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**BOROUGH OF SEWICKLEY
HISTORIC REVIEW COMMISSION**

MONDAY, MARCH 1, 2021

7:00 p.m.

MEETING AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER

MR. LARRY RICE
MS. TERESA DUFF

MS. HEATHER WILDMAN-FIGLEY
MS. KATHE BARGE

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. DECEMBER 7, 2020 MEETING MINUTES
- B. FEBRUARY 1, 2020 MEETING MINUTES

III. NEW BUSINESS

NONE

IV. OLD BUSINESS

- A. CLG APPLICATION UPDATE

V. CORRESPONDENCE

NONE

VII. ADJOURNMENT

NEXT MEETING IS MONDAY, APRIL 5, 2021 AT 7:00 P.M.

**BOROUGH OF SEWICKLEY
HISTORIC REVIEW COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, December 7, 2020

The Historic Review Commission meeting was called to order at 7:05PM by Ms. Heather Wildman-Figley.

Meeting hosted via Zoom Teleconference. In attendance were Mr. Larry Rice, Ms. Kathe Barge, Ms. Teresa Duff, and Ms. Heather Wildman-Figley of the Sewickley Historic Review Commission. Also present was Mr. Randy McCray, of Harshman CE Group, LLC.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Motion by Ms. Wildman-Figley, second by Mr. Rice to approve November 2, 2020 meeting minutes. The motion carried 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Duquesne Light Mural

Ms. Duff setup a Zoom call with Duquesne Light to discuss the tile mural. The mural was on their to-do list for 2020, but was set aside due to the pandemic. The goal of the call is introductions and next steps. Is the goal restoration of the feature?

B. Historic Ordinance Update

Mr. Rice gave an update on the Ordinance and the preliminary feedback from the Solicitor.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Interview for a seat on the Historic Review Commission – Marilyn Knotts

Ms. Knotts has lived in the Borough over 30 years. She has a general understanding of the framework of the Historic Review Commission. Ms. Wildman-Figley recapped the responsibilities of Commission members. Ms. Knotts has experience reviewing applications. Ms. Duff noted how they like to help residents/applicants succeed in a manner where they and the HRC are satisfied. Ms. Wildman-Figley noted they would get back to Ms. Knotts.

B. 520 Pine Road

The property owner, Mr. Eric Pogue, presented the proposed work of a swimming pool and carriage house addition. Mr. Pogue noted the original front yard was along Beaver Street, prior to a subdivision. They wish to preserve that side as the front. He reviewed the proposed site plan; the existing brick terrace would be used as the transition to the pool area. They considered the side yard along Beaver Street, but the building would need modified to create an appropriate transition. The addition on the carriage house is for a carport designed to match the existing structure. The railing is not a deck, it's just decorative. Ms. Wildman-Figley noted the fence was black aluminum with ball-cap finials. The railing is a composite extrusion that looks like wood. Mr. Rice asked about screening. Mr. Pogue mentioned that landscaping would continue along Pine Road. Mr. Duff asked why the pool was located so close to Pine Road. Mr. Pogue noted that the existing concrete walkway would need removed and traffic to the garage would pass by the pool. Also, the utilities for the carriage house run through that same area. The neighbors pool is located past the front line of the building. Ms. Barge noted that the neighboring pool is much further from the property line. She also mentioned that the true front is along Pine Road and very close in proximity. The prior owner presented a pool in the same location and the HRC noted the preferable location is the Beaver Street side. Ms. Barge asked if the pool could be shortened if not moved back. She also noted a larger buffer would be preferable. Ms. Wildman-Figley noted the pool is 4-feet past the front of the house. Ms. Duff noted that moving the pool is possible. Ms. Barge said that the pool would need moved

