

Anchorage Historic Preservation Commission

Minutes from Special Meeting

June 27, 2011

Chairman Bill Wetherton called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Commission members in attendance were Clyde Ensor, Becky Miller, BJ Elliott, Bill Wilkinson, Bill Fowler, Dan Fultz, Tony Bayus and real estate advisor Cindy Parrish. Visitors included Susan Hewitt, Kelly Nichols, Father Joe Smith, Bryan Abrams and Thomas Roe.

Susan Hewitt, 11905 Spring Garden Lane, requested approval to replace the back porch. The current porch is not salvageable. A new doorway will be added to the 12x25 ft. structure which will be centered on the second story dormer. A row of columns will be added. Wood siding will match the existing. Elliott moved for approval. With a second from Miller, the motion carried.

St Luke's Episcopal Church, 1206 Maple Lane, requested approval for roof replacement. Representatives from the church came before the Commission at the regular June meeting asking that a faux slate roof replace the existing authentic slate roof. It was decided that Commission members would visit the Baptist Seminary to view a building with "Inspire" faux slate. Bellarmine and the Seminary have been pleased with the product. Father Joe said that the annual maintenance for a new slate is an on-going and expensive requirement. The current roof is failing and dangerous. Miller feels strongly that this 100 yr. old church which is on the Historic Register should have a real slate roof. Fultz expressed concern that we are not building for the long term. He dislikes going to synthetics as they don't last as long. This new product has not been tested for more than fifteen years. Bayus, who excused himself from the vote, said that the Commission has allowed change, using a modified product that looks the same and retains the nature of the original product. SDL windows and Hardiboard, for example, replicate but are not the same as the original product. Wetherton spoke with Frank Gilbert who said that the major concerns, in order, are safety, appearance, quality, warranty. Fowler said he would not have known that the Seminary's roof was not slate if it had had copper ridging, valleys, flashing and lead flashings. Elliott thought the roof looked monochromatic and needed more variance like real slate. Father Joe would appreciate a recommendation for the color choice. Wilkinson moved for approval. Ensor seconded. The vote was 4-yes and 2-no.

Nancy and Bill Wilkinson, 1701 Evergreen Rd., requested approval for a change of roof material. The commission previously approved an asphalt shingle roof. Wilkinson excused himself from the vote. He would like approval for Certainteed "Symphony" synthetic slate. Ridges and valleys will be copper. Fowler moved for approval. Miller seconded and all approved.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Mitchell, secretary