

Anchorage Historic District Commission
Minutes from Regular Meeting
January 21, 2009

Chairman Bill Wetherton called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Commission members in attendance were B.J. Elliott, Tony Bayus, Bill Wilkinson, Clyde Ensor and advisors Cindy Parrish and Peg Revell. Visiting were Christine Anderson, Keith Morley, Jerald Oliver, Stephen Gravatte and Carol Shutt.

The minutes were read and approved. Wetherton approved the following: An addition to the rear of Neil Ramseys' house, not visible from the street, 700 sq. ft. A sign for Evergreen Real Estate on the Country Store.

Sherri and Kirk Stallings, 12331 Forest School Ln, requested approval for a stone wall at the side of their property. The property owner was cited for having no COA from HPC. The current pillars are 7'6" - exceeding Metro ordinance allowing 7'0" maximum height. Commission members expressed concern that the wall is too massive. Bayus said that landscaping should visually break up the long, fortress-like wall and the gate will also help break up the expanse. The builder can remove the caps from the pillars but the wall would be less aesthetically pleased. A wrought-iron gate, approx. 4 ft in width, is planned to connect the two wall sections, but a request was not submitted before tonight's meeting. Bayus moved for approval if the columns are taken down to 7 ft, if necessary after grade is raised, and with landscaping to break up the expanse. Elliott seconded. Ensor moved to approve a committee of three to consider the gate after plans are submitted to City Hall. Wilkinson seconded. Both motions carried.

Carol and David Shutt, 12100 Ridge Rd., requested approval for a garage renovation. The existing garage will be removed and a new 1,043 sq. ft., three-car garage added. An additional 301 sq. ft. of living space on the second floor is planned. Bayus said the new design is sensitively done but the garage competes with the front of the house. The strength of the garage in the forefront as a mass is the most prominent part of the house; the tallest gable is on the garage and the front entrance is diminished. Following considerable discussion Bayus moved to accept the architect's "Plan B" design with the change to reuse the existing siding from the old garage. Wilkinson seconded and the vote was two "for" and two "against." An amendment was made to the first motion to reduce the peak of the center mass 12-16 inches to align with the existing joining roof and the motion carried. Revised drawings will be submitted to city hall. Reuse siding from garage that is being removed.

Christine and Scott Anderson, 1308 Glenbrook, requested approval for an outbuilding. Materials will be board and batten cedar, creek stone foundation and shingles to match their home. The 24' X 16' structure will have a hip roof and barn door. Wilkinson moved for approval. Bayus seconded and all approved.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m. Next regular meeting will be Feb 17, 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Susan Mitchell, secretary

. .