

Anchorage Historic District Commission
Minutes from Special Meeting
September 25, 2007

Commission member Becky Miller called the meeting to order in the absence of Chairman Bill Wetherton. Other Commission members present were Mac Caldwell, Dan Fultz, Bill Wilkinson, Clyde Ensor, B.J. Elliott, Tony Bayus and advisors Cindy Parrish and Mildred Ewen. Visitors attending were Eric Wiegel, John Wiegel, Lucy Spickard, Ursula Brooks, Susan Clarkson, Kate Foulds, Mary Easterling, Annie O'Leary, Dana Willett Marer, Barbara McKay, Debbie Doering, Tommy Hewitt, Greta Chessler, Page Ochs, Julie Schildt, Sheryl Lauder, Mary Jo Davis, Judy George, Mary Carpenter, Karen Sales, Lelia Sublett, Laura Popovich, Ann Ross, Joe Schildt and Julie Ensor.

Becky Miller explained to the audience that the agenda to be discussed includes only Evergreen Real Estate's proposed restaurant at Evergreen Rd. and Station Rd. Peg Revell read the minutes from the Regular September meeting pertaining to the proposal. At that time, commission members reached a tie vote and scheduled another meeting for further discussion. Becky requested that the applicant present his plans without interruption from the audience except for questions from commission members. Afterward, advisors, followed by members of the audience may ask questions and offer comments. She asked that all speakers be shown respect, without interruption.

Architect Dan Fultz shared sketches of the requested changes to the gables and roof line. He recommended that the pitch not be changed. Commission members agreed. The original proposed 8-12 will remain. Tony Bayus suggested that the Station Road side gables be pulled out to lower the imposing shed roof. Mac Caldwell suggested that eliminating the porte-cochere would cut down on the mass. BJ Elliott felt that it balances the tower. Dan pointed out that it is a long way from the street. Becky Miller is still concerned with the closeness of the building to Evergreen Rd. Dan said that it is in line with the country store. Advisor Mildred Ewen posed the question of whether this structure should be the most prominent building in the town. Will it have another use if the planned use fails? Can the building last long-term? It is changing the character of our small town when it becomes a destination restaurant. Jay Foley said that the seating capacity is seventy less than the original restaurant. Advisor Cindy Parrish commented that the character of the downtown has changed regardless of the restaurant design.

Neighbors who offered comments said that Evergreen has gone above and beyond in the fine work at the top of the hill. There were numerous comments favoring, or not, the porte-cochere, the tower and the use of either shingles or stone on the gables.

Tony Bayus thanked Dan and Jay for their continued patience during this fairly extensive review process. He felt that HPC has done an admiral job. He moved to approve the design as submitted at the last meeting without change in the roof, leaving stone on the gables, but pulling them out so that they appear larger and the shed roof below smaller. B.J. Elliott seconded and all concurred.

Susan Mitchell

