

Anchorage Historic District Commission
Minutes from Regular Meeting
October 21, 2008

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bill Wetherton. In attendance were Commission members Becky Miller, B.J. Elliott, Clyde Ensor, Bill Fowler, Tony Bayus and Dan Fultz and advisors Cindy Albright Parrish, Peg Revell and Mildred Ewen. Visitors included Carla Oliver, Chad Greenwell, Ann Stivers and Michael Cadden. The minutes were read and approved. The agenda was read.

Old Business: Wetherton said that the sign for Commonwealth Bank will include the logo as it has always been part of their signage. The letters will be reduced from 12 to 10 inches, however. The pavilion approved last month for the corner of Park and Evergreen Roads will not be built. The property will be planted with grass and trees.

New Business: Carla Oliver, 1000 Glenbrook Rd., presented drawings for a patio and pergola. The pergola will be located at the side of the house, the same width as the existing screened porch. The patio will sit between the two structures. Bayus said that the intent and style are appropriate, but the drawings do not show the orientation. A better graphic presentation is needed. The pergola will be free-standing, one foot from the house, and made of wood. Fultz said the plans need to show the character and quality of the design – columns, bases, beam size and shape. The Commission needs to see scaled and detailed drawings which are also required for a building permit. Wetherton suggested the Olivers select a builder to draw the plans and bring to City Hall for committee approval. Fultz moved to approve to establish a committee - Bayus, Miller and Fowler- to review the detailed drawings. Miller seconded and all approved.

Michael Cadden on behalf of Michael Gambill, 903 Bellewood Rd. (the old Methodist Church), requested approval of the previous owner's plans for addition and renovation. The approved application has expired. Mr. Gambill, who lives in Pennsylvania, wishes to continue with the original plans for creating a home. Windows and doors will be replaced and porches added. The garage and breezeway planned may be postponed. Only two of the original stained- glass windows remain. Fultz stated that creating a residence from a church is very unusual and it would be a huge missed opportunity if the character of the building is lost. Fultz and Bayus offer up a sketch of revisions they would like to see implemented. They would like to postpone a decision in order to allow time for some ideas to develop. Mr. Cadden asked if the plans for replacing the stucco siding, windows and doors, two porches and standing seam metal roof could be approved this evening. Fultz said that the porches need to look like they belong to the building. Bayus would like to see a more strongly delineated structure to the symmetrical porches and a steeper roof-line. Porches need to be articulated more in keeping with the architecture of the church. Wetherton recommended that the owner should make an effort to meet with the Commission as this is a one-time opportunity. Cadden would like to proceed with the foundation and main building, with porch detail and garage plans to be revisited. Architects said that introducing Gothic forms to the columns on the porch would allow later addition of the breezeway with Gothic arches. Fowler suggested

omitting the skylights. A motion was made by Bayus for approval of the main building and new porch foundations, excluding skylights on the front. Detailing of the porches must be approved. It was suggested that they incorporate Carpenter Gothic styling, heavier cornice and similar columns and a flat membrane roof. No approval is granted for the garage or connectors until plans are approved. Fultz seconded and all agreed. Ewen said that although contemporary design changes to old structures are acceptable, Gothic details are always appropriate.

Rita and Dan Garcia, 1400 Walnut Lane, requested approval for a new garage. The plan approved by committee last month cannot be implemented as the structure would be too close to the property line. The 20x20 ft. (or 24x24 ft) garage with will not be visible from Owl Creek Lane. Elliott suggested adding windows on the side. Shutters should be included on the three windows on the West side and must be large enough to cover the window if closed (although they need not be operable). Shingles and windows should be the same as the house. The garage doors will be made of steel. Elliott moved for approval with the condition that three windows be added to the rear elevation. Miller seconded and all concurred.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Mitchell, Secretary