

## FARMINGTON HISTORICAL COMMISSION PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, July 23, 2015

Chairwoman Myers called the meeting to order at 7:40

### ROLL CALL

Present: Atkinson, Bernath, Gratton, Gundlach, Myers, Weimar

Absent: Stacey, Taylor

Guests: Mr. Cline, homeowner and Kevin Christiansen, Economic & Community Development Director

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to amend agenda and add: New Business, D.) remodel at 22801 Farmington Road.

Motion to approve the agenda, as amended, was made by Atkinson, all ayes.

### NEW BUSINESS

Remodel at 22801 Farmington Road

Mr. Cline presented plans including drawing and architectural plans for his home remodeling:

- 1) Two story addition at back of house with basement underneath. Foundation stone will match existing foundation block where it will above grade
- 2) Garage Replacement: carriage house style
- 3) Front porch extension to wrap around on the north side of the house
- 4) Replace aluminum siding with composite siding and replace material of roofing not yet determined
- 5) May add dormer to north side of house
- 6) Replace storm windows with wood storm windows

The Historical Commissions' recommendations are:

- 1) Support the two story addition to the rear of the house.
- 2) Support the garage design with the gable roof. We will recommend that the Planning Commission approve the required variance.
- 3) Deny extending the porch to the north side of the house. This house is a four square style. Extending the front porch to the northeast, makes a wrap-around style that is

incompatible to the four-square style of the house. This change to the front facade would make his home noncontributing to the Historic District. We base our objections on the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation 3) *Each property will be recognized as a physical record of its time, place, and use. Changes that create a false sense of historical development, such as adding conjectural features or elements from other historic properties, will not be undertaken* and 6) *Deteriorated historic features will be repaired rather than replaced. Where the severity of deterioration requires replacement of a distinctive feature, the new feature will match the old in design, color, texture, and, where possible, materials. Replacement of missing features will be substantiated by documentary and physical evidence* and 9) *New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction will not destroy historic materials, features, and spatial relationships that characterize the property. The new work will be differentiated from the old and will be compatible with the historic materials, features, size, scale and proportion, and massing to protect the integrity of the property and its environment.* Three commissioners plan to meet with him at his home on June 30 to review his changes and discuss our objections.

- 4) Support the dormer addition
- 5) Support the use of hardy plank 4 inch siding. We request that we be shown the siding and roofing materials when they are selected.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from June 25, 2015: motion to accept minutes with four attachments by Atkinson, all ayes.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT

A financial report was not available.

#### WARNER MANSION ACTIVITIES

Commissioner Bernath reported. The Founders Festival was successful, there were 114 visitors to the Mansion. A document with a detailed summary of the Founders Festival at the Mansion was presented. Raymond James gave a \$500 donation to Mansion activities. The next Porch Party is August 13. Next event is Tea on the Lawn, August 23 from 3 pm to 5 pm.

#### OLD BUSINESS

- 1) Meeting with City Manager. Chairperson Myers reported that she and several commissioners met with David Murphy, City Manager, and presented the hopes and concerns of the Historical Commission. Mr. Murphy suggested updating the website to include the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation and a Historic District map.
- 2) Annual report to city council. Chairwoman Myers reported that she presented the Farmington Historical Commission Annual Report at the July 20, 2015 City Council meeting. The written report was presented to City Council members.

The presentation included questions and answers from council members. The City Council meeting is televised making this an opportunity for outreach to the community. The document is attached to the June, 2015 minutes.

#### CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS

none

#### GOOD AND WELFARE/ PUBLIC COMMENT

There are historic houses in the commercial business district that are not under the jurisdiction of the Historical Commission. The Farmington master plan implementation may mean that these homes be demolished or moved to another location. The Historical Commission has been asked, informally, to evaluate these structures as contributing or non-contributing.

Mike Harrison has resigned from the Historical Commission as he has moved out of the district. A replacement commissioner will need to be recruited.

Meeting was adjourned by Chairwoman Myers at 9:15