

HISTORIC ARCHITECTURE COMMISSION

January 8, 2008

PRESENT: Ann Parks, James Fassanella, Phil Wise, Susan Angevine

OTHERS: James Brasley, Perinton Planning Board, Jean Whitney, Fairport Historic Architecture Board

Chairman Ann Parks began the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

David Wigg, 619 Kreag Road (discussion)

David Wigg wanted to discuss his property with the Board before submitting a formal proposal. He would like to replace his building with a new one and had questions as to why other buildings in Bushnell's Basin had been demolished. He also had questions about the proposed addition to 626 Kreag Road. He presented some photos of what he would like to build on his property; however, most were not of the bungalow style, which would be appropriate for the site. Members of the Board pointed out that the orientation, massing, and streetscape exhibited by the original building must be maintained. They also reminded him that several styles from a document presented in a previous visit to the Board would be appropriate and could be developed to provide the space he wants and still retain massing that would fit the area. It was suggested that a raised ranch or a split-level might be suitable and that the building façade could be stepped back to simulate several smaller buildings. Finally it was suggested that Mr. Wigg talk to an architect and come back to the Board with drawings. A copy of the recent changes of the Historic Preservation code, concerning compatibility, was given to him. It was also suggested that he look at the commercial building for the Longwell Development in Egypt, which shows an ell-shaped building with the look of several small buildings put together.

Forest Hills Designation (discussion)

The general consensus of the Board is that Forest Hills fulfills several of the criteria for designation, including the following: It "possesses special character..."; it "embodies the distinguishing characteristics of an architectural style..."; it "....represents an established and familiar visual feature of the neighborhood." In addition it fulfills the criteria for designating a group of properties. It "Contains properties which meet one or more of the criteria for designation of a landmark." It, "By reason of possessing such qualities, constitutes a distinct section of the town."

Ann Parks and Jean Keplinger will talk to Ken Dodson, a resident of Forest Hills and one who has been involved for many years in its history, about the best way to approach the residents about the pending designation.

Other Business

A letter from Mark Anderson with regard to 1157 Fairport Road, which was designed by Bud DeWolff and built in the mid 60s, was discussed. The letter deals with the issue of mid-twentieth century commercial buildings which have certain distinctive characteristics, and the extent to which they should be considered historic and therefore worthy of preservation. It was suggested that members keep a watch out for potential “Mid Century” structures that may be worthy of designation.

The Bushnell’s Basin *Subway* is going to propose a change in their signage.

The minutes of the November 13, 2007 meeting were accepted as submitted.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.

Jean Keplinger