

Anchorage Historic Preservation Commission
Minutes from Regular Meeting
March 16, 2010

Chairman Bill Wetherton called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Commission members in attendance were Clyde Ensor, B.J. Elliott, Becky Miller, Bill Wilkinson, Bill Fowler. Archives, Peg Revell and Realtor Advisor, Cindy Parrish were present. Others included Mildred Ewen, Jay Foley, Kevin Grangier, Katherine and William Hensler and Dan Swigart.

The February minutes were read and approved and the March agenda was read. Following the evening's agenda, Becky Miller will discuss with Commission members the reviewing and revising procedures for the Guidebook.

Evergreen Real Estate, 11505 Park Rd., represented by Jay Foley, requested approval for a sign for the "Anchorage Cafe" at the new Depot bldg. The sign will be the same as the "Shall We Dance" studio – wood with a lip around the edge and white, AZEK letters. The Park Rd-facing sign is 25' long and 14" in height, with 8" lettering. The Evergreen Rd-facing sign is 25' long and 18" in height with 11." Bayus moved for approval; Fowler seconded and all approved.

Evergreen Real Estate, 11507 Park Rd. requested approval for signs. Kevin Grangier presented designs for "The Village Anchor" (Pub and Roost) and "The Sea Hag." He wants the signs to be representative of each of the establishments and the experience of the guests. The upper floor restaurant and bar will be a casual, French Bistro represented by a wrought-iron sign with curving accents. It will be located at the upper story with a second sign below, attached by two chains, in smaller letters – Pub and Roost. The sign for the lower level pub represents a different environment. "The Sea Hag" will be hand-carved wood, 4ft x 3ft, hanging above the wood doors facing Evergreen Rd. There are no plans at this time to light the signs. Hopefully the natural light will be sufficient. Miller questioned the signs' appropriateness for the historic exterior. Bayus thought the restaurant sign might be too dainty and suggested making a bolder, heavier statement, using cast iron or similar. Wilkinson suggested a simpler design. All remarks were positive for the wood-carved sign. Fowler moved for approval as submitted. Elliott seconded and all approved. Another motion was made by Bayus to form a committee of three – Bayus, Elliott, Wilkinson – to approve any desired design changes that might be submitted. Wilkinson seconded and motion carried.

Katherine and William Hensler, 2221 Cave Spring Place, presented updated plans for a new home. The major change from their previous visit is repositioning the garage. It will be angled off the front to allow more back yard; the doors will still not be visible from the street. The house will sit at an angle on the lot, similar to the Talbott home across the street and the Carpenter home on Cave Spring. Materials will be brick, natural quarried stone, stucco and cedar. The height of the roof has not changed. Ensor moved for approval. Wilkinson seconded and the motion carried.

Becky Miller will lead the Commission in revising the Guideline book. Peg Revell acquired guidelines from a number of communities that will be very helpful, especially those written since our own were created. Topics Becky would like to address include routine building maintenance, identifying styles, glossary of architectural terms, making the book more interesting for residents to read, adding color pictures, before and after photos, map of the historic district and new ideas. She proposed that each Commission member take a section, read the other cities' guidelines and return in April with a report. Peg said that it is necessary to talk with Frank Gilbert for legal implications. The present book has been through the court system as have others being reviewed. Sandi Kunzler would like to put the Guidebook on-line. Once the Guidebook is updated, Peg will pursue listing houses on the National Register.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Mitchell, secretary