



Historic District Commission Meeting

Thursday, April 24, 2008

14 North Street, Visitors Center, Claremont at 7:00 a.m.

Meeting Notes (*No Quorum*)

Accepted 5/22/08

Meeting called to order by Chair Messier at 7:01 PM

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Jason Farrell, David Messier, Peter Guillette

City Staff: Michelle Aiken, Boards & Commissions Coordinator

Absent: Deborah Cutts, Trinity Dix, John Hall, Brenda Taite

II. REPORT OF THE SECRETARY - Minutes from March 19, 2008 meeting minutes

Deferred to the next meeting

III. Correspondence

- Application for next months meeting from Don & Peg Chabot regarding exterior changes to the building

Ms. Chabot has been advised from the fire department that the fire escapes have to come off because they are unsafe, although they cannot come off until the sprinkler system is installed.

There are 2 ladders on the Broad Street side and 2 fire escapes off of Crescent Street that have to come off. Chair Messier didn't see any reason why the fire escapes could not come off since it was required by the Fire Department and is a safety measure. Ms. Chabot advised that they were also told that the 3 steps going up on Broad Street side has handrails that have to be raised; they are telling her that the entrance is not wide enough and the side. This is the entrance to the office and 2 apartments and they are telling her that the riser and tread heights are not high enough or wide enough. She has a variance from the state fire marshal because she is putting in the sprinklers, so she does not want to have to remove the stairs also. If she does she will have to completely change the entrance which is the primary entrance. She is hoping she can get by with what is there because she put in the sprinklers. Mr. Messier advised that Ms. Chabot would not need to return to the HDC as long as the design is going to be the same they would not have a problem as long as the new handrail was wood to go along with the rest of the railings.

Consensus from members present that if there are any changes to the entrance then the applicant would need to come back for a formal meeting.

IV. Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at: 7:13 pm

Respectfully Submitted By,

Michelle Aiken

Boards and Commissions Coordinator