

HISTORIC REVIEW BOARD WORK SESSION MINUTES
21420 MAIN STREET NE, AURORA
September 15, 2011

Board Members Present:
Chairman Thuemmel
Vice Chair Hauser
Member Townsend

Board Members Absent:
Member Wilcox
Member Frackowiak

A quorum of the Historic Review Board met on September 15th, 2011 for a work session on possible Code revisions.

Items discussed were as follows:

A. Should the Code be changed to allow for administrative approval of certain residential and/or commercial structure changes so that the applicant did not need to bring that change before the Historic Review Board?

(a) The Board decided that we could be in favor of this, provided that standards for these changes were tightly written and clear so that staff could have confidence and City support as they reviewed the changes directly with applicants.

(b) The Board felt that items such as the following could be handled administratively:

- painting of structures (with color charts available and samples provided by the applicant);
- roofing (with approved samples, colors and non-patterned repetitions);
- landscaping projects under \$2,500

(c) The Board agreed to think about possible other areas that could be handled administratively and revisit the list at the next work session.

B. In what ways should the Code be amended or added to so as to allow for different standards and/or materials in houses of different ages in the Historic District?

(a) The HRB consulted the Historic District materials list of the following Cities in thinking about this topic:

- Jacksonville, Oregon
- Ashland, Oregon

- Oakland, Oregon
- Portland, Oregon
- Salem, Oregon

(b) The HRB can support classification of properties in the Historic District as follows:

- I: Colony properties;
- II: Pre-1920 structures;
- III: Non-Contributing (out of period/post-1920) properties located within x feet of a historic resource;
- IV: Non-contributing (out of period/post-1920) properties otherwise located in the Historic District not a part of III above.

The HRB believes that the current code standards should continue to apply to all properties described in I and II above.

(c) The HRB believes that with regard to III and IV above, some modifications can be made to the Code provisions and requirements with regard to areas such as:

- windows;
- siding;
- decking;
- composite trim and composite materials;
- porch and railing materials.

(d) The HRB would want the use of any composite materials to not allow for any material that, due to its appearance, shows a repetitive (and obviously fake) manufacturing pattern or otherwise appears obviously artificial.

(e) The HRB will continue at its next work session to wrestle with putting some workable definitions on those ideas, as well as firming up the categories to which these modifications, and any others, should apply.

The work session was adjourned around 8:45 p.m.

 10/27/11

Bob Thuemmel, Chairman



Mary C. Lambert, Court Clerk