

OUTLINE MINUTES

DESIGN REVIEW BOARD

DATE: November 13, 2008
TIME: 5pm
LOCATION: Community Rooms A&B
SCRIBE: Lita Dawn Stanton
MEMBERS PRESENT: Darrin Filand, Rick Gagliano, John Jernejcic, David Fisher, Jane Roth Williams, Kae Patterson (absent Jim Pasin)
STAFF PRESENT: Lita Dawn Stanton

TOPIC #1

2008 Inventory of Historic Properties

Historic Preservationist Julie Koler (King County Historic Preservation Officer) and Dr. Mildred Andrews (Andrews History Group) presented the draft Inventory of Historic Properties, a project funded (in part) by the Department of Archeology and Historic Preservation. Structures at least 50 years old located within the City's designated Historic District was expanded to cover some areas beyond those boundaries. A brief power point presentation and methodology for the project was also presented. Letters to 167 property owners were mailed requesting clarification to further refine each narrative and inventory form. An updated Report will be presented to Council on December 8th.

RECOMMENDATION / ACTION

The DRB recommended that the individual forms be re-ordered in a chronological sequence with the oldest homes first.

FOLLOW-UP (IF NEEDED)

Board will be presented with updated book of forms by year's end.

TOPIC #2

HR-08-0003 - Souza (Parsonage) Historic Register Application

A staff report was briefly discussed followed by comments from the applicants, John and Mary Souza. DRB Chair Filand commented that the execution of remodeling details and the charm of the original scale is no longer evident. It appears decisions were made for lifestyle vs. historic preservation; the original scale, materials and detached garage are gone.

DRB Member Gagliano commented by asking the question: If this renovation had been requested for a registered property, would it be allowed. Member Galiano speculated that it would not and that their decision sets a pattern for how much a historic structure can

change and still be a registered property. Member Fisher asked if it qualifies based on the criteria that identifies its association with a significant individual and history. Staff noted that first it must meet the integrity criteria as established by the Secretary of the Interior. Member Roth Williams commented that we are setting a standard for preservation projects.

RECOMMENDATION / ACTION

Member Roth Williams moved to "Recognize historic structures of significance that do not meet historic register criteria by creating a Historic Recognition Landmarks Program." Member Gagliano seconded. Vote: 6-0 in favor.

More discussion followed with clarification that there is not program in place and that a creating a new program was not part of this review.

Member Jernejcic called attention to staff's recommendation and made a motion to "Accept staff's findings that the Souza residence does not meet standards necessary for inclusion on the Register." Member Gagliano seconded the motion. Further discussion added staff's original recommendation that the site be recognized with a historical marker. Vote: 6-0 in favor.

FOLLOW-UP (IF NEEDED)

Check into existing historical marker program at the City.