

Anchorage Historic Preservation Commission - March 18, 2008

Chairman Bill Wetherton called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Commission members in attendance were Becky Miller, Clyde Ensor, Dan Fultz and Tony Bayus and advisors Peg Revell and Cindy Parrish. Visitors were Megan and Clark Pollitt, Jane Scharfflein, Liz Ferguson and Jay Foley. The minutes were read and approved; the agenda was read.

Wetherton will recommend to Mayor Hewitt that Bill Fowler, a builder and Anchorage resident, be appointed to the Commission to fill the vacancy left by the passing of Mac Caldwell. The City is updating its web-site. Wetherton asked if there was any objection to including the email addresses of Commission members. Tony Bayus suggested that the listing be done as a "group," including all members in any correspondence.

Megan and Clark Pollitt, 12004 Ridge Rd, requested approval for a second-story addition to their home. There will be no change in the footprint and no bedrooms will be added; material will be brick. Commission members were concerned with the lowness of the front porch. Dan Fultz asked if the roof and windows could be raised and the columns lengthened in order to improve the oppressive look and he offered a sketch. Tony Bayus said that the arches may not fit. He said that if the second story ceiling is 9 ft., the necessary scale with the rest of the house could be achieved. Changes to the eaves will help break the plane of the façade and create three smaller pieces. The first story windows will need jack arches over them. The three, arched, second-story windows need to be scaled down. Becky Miller, concerned with the height of the roof, stated that too often the house stands taller than the plan appears. The Pollitts said they would lower the roof which is currently drawn with a 12/12 pitch. Fultz suggested they consider a 7/12, 8/12 or 9/12 pitch. The plans must be redrawn to scale. Peg Revell said that the house is in a prominent location in Anchorage and would like the design more subtle, perhaps deleting the metal railing. Fultz suggested using copper. The Pollitts were appreciative of the suggestions and agreed to make changes and resubmit at the next meeting.

Liz Ferguson, 12319 Forest School Ln., requested approval for a rear porch addition. Although located in the back of the house, the porch can be viewed from the road. Ferguson has enlisted her original builder and architect for the project. Materials will match the original stone, brick pavers. Access to the porch will be achieved by adding French doors from the living room. Becky Miller moved for approval. Following a second from Dan Fultz, the motion carried.

Evergreen Real Estate, 1404 Evergreen Rd., represented by Jay Foley, requested approval for changing exterior stairs, extending a porch overhang and replacing windows on the commercial building. Dan Fultz recused himself. The old stairs will be removed and new stairs will go along the back of the building toward the parking lot. Material will be wood. The existing porch canopy on the south side will be extended and supported with new brackets. Windows on the north side will be replaced.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15. Respectfully submitted, Susan Mitchell, secretary.

