

HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW BOARD

Thursday, June 2, 2011, @ 3:00 PM

Administrative Conference Room, First Floor, Lewiston City Building

FINAL MINUTES

- I. Roll Call:** This meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. and was chaired by William Clifford.
Members Present: William (Bill) Clifford, Philip Meldrum, Douglas Hodgkin, Rick Morris, and Jack Milo
Members Absent: Maurice Gilbert and Jennifer Ferguson
Associate Member Present: Mark Lee
Associate Member Absent: Erin Flynn
Staff Present: Gildace Arsenault, Director of Planning & Code Enforcement and Cathy Lekberg, Administrative Assistant, Economic & Community Development.

Bill Clifford appointed Mark Lee as full voting member for this meeting only.

II. New Business:

Draft National Register Nomination – Philip M. and Deborah N. Isaacson House

Bill stated the Isaacson House was built in 1960 so it is now 50 years old. He stated he called Christie Mitchell about meeting the criteria. Christie stated she persuaded Philip Isaacson to wait until it turned 50 years old. She also stated that she is in favor of this nomination. Doug stated that Mark Lee is a qualified architect and would satisfy the criteria as an expert in architecture. Jack stated that Item C on page 5 is the only relevant item that the Board needs to look at.

Phil stated that the photographs were not marked as to what they were looking at. Bill stated that the top photo is the front of the house, the left photo is the rear and the right photo is the inside of the front courtyard and these should be marked.

Phil stated that the site map is unclear and is not current. He stated half of the buildings are missing. Gil stated that he could have Peter Parker make a new 8 ½ x 11 site map which will be updated and more clear and would make sure the Board gets copies.

Jack stated he is willing to defer the decision to Mark as expert in architecture and Christie. Jack stated he cannot judge this. Mark stated that this is a different style of architecture and it takes courage to do this. He stated it certainly represents the work of a master architect. Gil stated this is a unique house. Mark stated he would support this nomination. Mark stated that Philip Isaacson stated the house was restless on the lot and because it is set back from the street, its modesty allows it to fit into the neighborhood. He stated the building itself is an international style. Phil stated he has no idea what is on the side of the house and would like photographs taken. Gil stated he could arrange a site visit. Phil stated that photographs would be a record of the house and they did not need to have a site visit. Bill stated one side of the house is too narrow to take pictures. Jack asked if they should be judging the interior and Gil stated we do not regulate the interior but the Board can judge the interior also. Bill stated that the home does not blend well in that neighborhood with the other houses. Mark stated that this home would be considered great architecture and there is a big argument about what are the guidelines whether it is appropriate or not. He stated that architecture does not have to blend in. The Board decided to support the

nomination. Gil stated that if the Board wants to support this nomination, Mark should probably make the motion and the Board agreed.

MOTION: by **Mark Lee** to support the nomination of the Philip M. and Deborah N. Isaacson House located at 2 Benson Street for listing on the National Register of Historic Places and meeting the criteria of a structure that is a significant example of a distinctive characteristic of the international style. Also, to include the amendments to the sketches that were provided by the Maine State Historic Preservation Office and to label the photographs as front, rear and rear inside, including adding two side photographs of the house and to make a corrected site map of the Isaacson House. Second by **Douglas Hodgkin**.

VOTED: **6-0** (Passed).

III. Old Business:

Bill asked about the status of the Kennedy Park Gazebo and Gil stated they have not started the fund raising yet but they are still interested in doing it. He stated he would email Phil Nadeau to get an update and will forward the email to the Board.

IV. Minutes: April 7, 2011

MOTION: by **Philip Meldrum** to accept the April 7, 2011 minutes as presented. Second by **Jack Milo**.

VOTED: **6-0** (Passed).

V. Adjournment:

MOTION: by **Philip Meldrum** to adjourn the meeting at 4:50 p.m. Second by **Douglas Hodgkin**.

VOTED: **6-0** (Passed).

The next regularly scheduled meeting is for Thursday, July 7, 2011, at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Lekberg, Administrative Assistant
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