CITY OF OREGON CITY
HISTORIC REVIEW BOARD MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 24, 2012

City Hall – Commission Chambers
625 Center Street, Oregon City

Board Members Present:
Jon McLoughlin
Derek Metson
Cindy Towle

Staff Present:
Christina Robertson-Gardiner, Associate Planner

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair McLoughlin called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA

There was no public comment on items not listed on the agenda.

3. PRESERVATION GRANT PROGRAM

PG 12-02: 536 Holmes Lane

Christina Robertson-Gardiner, Associate Planner, presented the request for approval to repair and replace the front porch flooring on a designated landmark, the Rose Farm. The window repair would be pursued at a later time. She showed photographs of the existing condition of the porch. She recommended as a condition of approval that the applicant provide information on prior work of the contractor. The application met all other requirements for the grant.

Denyse McGriff was speaking on behalf of the McLoughlin Memorial Association. The Association was deeded this home in the late 1980s and she explained what needed to be done to the porch. The repairs would be completed before the house opened for tours in June. She explained the contractor had done restoration work for 15 years. She requested approval of the grant.

Motion by Chair McLoughlin, second by Ms. Towle, to approve PG 12-02 with the condition that the applicant provide a CCB number and background information on the contractor to staff. Motion passed unanimously 3-0.

PG 12-03: 18598 Aladdin Way

Ms. Robertson-Gardiner presented the request for approval to install storm windows on the historic portion of the McCarver house. There were two bids, one for interior storm windows and one for exterior windows.

Curtis Guttman was the applicant. He discussed the two options for the windows. He was requesting the ability to choose between the interior and exterior windows. He explained the current moisture problem he was having with the single pane windows.

There was discussion concerning possible problems with the interior windows.

Motion by Mr. Metson, second by Ms. Towle, to approve PG 12-03. Motion passed unanimously 3-0.

4. HISTORIC REVIEW BOARD HEARING

HR 12-01: 18598 Aladdin Way

Chair McLoughlin opened the public hearing. He read the hearing statement describing the hearing format and correct process for participation. He asked if the Board had any ex parte contact, conflict of interest, bias, or statements to declare.

There was none. All had visited the site.

Ms. Robertson-Gardiner presented the staff report for a fence installation in the front yard of the McCarver house. She gave a background on the house. The applicant had proposed a landscape plan for mitigation. A three and a half foot fence was allowed per code, and the fence proposed would be four to four foot six inch, and other than height, the fence proposed met the code. The Board would need to determine if the height of the fence would keep the larger front lawn feeling and the Board could choose a particular fence they did or did not want to be used. She did not recommend approval for the scalloped fence and thought it should be a four foot fence. The fence would match what existed already. She then reviewed the conditions of approval. The approval would stay with the land so future owners would not have to come back before the Board.

Mr. Guttman explained the design and location of the fence as well as the landscaping height. Most of the fence would be hidden by the landscaping.

Chair McLoughlin closed the public hearing.

Chair McLoughlin thought the landscaping would mitigate the four feet or four feet six inches and either one was acceptable to him.

Mr. Metson thought it should be 42 inches or up to four feet. He would not recommend a four foot six inch fence.

Ms. Towle thought four feet was fine.

Mr. Guttman said he wanted the fence high enough to keep his dogs from seeing over it.

Ms. Robertson-Gardiner said the fence was 70 feet from the property line. It would not intersect with the original house.

In light of that information, Mr. Metson thought the four foot six inches was acceptable.

Motion by Ms. Towle, second by Mr. Metson, to approve HR 12-01 for a fence up to four foot six inches. Motion passed unanimously 3-0.

5. ADJOURN

Chair McLoughlin adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.