a phone call from Ms. Stone regarding this issue. Ms. Hernandez informed the Board that Youlita Roush had already reached out to Mr. Hornak, offering to help secure any grants available to Mr. Hornak. The Board was in favor of doing whatever they could to help save the former Burton Fox Inn, including writing support letters to Council. Mr. Weikart made a motion to have a letter written and presented to Council, lending Historic District support to Mr. Hornak, Seconded by Ms. Weeks. By voice vote, the motion passed.

Ms. Weeks suggested hosting a lecture that would inform those with homes in the Historic District of the Historic District Guidelines for their homes/businesses, as well as to inform those interested regarding grant monies available for the restoration of historic buildings.

Ms. Hernandez mentioned to the Board that Mr. Hornak, the new owner of the Burton Fox Inn, stopped in, and was happy to work with the Board in restoring the building.

Discussion turned to the home owned by the Fire Department. Ms. Weeks asked if the home could be moved. Mr. Croup affirmed that it could. Ms. Weeks suggested contacting Habitat for Humanity to see if they would be interested in it. Ms. Hernandez will contact them.

Old Business:

Mr. Hernandez made a motion to accept the minutes of the February 20, 2017 meeting; seconded by Mr. Croup. By voice vote, the motion passed.

Adjourn

Mr. Weikart made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm; seconded by Mr. Hernandez. By voice vote, the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted – Lisa Hernandez, Clerk