

Anchorage Historic Preservation Commission
Minutes from Regular Meeting
August 19, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 by Chairman Bill Wetherton. Commission members in attendance were Bill Fowler, Tony Bayus, Clyde Ensor, Becky Miller and advisors Peg Revell, Cindy Parrish and Mildred Ewen. Visitors included Paul Hirn, Adam Greenwell, Chad Greenwell, Dan and Rita Garcia, Vicki King, Jerry Cantrell and Bryon Miller.

The minutes were approved as read. The agenda was read. Old Business: Wetherton said that the up-coming meeting in Bardstowen does not appear to have any topics of interest to our commission members.

Rita and Dan Garcia, 1400 Walnut Lane, presented plans for a new garage. The 36' x 22' free-standing, clapboard and cedar shake structure will be sympathetic to the Edwardian design of the house. Miller said that the Commission discourages front-facing garages and that the structure looks too large. The yard has some huge old trees and a swimming pool, making placement of the garage more difficult. Ewen said that this historic home has many interesting features and large front-facing garage is not appropriate. The garage should be facing Walnut at the back of the house. Bayus pointed out a considerable area of pavement with the planned turnaround, garage and driveway and that the design seems top-heavy. Wetherton said that the drawings must be to scale and the site plan redrawn including large trees, pool and driveway. Bayus asked if the owners would consider rotating the structure and reducing the mass of the second floor. Bayus, Fowler and Miller will meet at the site on Saturday at 9:00 a.m. This committee will report to the commission with a recommendation.

Bellewood Children's Home, 11103 Park Road, presented plans for a garage to replace the one destroyed in a tornado. The new maintenance building will be located further from LaGrange Rd and will sit perpendicular to it. Only a few feet of the 35' x 60' structure will be seen from the road. It will be built in the style of the cottages and administration building, using brick closely matched. Bayus moved for approval. Miller seconded and all approved.

Jodi and Bryon Miller, 905 Shady Lane, requested approval to demolish a garage and to rebuild. There is a long drive through woods to the house which cannot be viewed from the road. The old garage has vinyl siding and is in disrepair. The planned garage is consistent with the style of the house using painted brick, single gable and palladium window. The 3-car garage will be 2-3 feet longer than the current structure. The house sits on three acres and is 228 ft from the road. Bayus stated that front-facing garages are discouraged although in this case the existing garage is front-facing and it cannot be viewed from the road. It also sits well behind the house. The plan seems very tall and top-heavy, but it might be drawn incorrectly. Wetherton said the location of the garage makes the plan acceptable. The 10/12 pitch of the roof might be too steep. Bayus moved for approval with the stipulation that the slope of the roof is no greater than that of

the house; that the first floor ceiling is no taller than 9'2", the second floor no higher than 10'2" and appropriate landscaping exists or will be added to screen the garage. Stairs shown on the plan will be moved to the inside. Commission members agreed to drive by the home at the conclusion of the meeting. Miller seconded and all approved.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m. Respectfully submitted, Susan Mitchell