

Meeting Agenda of the
City and Borough of Juneau
Historic Resources Advisory Committee
Building Permit Review Subcommittee

Wednesday, March 27, 2013
CDD Conference Room, 4th floor, Marine View Building
5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Members:

Gary Gillette (Chair)

Shauna McMahon (Recorder)

Gerald Gotschall

Staff: Jonathan Lange (CBJ Community Development)

I. Call to Order

II. Approval of Agenda

III. New Business

1. Klasse Jewelers and Jewelers International proposed new doors on South Franklin (Building permit 2013 0136, at 383 S. Franklin St.)

Gary Gillette stated that the Downtown Historic District Design Standards and Guidelines states for new construction in Chapter 7 section 7.29 "A building entrance shall appear similar to those used historically. Recess the building entrance." Gary also stated that the Downtown Historic District Design Standards and Guidelines do not state the Building Permit Review Subcommittee of HRAC has discretion to waive the requirements of the standards and guidelines.

Jonathan Lange agreed with Gary and also mentioned that the building is not a contributing historical building. The building was built in 1997, but is in the downtown historic district. When built the building complied with the standards and guidelines and has recessed entrances. The proposal is not to take away the recessed entrances but just to add two new doors.

Gary Gillette asked what the procedure would be if the building was a completely new building in the historic district and the plans did not show recessed entrances. Would the applicant have to get a variance? Discussion was made further on the proposed plan.

Gerald Gotschall made the subcommittee's recommendation to staff; given the proposed plan is not on a contributing historic building, the HRAC Building Permit Review Subcommittee's recommendation and comment to staff is that due to the following reasons the subcommittee supports the proposed plan:

The construction is not irreversible, in that in the future the doors could be removed and the windows put back in place. The building already has recessed entries. The proposed doors maintain transparency. Finally the proposed doors look similar in characteristic to the style and doors of the building.

Shauna McMahon agreed with the recommendation and provided a comment that the proposed doors might cause "congestion" inside of the store and outside (though the doors do swing into the store) with all the traffic on South Franklin Street during the summer tourism season.

IV. Adjournment 5:25PM