

REGULAR MEETING
TOWN OF WAYNESVILLE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
FEBRUARY 1, 2006
WEDNESDAY - 2:00 P.M.
TOWN HALL

The Historic Preservation Commission held its regular meeting on Wednesday, February 1, 2006. Members present were Sandra Owen, Shawn Leatherwood, Malinda Messer, Bette Sprecher, Laura Soltis, Marc Yops and John Binford. Others present were Planning Director Paul Benson and Town Clerk Phyllis McClure. Chairman Bette Sprecher called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes of December 7, 2005

Laura Soltis moved, seconded by John Binford, to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2005 meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion

Bette Sprecher requested an update regarding purchase of the plaques for historic landmarks discussed at the December 7, 2005 meeting. Paul Benson said the Town is currently beginning the budget process for fiscal year 2006-2007 and the plaques can be included in this budget.

Mr. Benson said he has applied for the grant to help with the inventory update. However, it is doubtful that the Town will be eligible to receive this grant since one was received last year. It was also felt that ten years was too soon to update the inventory. The City of Asheville and Town of Black Mountain have also applied for grants and both are located in Western North Carolina. Receipt of a grant depends on how much money is available and what has been requested. Mr. Benson said notification will be received in March or April.

Request for Certificate of Appropriateness - 313 Depot Street - Gary Marshall & Karen Marshall

Reverend Gary Marshall attended the meeting to present the request for a certificate of appropriateness for the installation of an additional side door in order to comply with building regulations. Mr. Marshall explained that the building is to be used as the St. Peter's Anglican Church. Their location since 1995 and at the present time is in Canton, in a metal building across from Subway Restaurant. The requirement for an additional restroom was waived, however, the Building Code requires two exits and that the new exit door is to be constructed of a commercial grade material and must have an outward exit. Mr. Marshall said the door he has chosen is to be wood finished and the siding on the building is to be removed where the door is to be located and placed over the door to match the exterior of the building.

Paul Benson read the development guidelines regarding windows and doors, in particular the section which states "it is not appropriate to introduce new windows or doors if they would diminish the original design of the building or damage historic materials and features. Keep new windows and doors compatible with existing units in proportion, shape, positioning, location, pattern, size, materials and details".

There was discussion regarding the addition of a door and it was felt that the door should match the building. Shawn Leatherwood said there were solid wood doors with the appropriate fire protection rating which would be suitable for the historic building. Mr. Marshall said he was limited for time and needed to resolve this issue as soon as possible.

Shawn Leatherwood and Marc Yops volunteered to serve on a subcommittee to help select an appropriate door. John Binford moved, seconded by Laura Soltis, to appoint Shawn Leatherwood and Marc Yops to serve on a subcommittee to meet with Mr. Marshall as soon as possible and select and approve an appropriate door for the building. The motion carried unanimously. A meeting was arranged for Thursday, February 2, 2006 at 4:00 p.m. in Shawn Leatherwood's office on Haywood Street. Paul Benson asked that the Subcommittee let him know when the door has been approved and he will issue the permit

Mr. Marshall said the Church currently has 25 members. There are no parking requirements in this district. However, parking is available across the street and the property owner has given permission for the Church to use this area for parking. Bette Sprecher said she was glad to see the Church in the community.

Video - "Working on The Past"

A video was obtained entitled "Working on The Past" with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties. This video offered an explanation of both the practical and philosophical differences between Preservation, Rehabilitation, Restoration and Reconstruction, providing step-by-step guidance for choosing a historic preservation treatment through interviews, graphics and the examination of four historic properties. The video was developed by the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Cultural Resources, Preservation Assistance Division, in cooperation with the Horace M. Albright Training Center.

The Commission discussed the video afterwards, and how it helped to determine how people must choose which treatment standard to use and how authentic and real the materials that are used will be. They stressed the importance of leaving as much of the past as possible for the future.

John Binford spoke regarding some of the historic preservation methods used with his involvement in projects in Albuquerque, New Mexico. No action was necessary.

Recent Amendments Regarding Attendance

The Town of Waynesville Board of Aldermen recently amended attendance requirements for the Historic Preservation Commission and other Boards and Commissions of the Town. The

additional requirement was added that members must attend at least 75% of the meetings in one calendar year.

Adjournment

With no further business, Marc Yops moved, seconded by John Binford to adjourn the meeting at 3:18 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Phyllis R. McClure, Town Clerk
Bette H. Sprecher, Chairman