

Phase 2 Hildreth House COA Subcommittee
Friday, July 19, 2019
Hildreth House
Minutes

Present: Guy Oliva, Connie Larrabee, Sharon Briggs, Carl Sciple, Beth Williams, COA Director Debbie Thompson
DAI architects Tom Lam and Chris Sullivan, Permanent Building Committee member Steve Moeser, prospective board member Chet Hooper

Guy called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

The minutes of the July 12, 2019 meeting were approved as submitted

DAI Update:

The architects brought three renderings of their proposed new building – one interior layout and two exterior views. Tom Lam explained that they want to have a firmer idea of the preferred design before consulting the fire chief, Historical Commission, and Planning Board. The group discussed the building design and expressed several concerns:

1. The height of the roof/ceiling in the multipurpose room section
2. Modified roof design over doorways to protect people from ice/snow sliding off
3. Connecting walkways from driveway and Hildreth House
4. Protecting walkways from ice and snow

Reiterating their reasons for proposing a separate building rather than one connected to the existing house, the architects asserted that connecting the addition would add an estimated quarter million dollars to the cost of the project, mainly to meet fire code requirements. Steve Moeser questioned the architects about their understanding of the fire code. He noted that the code can be interpreted differently by local fire chiefs, but said it's critical to understand what's required. In response, Chris Sullivan said they have a clear understanding of the code, and had provided a summary of pertinent code requirements the previous week.

Future expansion

Carl Sciple asked for the architects' opinion about possible future expansion of Hildreth House. Chris said there are a number of options if we're willing to consider sprinklers.

At the next meeting, the group will focus on the building interior. The architects will also work on developing a preliminary cost estimate. Chris Sullivan said although the proposed building is pretty basic, the \$3 million target seems way too low, which could mean making the building smaller.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

The next meeting of the Phase 2 Subcommittee is scheduled for Friday, July 26 at 9 a.m. at Hildreth House.

Respectfully submitted,
Connie Larrabee, recorder