

City of Sidney  
Historic Preservation Board  
March 26, 2014

The City of Sidney Historic Preservation Board Meeting was called to order by the chairperson of the board at 11:35am and the Open Public Meetings Act was announced.

Roll call: John Phillips, Rich Phillips, Brandy Root, Greg Huck, and Kay Hicks. Board members absent: Dave Faries. Additional attendees: Brad Rowan, Gary Person, Shelley McCafferty, and Megan McGown

Minutes of the previous meeting: R. Phillips made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 11, 2014 meeting. J. Phillips seconded the motion and the motion passed with all members present voting yeas.

CLG Grant Proposal: McGown presented the CLG Grant application for upper floor feasibility study as well as NAPC Forum attendance. J. Phillips made a motion to approve submitting the grant application for said project. Huck seconded the motion and the motion passed with all members present voting yeas.

Handbook Update: McCafferty reviewed the handbook progress. She noted that she included guidelines for materials and methods including Preservation Brief resources which will be listed in the right hand column of the handbook for easy updating.

Board Training: McCafferty continued to train the board regarding appropriate preservation techniques and materials. She again focused on the process: Maintain and Preserve, Retain and Repair, Replace or Reconstruct.

- Windows: repairing old windows could be as simple as removing paint, epoxy, changing out the sash with a sash kit, and adding storm windows. When replacing wood windows - replace with fiberglass or metal clad windows (needs to be a material that can be painted). She advised against vinyl or vinyl-clad. As a board that is utilizing a grant program derived from taxpayer dollars, it is always wise to use long lasting, higher quality materials.
- Replacement/reproduction of historic elements: try and use original materials. If that is not available, it is okay to look at other materials, such as wood, fiberglass, etc. It is also okay to reconstruct the same basic shape and form, but not to include all the artistic details. If the reconstruction is not going to mimic the original, then it needs to be more stylized/current, so that in the future people will be able to recognize what era it was added.

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- Storefronts: Pre-made Conair Frames can be used for storefronts. It is also acceptable to use a metal frame and trim it out in wood in order to give it the wood look. 2-3 colors to a storefront should be enough.
- Interior Improvements: McCafferty suggested creating financial incentives for interior improvements for such things as tin ceilings and duct work, transom windows.
- Awnings: McCafferty recommended treating awnings like signage. She also encouraged the board to look at a variety of different types of awnings to increase the diversity in the downtown, such as retractable awnings.

McCafferty asked the board members and staff to review the handbook and email feedback. She will attend the April 8 HPB meeting to finish up the training and finalize the handbook draft.

With all business being addressed, the meeting closed at 1:15pm.