

**Anchorage Historic Preservation Commission
Minutes from Special Meeting
September 13, 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, Dan Fultz, Tony Bayus and from Archives, Peg Revell. Richard Jett from the Kentucky Landmark Commission was also present.

A special meeting was called in order to begin a review of the Guidebook and address changes and additions in order to bring the materials up to date and to offer more detailed information for homeowners. The evening's discussion will be windows. Richard Jett gave a short presentation on windows in historic homes and addressed questions and concerns from the Commission. He recommended that we "take the time to get it right" in revising our Guideline Book. He said that there is an Architectural Review Commission for each historic district falling under Louisville Metro Historic Landmarks and Preservation, which he heads up. The type of building and age of the building bring about different reactions from residents. Windows cause the most consternation nationwide, he reports. Energy efficiency is a big drive and unfortunately, the vinyl industry pushes its product, which is not a good one. The old-growth wood used to make historic windows is no longer available. Adding storm windows and caulking is the most cost effective repair. There are few craftsmen who will do repair work. TDL windows approach the performance of those in historic homes. When asked if different rules can apply to different houses, he said that some areas are not as heavily restricted and more flexibility is possible. Cindy Parrish advised offering more educational information to homeowners before they make their application. The necessary information is not currently in the Guidebook. It was suggested that the revised Guidebook be sent registered mail to all homeowners in the historic district and also be given at the closing of every sale. Bill Wilkinson brought a sample of the new Marvin, Integrity window which Dan Fultz says is the window of the future. Clyde Ensor presented an excellent over-view of windows based on many hours of research. He recommended that changes to the guidebook wait until Commission members look at the recommended websites and highlight areas they want to include.

Respectfully submitted,
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