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Historic Landmarks Commission Meeting

October 24, 2017

9:00 a.m., Pitts Center

MEETING MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairperson Whitley called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Historic Landmarks Commission Members Lorelei Costa, Tony DiBernardo, Kristine Kiouisis, Richard Perkins, Lee Whitley, and Town Planner Wes Haskett were present.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Chairperson Whitley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Tony DiBernardo motioned to approve the agenda. Lorelei Costa seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Richard Perkins motioned to approve the minutes from the September 26, 2017 Historic Landmarks Commission (HLC) meeting. Chairperson Whitley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Patricia Farinholt addressed the changes that had been made to 142 Ocean Blvd. and stated that the big question is if the structure had been altered so it loses its integrity. The property owners made the changes for the right reasons.

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

A. LDA-17-02: Landmark Designation Application submitted by Robert E. Perkinson, Jr. to designate 142 Ocean Blvd. as a Historic Landmark

Lorelei Costa stated that she had driven by most of the properties on the Commission's inventory of properties in which the owners had expressed an interest in designating their property. Out of the 27 houses with expressed interest, 4 have vinyl siding with 3 more houses where the owners didn't reply or didn't express an interest and 3 have two-stories. Kill Devil Hills has designated 27 properties at this point in their program.

Richard Perkins stated that vinyl siding was first used in the 1950's and all sidings are artificial wood siding. The Commission doesn't have any criteria that addresses using or not using vinyl siding or HardiePlank.

Chairperson Whitley stated that she had contacted Mickey Hayes and he had no problem with designating properties with vinyl siding.

Tony DiBernardo stated that none of the other jurisdictions who responded to Wes Haskett’s inquiry accept vinyl siding. This house has an indoor/outdoor vinyl blue carpeting. Our job is not to rubber stamp every application that is submitted. The property owner installed vinyl siding to preserve the home and it is not historical. We have to look at each application to see if it has maintained its integrity.

Kristine Kiouisis stated that nobody knows why the property owner chose to install vinyl siding but the house is a flat top. If the property owner applies for a tax break, they can use the money to keep the property instead of selling or rebuilding. The HLC could look into adopting standards that aren’t arbitrary such as color, siding, or soffits.

Wes Haskett stated that the HLC has adopted guidelines that apply to properties after designation and the Commission should base its decision on whether or not the structure is significant and if it has retained its integrity.

Richard Perkins made a motion to recommend designation of 142 Ocean Blvd. to the Town Council. Kristine Kiouisis seconded the motion. The motion passed (4-1 with Tony DiBernardo dissenting).

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

None.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Patricia Farinholt stated that there was one original two-story flat top across from 69 Ocean Blvd.

IX. HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS:

Lorelei Costa suggested sending another letter to the 27 property owners to see if there is an interest to designate their properties if a second letter was never sent. (Town Staff note: A second letter was sent to the 27 property owners on April 28, 2017.)

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

XI. None.

XII. ADJOURNMENT:

Chairperson Whitley motioned to adjourn the meeting. Kristine Kiouisis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

ATTEST:

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Lee Whitley, Chairperson

Wes Haskett, Town Planner