

*"A Historic Past"*



*"A Bright Future"*

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**CITY OF DELAWARE CITY  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
April 8, 2014**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission was called to order at 7:00 PM. by Commissioner Slotter. Those present included Commissioners Slotter, Beaston, Dilliplane, and Lee. City Manager Cathcart was also in attendance.

**ACTION UPON THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

*Commissioner Lee made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2014 HPC meeting, as written. Commissioner Dilliplane seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all ayes, motion carried.*

**NEW PUMPING STATION – IN THE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY IN FRONT OF  
PARCEL 22-007.00-060 WASHINGTON STREET**

City Manager Cathcart gave HPC the background of this project. He informed the commissioners that the City had applied, about three months ago, for a FEMA grant to address the Washington Street flooding issues. The problem is currently being addressed by a portable pump on Washington Street that pumps flood water over the sea wall into the Delaware River. The City is looking for a more permanent solution and has applied to FEMA for a \$900,000 grant. It looks like the grant may be approved, as the money has been reserved. The City had to spend some money for drawings FEMA requested for their review process.

They wanted to see what the design for the pump house is going to look like and see that the design went through the historic preservation review process, both locally and on the state level.

City Manager Cathcart said he was asking HPC for conceptual approval of the design, and not approval of the location of the pump house. Currently, the pump is sitting behind the ice cream parlor in the City's right-of-way. If it were to be constructed on that location, there would be no access to that lot as it is only 24 feet wide. The City has multiple options, including across Washington Street, near the parking lot. Keith Rudy, Director of Sciences and Water Resources, gave a brief overview of proposed design, after listing his qualifications. The pump house would be a 15' X 20' structure to replace the large portable pumps currently in use. The various architectural styles throughout the City were taken into consideration before designing the pump house. City Manager Cathcart pointed out that the design is very reminiscent of the City's sash shop.

Kevin Dolson, from Architectural Alliance, said the building is about 10' high. He said they didn't want to over embellish the building as it is so small. The sash shop was the inspiration with some additional decorative elements. The proposal was for a relatively maintenance free building with cedar or a cedar like material, a carriage door and dormers which would meet the ventilation requirements.

Discussion followed regarding the design. City Manager Cathcart said this is the very early stages of design. He said the city is nowhere near doing schematics or construction documents. He added that once the City receives award notification, about the grant, we would move into the design phase very quickly. At that time HPC would be asked to revisit the design. Commissioner Lee suggested using natural materials. Discussion followed regarding hardy-plank. Both of the carriage doors would be operational. Discussion followed regarding scaling back on some of the decorative elements, which would make the pump house appear like an outbuilding.

*Commissioner Dilliplane made a motion to approve the conceptual design for the pump house as submitted, with the contingency that the City would return to HPC with more firm plans for location, a final drawing of the building and a list of materials. Commissioner Beaston seconded the motion. There was no additional discussion. A vote was taken, all ayes, motion carried.*

## **COMMENTS**

Commissioner Slotter commented on the two new members of HPC who have missed numerous meetings. Discussion followed. City Manager Cathcart said he would look at the code. It was suggested that the Mayor contact them and see if they are interested in serving on the commission.

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Commissioner Beaston made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded. A vote was taken, all ayes, meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.*

Respectfully submitted,

*Dawn K. Gwynn*

City Secretary