back to the same line as the house if it is going to remain on this side, with evergreens for screening. Ms. Wildman-Figley noted the fence is just around the pool; the screening is outside of it. Ms. Duff also mentioned her preference for the pool to be moved back. Mr. Rice noted that the footprint of the concrete area appeared quite large as presented and suggested a reduction in patio as it may help perceived closeness. Mr. Pogue mentioned that it does not have to be as large and will be made of concrete with brick accents. They could reduce the concrete to five (5) feet and move the pool back to the front line of the house, with increased screening per Ms. Barge's suggestion. Mr. McCray noted that a variance would be required, as the swimming pool should be located within the Building Envelope. Essential the space between the structure and the setback lines. Due to the position of the structure, the swimming pool would require a variance. Ms. Barge noted the Certificate of Appropriateness should include a number of conditions; pool no larger than 16 x 36, pool not past the front line of the house, patio reduced to 5 feet, patio made of concrete with brick pavers, mature evergreen landscaping, fence as submitted, carport built to match, existing ramp removed, variance from ZHB, architectural style to match existing. Ms. Barge made a motion to approve the swimming pool and carriage house addition, second by Mr. Rice, to recommend the Certificate of Appropriateness to Borough Council. The motion carried 3-0-1. Mr. Wildman-Figley recused herself as she is part of the design company.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Ms. Duff seconded by Ms. Wildman-Figley the Historic Review Commission Meeting adjourned 8:45 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Wildman-Figley
Historic Review Commission Chairperson

**BOROUGH OF SEWICKLEY
HISTORIC REVIEW COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, February 1, 2021

The Historic Review Commission meeting was called to order at 7:03PM by Ms. Heather Wildman-Figley.

Meeting hosted via Zoom Teleconference. In attendance were Mr. Larry Rice Ms. Teresa Duff, Ms. Kathe Barge, Ms. Heather Wildman-Figley of the Sewickley Historic Review Commission. Also present was Ms. Marla Marcinko, Borough Manager, and Mr. Randy McCray, of Harshman CE Group, LLC.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None

OLD BUSINESS

A. CLG Status Update

Mr. Bill Callahan presented an update on the CLG application. A certification was sent to the Borough Manager, which requires signatures before going to the Park Service (5 signatures at the State level). The agreement requires a signature from the Borough Council President. There is a mini-grant program (\$5K - \$10K). How could Sewickley use this funding? Mr. Callahan also noted they could assist with the Historic Ordinance. Ms. Marcinko said they may need to see with the Borough Solicitor is in the review process and what comments they had. A third opinion on the Ordinance may be a good idea. Ms. Marcinko noted she will check on the status. Mr. Rice mentioned they should have an update by the February Borough Council meeting. Mr. Callahan mentioned interest in the Solicitor comments. He noted a couple of questions; (1) How are permits triggered? Some municipalities aren't triggered by permitting. (2) Is it about the buildings? Is it the District as a whole? Does the Borough want to look at things other than the buildings? Ms. Duff asked how the CLG could benefit other organizations. Mr. Callahan noted it is a government-to-government agreement; the Borough would have to take the lead. There are three points: (1) What are the priorities in the Borough the CLG could provide funding for. (2) To help small Boroughs create preservation plans. (3) Ms. Marcinko asked if that would have to be through the RFP process? Mr. Callahan noted the quotes would probably be \$2K - \$7K and go through the process for Federal grants and the Borough process. Ms. Marcinko noted they would not have to be competitively bid at that level. Mr. Callahan said he could help prepare a Scope of Work to send to appropriate firms. Ms. Duff said it would be nice to have the process in place once the CLG application is complete. Hypothetically, if the HRC wanted to take on structures, how would the Ordinance be affected? Mr. Callahan said it would have to write zoning in consideration of the Historic Ordinance. Ms. Duff suggested an architectural survey of inventory; what is here and how do you protect those assets.

B. Duquesne Light Mural Update

Ms. Duff provided an update on the Duquesne Light Mural. There was a call with Duquesne Light with Mr. Rice and Ms. Wildman-Figley. They discussed the cost of restoration and have been working on quotes. There were three (3) masons contacted; Arch, Graciano, Young Restoration. All seem interested. Hal Hilbish had interest in the fixture only. Craig Bischak needs access to give a quote. Two (2) sign companies were contacted, Sign Innovations and Technique. Edison Coatings was contacted about the decorative tile. Ms. Barge provided alternative contacts; John Piso (a mason), an electrical contractor, Reva Restoration, and Renner.

NEW BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Mr. Rice seconded by Ms. Barge the Historic Review Commission Meeting adjourned 8:20 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Wildman-Figley
Historic Review Commission Chairperson