

La Mott Historic District, Township of Cheltenham
Board of Historical Architectural Review
Meeting Minutes of
Monday, March 7, 2011

Issue Date: March 7, 2011

Time: 8:20 p.m.

Location: 8230 Old York Road, Elkins Park, 1st Floor Board Room

Present: Ms. Zilan Munas Bass
Ms. Darlene Melton
Mr. Timothy Hinchcliff
Mr. David Lynch, Member, Director of Engineering, Zoning and Inspections
Mr. Carmen Reitano, Assistant to the Director of Engineering, Zoning and Inspections

Absent: Ms. Genevieve Christopher
Ms. Patricia L. Gerrity
Mr. Reynold Greenberg
Ms. Emma Trusty

1. Reorganization

Reorganization was moved to the April 4, 2011 meeting.

2. Meeting Commencement

The meeting was called to order at 8:20 p.m. by Ms. Melton. There was no quorum; accordingly, an informal meeting was held.

3. Meeting Minutes

Upon a motion made by Ms. Melton, seconded by Mr. Hinchcliff, it was recommended that the minutes of the January 6, 2011 La Mott BHAR meeting be accepted.

4. "Willow Avenue Road Reconstruction Project" Presentation

A presentation was made by Mr. Bryan Havar, Assistant Township Manager. Mr. Havar described the scope of work on the project and stated that in addition to new road construction there will also be new curbing, new sidewalk, street trees and traffic calming measures in the three block area along Willow Avenue between Penrose Avenue and Sycamore Avenue. Mr. Havar stated that there will be 12 new street trees and the species still need to be determined.

Mr. Lynch asked if Mr. Havar would be willing to come back to the BHAR when final plans are available. Mr. Havar stated that he would but the bid packages need to be sent out soon. Discussion ensued regarding logistics of the project.

A resident in the audience was concerned about who will be responsible for repairing the wall along the sidewalks if the wall is damaged. Mr. Havar stated that the Contractor cannot touch the wall and further stated that construction will have to be videoed, and if damaged the contractor will have to restore the wall to its original condition.

Mr. Lynch made a motion to the La Mott BHAR to recommend approval of the project to the Public Works Committee and requests detailed plans brought back at the April BHAR meeting; Ms. Munas Bass seconded the motion; the motion passed.

5. Applications

Application L-877

Paula Booker

1714 Graham Lane, La Mott.

Requesting a Certificate of Appropriateness for the following:

- a. Replace existing (8) first floor windows with new 1/1 double hung white vinyl windows.
- b. Replace existing (2) basement windows with new sliding type vinyl windows.

Note: Applicant is returning to the BHAR with the information requested at the October, 2010 Meeting.

Mr. Lynch made a motion to recommend approval to the Public Works Committee; Ms. Melton seconded the motion; the motion passed.

Application L-900

Robert & Karen Shine, Jr.

1701 Erlen Road, La Mott.

Requesting a Certificate of Appropriateness for the following:

- a. Replace existing bay window roofing system with a new asphalt shingle CertainTeed, "Landmark Woodscape Series" asphalt shingle selection color marked Max Def Charcoal Black.

Mr. Shine was present to discuss the application. Mr. Lynch suggested using a thicker gauge of aluminum flashing or to use copper flashing for durability.

Mr. Lynch made a motion to recommend approval to the Public Works Committee with either 12 gauge aluminum or copper flashing; Ms. Melton seconded the motion; the motion passed.

Application L-901
Hubert Hines
7313 Keenan Street, La Mott.

Requesting a Certificate of Appropriateness for the following:

- a. Replace rear porch over breakfast area.
- b. Replace existing kitchen, breakfast area, dining room and bedroom windows and replace with new double hung white vinyl windows.
- c. Demolish existing rear porch and replace with new and larger porch.
- d. Replace the existing main roof and replace with a new asphalt roofing system.
- e. Refit existing breakfast area wood door and storm doors.
- f. Remove existing chimney no longer in use above breakfast area roof.

Note: started work without a permit or Certificate of Appropriateness.

Mr. Hines was present to discuss the application. Ms. Melton and Mr. Hinchcliff stated that this property was previously in foreclosure. Mr. Hines stated that he is not the actual owner but works for the new owner. Mr. Hinchcliff stated that the BHAR needs to see the deed with the new owner listed or needs an authorization form from Mr. Davis giving Mr. Hines permission to act as agent for the property. Ms. Melton suggested that Mr. Davis come to the next meeting.

Ms. Melton made a motion to table the application until Mr. Hines can provide a statement giving him permission to act as agent; Mr. Hinchcliff seconded the motion; the motion passed.

6. Old Business

Discussion ensued regarding BHAR membership and the signs for the Historic Districts.

7. New Business

None.

8. Adjournment

Motion made by Darlene Melton and seconded by Mr. Hinchcliff meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.



David G. Kravnik
Township Manager

Per: Holly A. Nagy