

Historic Preservation Workshop Meeting
March 3, 2021
1:00 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chris Marone, Chair
Sean Hurley, Vice Chair – (entered the meeting at 1:10 p.m.)
Bill Loughery, Member
Holly Young, Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Tia Hockensmith, Member

STAFF PRESENT:

Matthew McConnell, Assistant City Attorney
Amber LaRowe, City Clerk
Wesley Wright, Planning Manager
Lynn Rosetti, Contract Planner

Chair Marone called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

1. Discussion Items:

a. General Questions about Historic Regulations

Wesley Wright, Planning Manager, and Lynn Rosetti, Contract Planner, made a presentation to the Historic Preservation Board regarding questions as attached to the Agenda. A copy of the presentation is made a part of the record.

City Manager Alex Rey discussed the intent of the City is to have three workshops, this being the first to discuss general items. The next workshop is intended to discuss the CRD-EA. He requested that the Board try to focus on the topics as identified in the Agenda and through the presentation that the Planning Department put together.

Mr. Loughery discussed the desire to have any new construction, regardless of zoning, south of 32nd Avenue, come to the Board. Mr. Rey stated that this can be done right now by the City informing the Board, via a list, of all permits that have been requested to the City. Along with that, staff will ask that the property owners come to the Board, voluntarily, to make a presentation and receive feedback. This will be the quickest way to do that; to make this a requirement would cause a Code change.

The Board requested a survey be done of all properties in the City to determine new properties to be added to the Historic District. Commissioner Pletcher spoke and discussed the 2015 survey and agrees that a survey should be done again for the entire City.

Public comment was received with questions in regard to alleyways, assembly of parcels, and definitions of building height.

The Board continued to discuss the measurement of height with staff providing examples of how

it is measured from the design flood elevation (DFE) [DFE is the base flood elevation plus one foot]. The Board is very displeased with the way height is measured. They opined that when considering the new flood measurements and adding in an extra foot of measurement, then the overall allowable height should have been adjusted. Now, houses are building to the correct height of a maximum of 37 feet; however, because of the regulations, their house could essentially be 47 feet tall. They requested the measurements be revisited.

The next Historic Preservation Board Workshop will be April 7th from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.; the public was asked to submit comments to the Clerk's Office at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting if possible.

Chair Marone adjourned the meeting at 3:05 p.m.

These minutes were approved at the April 7, 2022 Historic Preservation Board meeting.