

Anchorage Historic Preservation Commission

Minutes from May 17, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bill Wetherton at 6:00 P.M. Commission members in attendance were Clyde Ensor, Becky Miller, Bill Wilkinson, Dan Fultz, Tony Bayus; archives Peg Revell and real estate advisor Cindy Parrish. Visitors included Karen and Trace Mayer, Beverly Baker, Kelly and John Nichols, Eric Taylor, Christina West, Jason Miller, Ralph Walthall, Ron Gibson and Liz Ferguson.

Karen and Trace Miller, 12304 Ridge Rd., requested approval for roof modification to their 1930's home. In an emergency effort to repair the leaking roof, work began which altered the roof line by eliminating the valley. Miller pointed out that an emergency request can be made for COA. She moved for approval. Wilkinson seconded and the motion carried.

John and Kelly Nichols, on behalf of owner Susan Hewitt, 11905 Spring Garden Ln., presented plans for changes to the façade of the home. A porch and dormer will be added to the Cape Cod using cedar siding for the archway and keystone, Azak for the dormers and crown returns. Working composite shutters will be added to the second story window. Ensor moved for approval with requirement that either bi-fold or no shutters are used. Miller seconded and all approved.

Eric Taylor, 1404 Walnut Lane, requested approval to add a raised patio using wrought-iron or brushed steel matching the existing railings on the home. Miller moved for approval. Following a second from Bayus, the motion carried.

Joy and Jason Miller, 11300 Ridge Rd., requested approval for a roof change and new shutters. The new owners are requesting to replace the leaking, metal roof of the 1879 Bedinger House with synthetic slate shingles. They plan to add shutters, which were present in the past, along with half-round aluminum gutters. Revell pointed out that the 130 yr old house is one of three houses in the National Preservation District, named by the U.S. Dept of Interior on the National Register of Historic Places. It is one of the nine most important houses in Anchorage. Bayus said that as a significant house, it must be protected and safeguarded and that the shingled roof would not be appropriate. The owners have not been able to find evidence of the house on the historic register. Bayus moved for approval of the gutters, shutters and a standing-seem roof pending verification of the National Register status. If not found, a committee of Fultz, Miller, Bayus and Wetherton will be formed to advise. Wilkinson seconded the motion and all approved. (On 5-25-11 it was verified that the Bedinger House is on the National register and the Millers agreed to a "metal" roof.)

Christine and Andrew West, 1400 Walnut Ln., requested approval for a pool fence. The black, aluminum four-foot fence will surround the garden area and pool. It will be 430 ft with two gates. Miller moved for approval. Bayus seconded and all agreed.

Ann and Ralph Walthall, 11100 Ridge Rd., presented plans for a pergola, lamp posts and walkway improvements. The structure will not be seen from the road. The pergola columns will match the columns on the house. Walkways will be pavers matching the foundation. Lamp posts will match the walkway with sky-friendly down-light. Miller moved for approval with a second from Ensor. The motion carried.

Liz Ferguson, 12319 Forest School Ln., presented plans for a stone wall and picket fence which will hide the air conditioning unit and provide additional privacy. The stone wall with lattice on top and picket fence will also enclose raised gardens. Wilkinson moved for approval. Bayus seconded and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Mitchell, secretary.