

Anchorage Historic Preservation Commission
Minutes from Regular Meeting
February 20, 2007

Chairman Bill Wetherton called the meeting to order at 6 pm. The Commission members attending were Becky Miller, Bill Wilkinson, B.J. Elliott, Mac Caldwell and Dan Fultz with advisors Cindy Parrish, Peg Revell and Mildred Ewen. Visitors included Alice McKinley, Ken Putlak, Steve Gravatte, Alden Ochs, Kenneth Hardesty, Chris Tackett, Tina Smith, Gary Shearer, Vicki King, Jeff MacKenzie, Pam and Donald Buckler.

The minutes approved as read; the agenda was read. Old Business: Renaissance Development has not returned; the project is on hold. Gary Shearer's stone sample has not been submitted. His Hazelwood Rd. property's stop work order has been cleared up and the order removed. At Mr. Shearer's Osage Rd. property, a few changes were made following a meeting with Dan Fultz, Mac Caldwell, Bill Wetherton and Tony Bayus. The dormer changes are reflected in the COA as well as use of cobblestone on the chimneys and along the foundation. Tony Bayus is working on the Osage property as Shearer's architect.

Ken Putlak, 1007 Evergreen Rd., requested approval to demolish a carport and build an addition and shed. The 14 x 22 ft. lower-level room will be built on the footprint of the original carport. Two rooms will be built on the upper level. A 14 x 15 ft new addition will be connected to the house using cementous siding and a wood rail above. Bricks for the addition are being made to match the existing. All of the brick will then be painted and the roof re-shingled. Windows will match the existing. Cementous board will be used instead of wood as siding. Commission members thought that continuing the line across the front of the house to accommodate the addition makes the house look too heavy. The commission's architect and builders suggested moving it back 10-15 inches. Mr. Putlak was agreeable. Dan Fultz also suggested that the brick continue up the chimney. Mac Caldwell moved for approval with the requirement that the addition be moved back twelve inches, consequently lowering the roof-line of the addition. B.J. seconded and the motion carried.

On behalf of property owner, Jenny Cottingham, 12007 Locust Lane Drive, Steve Gravatte presented designs for a home addition. Plans include an off-set front porch entry, a breezeway between the existing house and garage using timber-framed trellis, new carriage-style garage doors and replacing the roof with simulated slate. At the rear of the house a family room will project out fourteen feet with a rear entry to the patio. Brick and trim will be painted white. Dan Fultz suggested raising the eave line of the new porch. Mac Caldwell suggested eliminating the cross pieces on the garage doors. Mac Caldwell moved for approval as submitted with the stipulation that the owner revisit the elevation of the tail rafters on the front porch and the diagonal braces on the garage doors. Following a second from Becky Miller all approved.

Tina and Steve Smith, 11300 Ridge Rd. requested approval for a fence and retaining wall. The historic Bedinger House was constructed in 1879. A curving wall unit and cap, 42

inches at the highest point, will be built using tumbled concrete pavers in three sizes to give it an older look. An existing fence line and hedges will hide most of the wall. The pool will be surrounded by existing board fence and the addition of black painted aluminum fencing. B.J. Elliott moved for approval with a second from Bill Wilkinson. The motion carried.

Gary Shearer, 12100 Log Cabin Lane, requested changing the east side wall of the addition to three arched openings. He would also like to add a small window on the front of the house to provide light. Adjacent neighbors, Pam and Donald Buckler are dismayed that the privacy they once enjoyed has been lost with the imposing addition and the destruction of trees and shrubs along the property line. They understood that a bath window on the east side was approved for art glass, but the window is now a bedroom window and their privacy is once again evaporating. Dan Fultz suggested eliminating the window and creating a series of square, cottage-type windows high along the wall. He made the following motion: approval for the three elliptical arches along the east porte-cochere, for a 2 ft. square window on the front of the houses above the shed roof and for a series of three or four, 20-inch square windows, no less than 6 ft. 6 in. from the floor. With a second from Bill Wilkinson the motion carried.

Jeff MacKenzie represented Bellewood Children's Home, 11103 Park Road, in a request for new signage. The new, painted cedar sign will be placed perpendicular to the road and replace the stone sign which has broken. It will reach a height of 4 ft at the center tip, with a width of 8 feet, 10 ft including the side pillars. It will not exceed 30sq.ft. Commission members asked if the wording could be limited to simply Bellewood or Bellewood Children's Home and also if the original sign could be used somewhere on the property. It was suggested that lamp lights be placed at the entrance, shedding a soft light similar to that of the Anchorage Presbyterian Church and eliminating the need to light the sign itself. Becky Miller moved for approval. Followed by a second from B.J. Elliott the motion carried.

At it's February meeting, the Anchorage City Council passed an ordinance allowing for the appointment of non-voting members to the Historic District Commission. City Attorney, John McGarvey, explained to the Council members that Bill Wetherton has been a valuable member of the AHPC and would like to remain a participant now that he has been elected to the city council. As there may be occasions when the two positions he holds create a conflict of interest, the ordinance was amended to allow the appointment of up to three non-voting members. McGarvey received approval of this change from Frank Gilbert, the advisor from the National Historic Preservation Commission. Office Elections were held and the following were elected by the commission: Bill Wetherton, Chairman; Becky Miller, Vice-chairman and B.J. Elliott, Secretary with duties delegated to Susan Mitchell.

The meeting adjourned at 8 pm. Next regular meeting will be March 20 at 6 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Mitchell

