

MINUTES

CITY OF EUSTIS HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD

May 13th, 2008

COMMISSION ROOM – CITY HALL – TEN NORTH GROVE STREET

Regular Meeting

ROLL CALL: Joe Pellegrini, Chairperson
Steve McGrath, Vice-Chairperson
Matthew Kalus
Monte Stamper
Susan Hooper-Alternate

MEMBERS ABSENT: Pauline Yowler, Secretary

STAFF PRESENT: Frances Nipe, Interim Planning & Code Enforcement Mgr.
Marcia Ann Arnold, Recording Secretary
Katrina Dempsey, Attorney
Danielle Kittredge, Planner I

OTHERS PRESENT: Jim Gillies
Eric Bjorn
Gary Carney

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairperson Pellegrini called the meeting to order at 5:35 P.M. The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted. Roll call was taken.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A motion was made by Mr. Stamper and seconded by Ms. Hooper to approve the April 8th, 2008 Special Meeting minutes. There was a voice vote by the board and the motion was carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Certificate of Appropriateness – 1208 Chesterfield Court (paint color):

- Ms. Kittredge presented application #2008-COA-09. The applicant requests a change in paint color to a Queen Anne style house listed on the National Register. The applicant proposes to change the trim color from dark green to rustic red and the gable color from light green to gold. The body of the house

will be repainted an off-white color. Ms. Kittredge pointed out that Queen Anne style homes generally use a multi-color paint scheme to accent the richness of textures. The homeowner, Mr. Gary Carney, answered questions from the Board. The Board expressed concern about lead paint, and the homeowner does not believe there is any lead paint on the home. Staff recommends approval of the new color selection. Ms. Hooper made a motion to approve the paint color changes and Mr. Kalus seconded. All approved via a voice vote.

Certificate of Appropriateness – 536 N. Bay Street (museum sign):

- Ms. Nipe presented application #2008-COA-11. The applicant requests the replacement of the current 4' x 3' wood sign with a larger 5' x 7' metal sign. The new sign will include more information about the museum, be installed in the same location as the old sign, and utilize the same black and white color scheme as the old sign. Staff finds that the proposed metal sign is not consistent with the relationship between the other structures on the site, specifically the landmark house that features wood siding and a wooden porch. Staff believes a wooden design, rather than a metal sign, would be more appropriate.
- The Board discussed other appropriate alternatives for the signage such as a monument style sign that utilizes concrete or brick. Suggestions were made to move the fence diagonally across the corner of the property and place the sign in front of the fence. This would allow the sign to be more visible to the public as well as allow the height of the sign to be reduced. The City of Eustis owns the museum property and would have to be consulted on moving the fence diagonally across the corner of the property. There was also a suggestion to use "goose neck" lights to illuminate the sign in the evening hours. Mr. Kalus suggested having the consulting architect review the design and provide suggestions.
- The Eustis Historical Society has raised the money to pay for the metal sign and would need assistance to pay for a more expensive design. The Board suggested Mr. Gillies apply for a grant through the Grants Department.
- Ms. Dempsey stated that since this property is owned by the City of Eustis, the Eustis Historical Museum will have to take this to the City Commission for their approval to the changes in the site (i.e. moving the fence). Ms. Dempsey explained that this would be a two step process, first approval from the Historical Preservation Board and then approval from the City Commission.
- Mr. Kalus made a motion to deny the sign based on the fact that the materials are not consistent with the materials on the site and Mr. Stamper seconded. All approved via a voice vote.

Certificate of Appropriateness –323 South Mary Street (re-roof):

- Ms. Kittredge presented application #2008-COA-12. The applicant proposes to replace the existing metal roof with driftwood colored asphalt shingles.

The applicant stated that there were old asphalt shingles under the metal roof and that the metal roof appeared not to be original. Staff finds the proposed new roof covering to be consistent with the guidelines for the Washington Street Historic District. A motion to approve the re-roofing was made by Mr. Kalus and seconded by Mr. Stamper. All approved via a voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS

- Ms. Nipe presented Chairman Pellegrini with a copy of last year's letter submitted by Mr. Kalus that requested from the City Manager that Phase Three of the Historical Survey be conducted. Last year the City submitted a grant application but a grant was not awarded. Mr. Pellegrini will draft another letter this year to request that the City submit a grant application.
- Katrina Dempsey, Historical Preservation Attorney, talked briefly about Robert's Rules of Order. Each board member was presented with an abbreviated Robert's Rules of Order provided by the Recording Secretary, Marcia Arnold. Ms. Dempsey felt that the Board is currently conducting the meetings according to Robert's Rules of Order and did not feel that it was necessary to formally adopt Robert's Rules of Order at this time.

Board Member Reports

- None

Adjournment at 6:19 PM

- A motion was made by Mr. Kalus to adjourn and seconded by Mr. McGrath. All approved via a voice vote.

Marcia Ann Arnold
Recording Secretary

Pauline Yowler
Eustis Historic Preservation Board Secretary