

Minutes
Aurora Historic Review Board Meeting
Thursday, September 24, 2015, at 7:00 P.M.
City Council Chambers, Aurora City Hall
21420 Main Street NE, Aurora, OR 97002

STAFF PRESENT Kelly Richardson, CMC City Recorder

STAFF ABSENT: None

VISITORS PRESENT: Mr. Mason, Christ Lutheran
Craig Johnson, Christ Lutheran
Judi Aus, Canby
Lance Lyons, Aurora
Not sure left message, Aurora
Richard Rothweiler, Architect

1. CALL TO ORDER OF THE HISTORIC REVIEW BOARD MEETING

The meeting of September 24, 2015 was called to order by Vice Chair Townsend at 7:00 pm

2. CITY RECORDER DOES ROLL CALL

Chair Abernathy – Absent
Member Berard - Present
Member Frochen – Present
Member Fraser – Present
Member Townsend - Present

3. CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Historic Review Board Meeting Minutes – August, 2015, Under Old Business #7 the first bullet should say prospective and home improvement businesses there.
- b) City Council Minutes – August, 2015
- c) Planning Commission – August, 2015

A motion to approve the Historic Review Board minutes of September 24, 2015 as amended was made by Member Berard and is seconded by Member Frochen. Passed by all.

Consensus of the group due to the holiday season the November meeting will be on the third Thursday of the month along with the December meeting. 11/19/15 and 12/17/15.
Member Berard will not be at the October, 2015 meeting.

4. CORRESPONDENCE – NA

5. VISITORS

Anyone wishing to address the Historic Review Board concerning items not already on the meeting agenda may do so in this section. No decision or action will be made, but the Historic Review Board could look into the matter and provide some response in the future. No comments were made during this section.

There were no visitors that spoke during this time.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a) NA

7. OLD BUSINESS

- a) Discussion and or Action Christ Lutheran Church height variance and design changes. As presented by the Christ Lutheran Church the revised plans show a 48 Ft tower with approximately an 8-10 ft cross on top of that. The board is initially surprised by that and state basically you went back to your original design that we had earlier disapproved of due to the height issues. The applicants Christ Lutheran and the Architect Richard Rothweiler at this point state that they had gone back to more of the original old church look. The Architect felt this was more in keeping with the original 1900 church and accommodated the large bell better with more access to it. The board asks the dimensions at this point none were given at this point.

Member Townsend at this point points out her major concerns which is proportion to the other historic buildings on that same block what you are proposing is very large and will dominate the block. The Architect disagrees with Townsend's perspective he feels as though there is enough space between the buildings and that the block will allow for this building. I (Architect) does think it will be seen which is a good thing for the town and it will be a draw not a detriment. Townsend disagrees and feels that there are things that can be adjusted to the design which would allow the shorter tower as previously approved.

Other members of the board feel as though it would be a great addition to the area and don't think it will dominate the block Member Berard even goes on to say is it not our duty to promote and support growth which is what this is. Townsend goes on to say it is also our job to protect the colony history this is what sets us apart and makes our district what it is today. I really do think the proportions are all out of whack.

Townsend again makes a few suggestions on how to scale it down and make it more visually pleasing. She asks the architect what the bare minimum height they would need to accommodate the bell he states 7feet at bare minimum however it would be very tight and cumbersome. Other members like the design and they all think it matches the period they do not live across the street so it's hard to envision what that would be like. This discussion goes back and forth eventually they come to a vote.

Member Townsend motions to approve the variance with the minimum amount of height needed 7 feet and to allow a smaller cross on top there is no second motion fails.

Member Berard makes a motion to approve the height variance as presented and allow the height increase and is seconded by Member Frochen. 3 ayes to 1 nay motion passes.

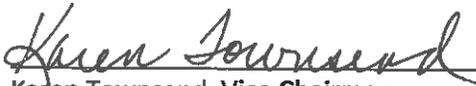
After the conclusion of the matter the Architect sympathizes with member Townsend and states he will try to minimize the height were he can including the cross.

- b) Discussion and or Action on Historic Inventory, This is need as quickly as possible so City Recorder Richardson will contact the contractor on the project to make sure it gets done.
- c) Discussion and or Action regarding the Design Guidelines, This is discussed at length between the different members many items are listed and discussed as changes. The entire group agree that they will each month go over the changes and then submit them to the contractor for final document and then approval. They will work on these changes on their time and bring them back to the group each month.

Action: None

8. ADJOURN

Vice Chairman Townsend adjourned the meeting of September 24, 2015 at 8:34 pm.


Karen Townsend, Vice Chairman

ATTEST:


Kelly Richardson, CMC
City Recorder