

Anchorage Historic Preservation Commission

Minutes from Regular Meeting

April 20, 2010

Chairman Bill Wetherton called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Commission members in attendance were B.J. Elliott, Dan Fultz, Becky Miller, Bill Wilkinson, Bill Fowler. Real Estate advisor, Cindy Parrish was present along with visitors Lauren Beckley, Pam Spaulding, Ron Wolford, Ken Hoffman, Frank Pierce, Dan Swigart and Bill Hensler.

The minutes were read and approved. The agenda was read.

Cathy and Paul Wessel, 1203 Old Harrods Creek, requested approval for a three-car detached, two-story garage with an attached storage shed. Material will be wood siding, painted for a rural look with board and batten on the shed. The structure faces Old Harrods Creek, sitting far behind the house, barely seen from Owl Creek Lane. Miller remarked that the design is lovely, but wonders if the house is simpler than the garage. The height is 22 ft to the ridge without the cupola. Fultz agrees that the arches and double columns seem fussy for an out-building. Wilkinson agrees. Wetherton shared a photo of his home, Shirley Mansion, from *The Village of Anchorage*, which originally had a carriage house that was quite fancy. Architect Frank Pierce said that the structure will look less busy than the drawing and that all details will be painted white. Fultz made a motion for approval with the requirements that (1) pilaster by doors be removed, (2) pilaster at wrapped corners remain and go to cornice, (3) arches above doors to be removed – arched doors to remain, and (4) circle windows in “shed” extension to be changed to square and be raised to appropriate height. Elliott seconded and all approved.

Rita and Mark O'Brien, 1501 Hobbs Park Rd., requested approval to replace front windows on the existing house. Windows will look the same - clad, SDL, 6 over 1. The front door- 6'8"- will be replaced and raised about one foot. Miller feels that these changes will not be appropriate to the 1930's home and referred to an article on preserving old windows which states that when restored, old windows can be close in energy efficiency to newer windows which fail in time. Fultz said that new windows will be more efficient and look good, but the strong point for keeping the original windows is the wavy glass, without which the character will be lost. He does not recommend replacement unless the old windows are rotted. Architect Sonny Whittle said that the existing sash is in good shape as the porch over-hang has protected it. Although some of the wavy glass will be lost, he will recommend to the O'Briens keeping the integrity of the old house by keeping the front windows in tact. Miller moved that the façade remain the same and replacing only the windows on the bays on the left side where the new addition picks up. Elliott seconded and the motion carried.

Pam Spaulding, 11106 Cherry Lane, requested approval for an addition. The 1½ - story addition will connect to a section that was added to the charming cottage in the early nineties. The roof-lines will match the existing as well as the exterior casings and cornice. There will be a master bedroom downstairs and a bedroom and office upstairs. The roofline will not be higher than the existing, 32 ft. at the highest ridge point. Pitches

will correspond with existing. Windows are clad exterior and match the current. Window and door casings will match the existing. Siding will be cementous board. Fultz complimented the design but questioned the small size of the master bedroom addition, suggesting pushing it out 2-3 ft. The gable becomes another element. Neighbors approve of the plan. Wilkinson moved for approval and Fowler seconded. All approved.

Evergreen Real Estate requested approval for the Canopy to be attached to the old train station, 11507 Park Rd. Design plans were previously submitted but were not to be approved until BOZA approved the set-backs. With that requirement met, Fowler moved for approval; Wilkinson seconded and all agreed. A request for sign modification was made for the Village Anchor Pub and Roost. A new heavier and more ornate design was submitted which measures 9 ft x 4 ft. Commission members were not thrilled with the design, but commenting that signs are temporary, agreed to approve, following a motion Elliott, seconded by Fowler.

Katherine and Bill Hensler, 2221 Cave Spring, presented a preliminary request to realign their planned garage. By straightening out the garage, their back yard will be larger. An additional, larger gable will soften the roof-line. A committee of three commission members was assigned to approve- Fowler, Fultz and Wilkinson.

Following the meeting, Miller assigned topics to members to research in preparation for revising the Guidebook.

Respectfully submitted by,
Susan Mitchell, secretary