

City of Bainbridge Island
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
April 5, 2018

IN ATTENDANCE:

HPC Members:

David Williams, William Shopes, Francis Jacobson, Sandy Burke, Carol Oas, Marcia Montgomery

HPC Non-Member Advisors:

Olivia Sontag (City Planner); Rick Chandler (Curator, BIHM)

Member of the Public:

David Ward (Owner of 317 Cave Ave); Wayne Roth (Neighbor of Mr. Ward)

CALL TO ORDER / APPROVALS / CONFLICTS

- Mr. Williams called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm
 - There were no conflicts of interests
 - The Minutes for March 2018 were not received by Mr. Williams so they will be considered at the May 2018 meeting

NOMINATION OF 317 CAVE AVE TO HISTORIC REGISTER

- The Background Details from the Nomination Form and Staff Report
 - The house was built in 1908 (Kitsap County Assessor states 1901) by a Winslow Marine and Railway (formerly Hall Brothers) shipyard worker
 - The style of architecture is American Foursquare Craftsman style with a full width porch and constructed with sturdy shiplap cladding
 - The house was sold in 1928 to Mr. John Ugles (originally Uglesich) who was a member of the Croatian fishing community
 - The Ugles family owned the house until 1970.
- Criteria for consideration by the applicant and the City's decision
 - The house was judged to be "associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of . . . local history" due the details provided above
 - The ship building industry that once flourished on Eagle Harbor
 - The settlement of Croatian fishermen from the Dalmatian Coast
 - The house "embodies the distinctive architectural characteristics."
 - The house has been "minimally altered"
 - The one major change is that the fireplace chimney toward the middle of the house was removed due to it being a seismic hazard
 - The front windows were replaced with wood framed windows in keeping with the style.
 - There was some discussion about use of vinyl sash windows brought up by Ms. Montgomery, but Mr. Ward stated that the only vinyl windows used were for the bathroom.
 - That Nomination Form also cited that the house "was associated with the live of persons significant in our past", but this was declared not eligible for consideration.
- Outcome
 - The Anton Sutora House was approved to be on the Historic Register

REPORT ON SITE VISIT TO 750 MADISON AVE N – WALLACE HOUSE

- The house was visited in late March at the request of Mr. David Kotz
 - The site visitors were David Williams, Olivia Sontag, and Jim McNett
 - Mr. Williams said that the historic value is problematic because while the original owner was of historical prominence, the architectural integrity has been greatly compromised
 - If Mr. Kotz turns the house 90 degrees and moves the house closer toward the street, as he is requesting, the integrity will be even more compromised.
- Discussion and future actions
 - The historic Norway maple that would be taken down was examined by an arborist who stated that the tree is “rotting in the middle.”
 - Mr. Kotz is seeking two variances be placing the home on the Historic Register
 - The first involves the setback requirements, which would apply for new construction.
 - The second involves the ground coverage, which would not apply because Mr. Kotz plan complies with the zoning rules for that area.
 - Mr. Chandler received information on the Wallace House
 - The consensus was to examine this further

CONSIDERATION OF 10359 SEABORN RD FOR POSSIBLE NOMINATION

- The owner, Mr. Steven Soames, sent an inquiry to Ms. Sontag
 - Mr. Soames states that the house is an original Port Blakely Mill Company house, but Mr. Shopes stated that there is a newer house (built in 1980) is in front of it, obstructing the view from the street.
- Future actions
 - Mr. Shopes stated that we would need to do a site visit to see how much of the original house remains and how much is visible from the street.
 - Mr. Shopes would like to put the house located at 10683 Seaborn Rd. as it is the first project done by celebrated architect Jim Cutler.

SPRING WORKSHOP (PLAQUE PARTY) EVENT PLANNING

- Re-Visitation of sample invitation letters
 - Mr. Williams added information on a revised form which included “How to Research Your Historic Property” with references to the Bainbridge Island History Museum.
 - Another addition was specifying Council Chambers as the location.
- Decision to change the event to from a weekend afternoon to a weekday evening.
 - The target date was set as May 20th from 2:00 to 4:00 pm
 - Some said this was too soon while Ms. Burke said that it would be appropriate since May is “Historic Preservation Month.”
 - Ms. Montgomery stated that her children have events that day, and Ms. Burke stated that if the weather is pleasant, people will not be interested in an indoor event.
 - Consequently, the decision was made to move the event from a Sunday to a weekday evening
 - The time would be from 6:30 to 8:00 pm
 - Ms. Sontag said that Mondays and Wednesdays were optimal
 - One final note: Ms. Sontag said that the City will reimburse the cost of purchasing refreshments for the event.

DAHHP GRANT IDEAS

- The idea from the March 2018 meeting involved the development of design guidelines in identified Historic Overlay Districts
 - There would be the need to identify boundaries and then assess the what the design guidelines should be
 - Ms. Montgomery believes that would be a lot to ask
 - Ms. Burke said that the HPC could identify the districts and the boundaries of a potential overlay. The consultant would help with the design guidelines
 - Ms. Montgomery brought up the idea of multiple property nominations.
 - Rather than a “one by one” approach of naming structures, a type of historic structure would be named and then suitable representations would be identified.

HISTORIC FARMS SIGNAGE

- Placement and Dimensions of Signage
 - Mr. Shopes stated that we should consider where a sign would be placed since we are identifying the land rather a structure
 - Would it be on a fence, a post or a structure close to the road?
 - The sign would need to be large enough to read and not be camouflaged with the background
 - Ms. Burke knows of a sign designer and will check to see if he is still in business.
 - Hopefully, he will come up with a prototype design

OTHER MATTERS AND ADJOURNMENT

- Demolition Permits
 - Ms. Sontag found three demolition permits that were not forwarded to the Commission for review as required.
 - One of them is 937 Madison Ave N, a 1950s home owned by Japanese born gardener Tad Sakuma
 - The structure was altered a great deal when the new owners attempted to turn the home into a veterinary clinic that never opened.
 - Ms. Sontag will forward the demolition applications to the Commission
- The Meeting Adjourned at 3:25 pm