

Anchorage Historic District Commission
Minutes from Regular Meeting
November 20, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Bill Wetherton. Commission members in attendance were B.J. Elliott, Bill Wilkenson, Becky Miller, Tony Bayus, Clyde Ensor and advisors Mildred Ewen, Peg Revell and Cindy Parrish. Visitors included Rick Hill, Bill Wooldridge, Mark Thompson, Jay Foley, Heath O'Leary, Diane McAllister and Alice McKinley.

The minutes were approved as corrected. (Clyde Ensor was omitted from attendance list)
The agenda was read.

In memory of commission member and friend, Mac Caldwell, who passed away November 11th, a moment of silence was observed. Peg Revell read the following statement by Bill Wetherton:

Last week, our commission and each of us personally lost a very dear friend, Mac Caldwell. Mac had served the commission so very professionally for many years. Mac had a quick wit and a warm smile. Our gentle giant was strong and willing to express his opinion and always gentle and persuasive in disagreement. On his last Friday night, he was serving the commission on our behalf, visiting a neighbor, and resolving an application issue. Mac was ready and willing to be our field representative. We can honestly say he is irreplaceable. Goodbye good friend, you will be sorely missed.

Mac Caldwell had met with Susan Tolliver and Robin Edwardson on Friday evening 11/16 and approved some roofing repairs. They agreed to bring design changes in application form to the next meeting. Bill Wetherton followed up with them on 11/20.

New Business:

Mark Thompson, representing Rick Hogan, 11800 Ridge Road, requested approval for a home addition. He plans to add a second story and a new front porch, as well as enlarge the kitchen and the master bathroom. He would like to widen the driveway from eight to twelve feet and add a turn-around at the entry to make it more formal. The attic is presently 723 sq ft and will increase to 1,246 sq ft. Materials include Hardi Plank cementous board and wood or fiberglass columns .Becky Miller expressed concerned that the house be consistent with the neighboring homes. Bill Wilkinson said that the shutters are not correct – they need to match up with the shutters below and must hinge. The triple window above is not in line with those below. Tony Bayus said that the hip roof will carry the second story and that the porch roof ties in, but the side windows aren't correct. Shutters are in an awkward spot. Bill Wetherton asked about the increase in height. The roof is now 22'6" and will be 3' 6" higher. Tony Bayus is fearful that using siding on the addition when the first floor is brick will cause it to look like an addition. Perhaps color will help the transition. He pointed out that the trim board around the window frame is missing. Bill Wetherton requested that the front elevation be redrawn with color overlays with two sizes of windows. A committee will meet and review the

revised plans at city hall. All commission members want to visit the site and are encouraged to see the plans. Peg Revell commented that a turn around driveway will destroy the beautiful lawn. She said that all homeowners should be required to be at the meeting as it would be of benefit to the commission members and the home-owner alike.

Randy Boehme, 11418 Owl Creek Lane, presented plans for a new home. This lot is to the right of Hillcrest, not seen from the road. Hardi shakes, board and batten, cultured stone, copper gutters, aluminum clad windows with simulated divided light and a shed roof over the garage will be incorporated. B.J. Elliott, a previous owner of Hillcrest likes the resemblance of the shingle style to the historic home. Tony Bayus said that the design is pleasing, with good materials and rhythm, but the columns look a little large. He suggested that a rectangle or square panel rather than round would look less formal. Bill Wilkinson moved for approval with the requirement that research is done to see that the white, round classical columns are characteristic to the style. If so, make them smaller (from 18 to 16), if not, change to rectangle or square paneled. Becky Miller seconded and the motion carried.

Village Solutions, 11301, 11303 and 11305 Park Road, requested approval for three new buildings and their landscaping. Rick Hill requested the commission consider approval separately for the over-all site plan and for the elevations of the buildings. He is not ready for gateway or signage approval. Architect Dan Fultz's design reflects an effort to create a more organic transition between the lower and upper levels. Stone retaining walls will define a dramatic slope and then fade out. Louisville Metro has approved the plan with a recommendation to remove the dumpster from its current planned location. Dan has changed it to the northeast corner where it will be fully enclosed with wood and/or stone. Diane McAllister said that forestry has visited the site and asked if the trees could be left in tact until construction begins. Rick Hill responded that the entire site must be graded to handle water detention and that all utilities, water and sewer must be completed before building can begin, he hopes in May of 2009. Oil tanks and old foundations have been uncovered. Three or four signature trees will be lost. He emphasized that his plan contains about one half of the density typically seen in a development. Tony Bayus said that the transition from natural, open area around the perimeter to the formal areas inside is good. He previously questioned dead ends in the parking lots, but it looks like those have been addressed; the round-about at the front works well. He moved for approval, contingent upon Village Solution's successful purchase of the property and the zoning change to an OR style agreeable to both the seller and the purchaser. Followed by a second from B.J. Elliott the motion carried.

Consideration of the elevations followed. The proposed Bellewood Hall and existing Boone Hall will be equal in size, height, mass, materials, windows and closely matched brick. Architect Dan Fultz felt that it would be a travesty if the new building was dramatically different from the fifty year old Boone Hall. The rear will have more articulation. The two, identical cottages behind the halls have been changed from the original sketches by Dan, adding a delicate arched entrance to soften their look. It was requested by Mr. Hill that the option to use slate or copper roofing remain open. Mildred Ewen complemented the serene symmetrical design as timeless, not unimaginative

repetition. Bill Wilkinson moved for approval contingent upon Village Solutions successfully purchasing the property and the zoning change to an OR style agreeable to both the seller and the purchaser. Secondly, he added that the roof material could be either slate or copper. Tony Bayus moved for approval and all concurred.

Following the meeting's agenda Becky Miller suggested that the commission purchase a tree in honor of Mac Caldwell to be marked with a brass plaque. Everyone was in agreement. Becky will investigate the purchase and the placement of the tree. Hannah House has recently lost a large maple tree in the front yard.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Mitchell, secretary