



CITY OF OREGON CITY
HISTORIC REVIEW BOARD
Work Session MINUTES

Commission Chambers, Libke Public Safety Building, 1234 Linn Ave, Oregon City

Tuesday, February 25, 2025, at 6:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Vice Chair Green called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Present: 5 – Board Member Gordon Lawrence, Board Member Paul Edgar, Vice Chair Robert Green, Chair Tim Powell (virtual) Late arrival: Board Member Julia Fulkerson,

Staffers: 2 - Community Development Director Aquilla Hurd-Ravich, Senior Planner Christina Robertson-Gardiner, Assistant Planner Jude Thaddaeus

2. DISCUSSION

a. New Construction – Window Details and Template Conditions of Approval

Senior Planner Christina introduced the top which is from the Historic Review Work Plan. Trying to provide a checklist for a template that outlines what the goals of Historic Review Board are. Tonight is not about the minute details, but about having a conversation at a high level to provide direction to Consultant Kristen Minor.

Consultant Kristen Minor provided further introduction to the work session regarding the windows that would be allowed in new construction in the Historic Districts. She brought in two window company representatives who brought in some samples.

The Board Members came down from the Dias and looked at the window samples. Michael Leiber from Marvin Windows and Patrick Lawton from Pella Windows explained their fiberglass window products and answered some questions.

Consultant Kristen then walked the Board Members through her questions about 6 elements: Depth, Material, Profile, Grids, Trim and Cost.

In regards to depth, there was a desire to definitely require some depth and use of trim would be acceptable.

There was an additional element, dimension, that was brought up.

One question raised was how authentic should the end result appear to the product that was in the time of period of significance. Seems like some differentiation is good and maybe important. What makes a product appear artificial versus authentic? Concern with overburdening applicants was expressed.

Desire is to make sure windows, the eyes of the home, do not detract from the historic feel.

Regarding Fibrex, there is a desire to see the product before making a decision if it would be an option. Another thought about this is that materials continue to change and the board should not be mandating materials if they are high end – it should be up to the applicant's style and budget.

Comment was made that with new construction and building codes, windows will already have a setback created. Adding some kind of additional inset creates a burden to the applicant.

Having a sloped sill creates the imagery. Some discussion ensued about the practicability of requiring that with the building codes and different kinds of trim makes it difficult.

For Grids, there seemed to be an agreement that the current guidelines are good.

The 6 window questions will be sent to the board members to provide further feedback to Senior Planner Christina who will share them with the Consultant Kristen. They will bring back some draft wording to the March meeting.

3. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Green adjourned the Work Session at 7:08 p.m.

