



City of Oregon City

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Meeting Minutes

Historic Review Board

Tuesday, October 25, 2016

6:00 PM

Commission Chambers

1. Call to Order

Chair Metson called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

Present: 4 - Ken Basinger, Jonathan Stone, Derek Metson and Claire Met

Absent: 1 - Robert Seiwert

Staffers: 1 - Christina Robertson-Gardiner

2. Hearings/Design Advice

PC-16-105 HR 16-02 New Construction in the Canemah National Register District- Preliminary Design Advice.

Christina Robertson-Gardiner, Senior Planner, provided the staff report. The applicant is proposing a new single-family residence in the Canemah National Register District. Location is 4th Street and Miller Street. The applicant is requesting preliminary design advice, in advance of the November 22, 2016 meeting. Any revisions to the submitted plans will be included in the November 2016 agenda packet. The property is also located within the Geologic Hazards Overlay District. A new-single family residence on this property will require review pursuant to this chapter. The applicant has chosen to obtain approval from the Historic Review Board (HRB) prior to submitting for this review. This bifurcated process is allowed. However, the applicant will not be able to submit for building permits until the required Type II Geologic Hazards Review has been approved. Additionally, any alterations that affect the exterior alterations of the building will require additional Historic Review.

Robert Greene, applicant, provided background on choosing this location and his efforts on design based on the applicable standards and the challenging topography.

Ms. Met commented on the window design and Mr. Greene indicated he had used the Coburn House as inspiration. The back of the structure is not visible from the street.

Mr. Stone commented on the parking and driveway and how that impacts the site lines.

Mr. Metson expressed concerns on the structure elevations and the topography of the main floor. Mr. Greene indicated that the main floor would be about 1-foot above street level. He wanted to incorporate some storm water catch basins. Mr. Metson felt the home should be at a lower elevation.

Mr. Metson expressed concerns that the back deck's curved roof would not be in compliance and would require evidence of precedent in the neighborhood.

Mr. Baysinger asked regarding the window design on the Coburn House and if that was an original design. Ms. Met indicated that it was her understanding the design was original to the home.

Howard Post, resident of Canemah Neighborhood, provided comment on the design elements, storm water runoff, and damages to rock walls in the area due to water damage.

Motion made by Ms. Met, seconded by Mr. Metson, to continue the consideration of application HR 16-05 to the November 2016 meeting. The motion passed with the following vote:

Voting Yea: 3 - Ken Basinger, Jonathan Stone, Derek Metson and Claire Met

PC-16-098 HR 16-07 Side and Front Addition of a Locally Designated Landmark Located Outside of an Historic District at 16430 Hiram Avenue - Request for Continuance.

Ms. Robertson-Gardiner provided the staff report. This item is a continuation from the September 27, 2016 meeting. Subsequently, the applicants have considered their options and have not made a decision. Staff requests to continue the discussion until the November 22, 2016 meeting to allow more time for the applicants to consider their options.

Motion made by Mr. Metson, seconded by Ms. Met, to continue consideration of HR 16-07 to the November 22, 2016 meeting. The motion passed with the following vote:

Voting Yea: 3 - Ken Basinger, Jonathan Stone, Derek Metson and Claire Met

4. Communications

Trevor Martin will be starting on October 31, 2016 as the new preservation planner. Ms. Robertson-Gardner recommended that the policy regarding breezeway structures should be included in the 2017 goals. There is an appeal of HR 16-06 that will be coming back to the HRB through a remand or a new design. The board members had discussion on breezeway requirements.

5. Adjournment

Chair Metson adjourned the meeting at 6:44pm.