

**City of Gig Harbor  
Design Review Board  
Gig Harbor Civic Center  
August 28, 2008**

**Present :** Chairman Darrin Filand, Kae Paterson, David Fisher, John Jernejcic and Jane Roth-Williams and Rick Gagliano. **Absent:** Jim Pasin  
**Staff Present:** Tom Dolan, Lita Dawn Stanton and Cindy Andrews.

**Call to Order: 6:04 pm**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**MOTION:** Move to approve the July 10<sup>th</sup> minutes as written. Filand / Roth-Williams  
Motion: passed

Minutes of July 24<sup>th</sup> postponed until the next meeting to note corrections,  
Kae Paterson was absent and Jane Roth Williams was present.

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Presentation by John Moist of the 2008 Skansie Brothers Park Ad Hoc Committee to review the recommendations for the Skansie Brothers Park.

Mr. Moist provided a brief history of the 2003 and 2008 ad hoc committees, discussing their original mission statement and explaining the amendment in 2008 to include updates to the waterfront areas.

Mr. Moist discussed the history of the Skansie house, the furnishings, the location, and potential uses noting the site could contain a museum, a community center or city offices. Board member David Fisher explained his concern that too many alterations would be necessary for ADA compliance thereby altering the structure. Mr. Moist explained that currently the building had been planned for placement on the historic registry and that the ADA requirements would be different for historic structures. Mr. Moist discussed the netshed and proposed pier explaining the extensive restoration that would be needed for the netshed. Mr. Fisher asked if the proposed pier could be connected to the netshed. Ms. Patterson responded, explaining that the netshed never had a pier and that for public use a standalone pier would be best. Mr. Moist described the proposed pier as a 150 ft by 50ft floating multi-use pier to be shared by local fisherman, commercial vessels and the general public. Mr. Fisher asked if a landscaping plan had been proposed. Mr. Moist responded yes. Board members discussed the landscape plan possible removal of the front hedge, condition of existing trees and the addition of pavers or grasscreeet. Ms. Roth-Williams asked if a kitchen garden had once been on the property. Ms. Stanton replied no. Ms. Paterson discussed the back of the building suggesting it could be used for kayak storage. Mr. Moist agreed stating that he had been approached by the local kayak teams asking about the possibility of storage space. Board members discussed uses for the pier, tour boats, scuba divers and a farmers market. Ms. Roth-Williams addressed concerns for preserving the furnishing from the home asking if any plans had been made. Mr. Morris responded no suggesting that Ms. Blackwell from the history museum may be able to help. Ms. Paterson asked if the furniture had been deemed historic. Ms. Stanton replied some of the furnishing had historic value. Board members discussed the preservation, value and potential uses of the furnishings, placing the house on the historic registry, restoration and use of the

structure. Board members also expressed concerns that offices or a visitor center could be too taxing on the building. Mr. Moist responded agreeing that many uses would be a burden on the structure but pointed out that if the structure were to be made into a visitor center the city would retain control of the preservation and maintenance.

Mr. Filand discussed the ad hoc committee's goal of restoring the netshed, replacing the artifacts and opening it to the public for viewing recommending that the goal be pursued. Board members agreed.

Board members discussed the landscaping agreeing that the site should remain open and uncluttered. Mr. Fisher suggested creating a list of events planned for the site and designing the landscaping around the planned activities. Mr. Moist noted that other committees would also have an interest in the plans and suggested that the landscape consultant work with the other committees on a proposal. Board members suggested additional amenities for the proposed pier including showers, additional restrooms, a bait and tackle shop, coffee shop and newsstand.

Board members also discussed the Maritime Memorial Walk, proposing a life jacket program, security for potential laundry rooms and bathrooms and a temporary dock positioned at the end of Jerisich dock.

#### **UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2008 Tentative: Eddon Boat Restoration project.

DRB members welcomed new board member David Fisher. Mr. Fisher provided a summary of his background.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION:** Move to adjourn. Jernejcic / Filand – Motion passed.