

Anchorage Historic Preservation Commission  
Minutes from Regular Meeting  
February 21, 2017

Chairman Bill Wetherton called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Commission members in attendance were Becky Miller, Greta Chessler, Doug Schmitt, Bill Wilkinson, Dan Fultz, Katie Greene and Real Estate Consultant Cindy Albright Parrish, Archives, Peg Revell. Visitors included Jerry Irwin, Jane Brown, Laura and Lee Hammer, Kevin Gambill, Allan Cowen, Laura Popovich and Judith Kronbach.

The minutes were read and approved. Wetherton discussed the Commission's desire to inquire about the possibility of a review process for demolition and re-construction outside the historic district. Parts of Anchorage are inside the city limits, but outside the historic district. FAR and zoning guidelines apply, but there is no evaluation process for demolition and reconstruction, as is occurring on Lucas Lane currently. Frank Gilbert, retired from National Trust, advised Bill that it is difficult to take in an entire city. Vicki Birenberg of Frankfort replied with comments Wetherton felt difficult to discern. Wetherton will discuss with Anchorage City Attorney John McGarvey and report back next month.

Judith Kronbach, Whet Your Palette, 1415 Evergreen Rd., requested COA for an addition to the existing outdoor sign. The wood addition will be used on a temporary basis as needed. It will be hinged, and hang from two short chains on either end, about 6" below the main sign. Chessler moved for approval with requirement of a border on the new sign. Miller seconded and the motion carried.

Jane Brown, 2303 Evergreen Rd., requested approval for demolition of an old shed on the property. It will not be replaced. Miller moved for approval; Fultz seconded and the motion carried. Brown presented drawings for preliminary comment before submitting during next month's meeting. Commission members responded favorably.

Evergreen Real Estate, 2100 Evergreen Rd., requested approval for the extension of a four-board horse fence that aligns with the existing fence along Evergreen Rd. Chessler moved for approval; Miller seconded and the motion carried.

Not in attendance, Jacob Yunker, 12103 Hazelwood Rd., will reschedule to next month's meeting.

Kevin Gambill, 903 Bellewood Rd., requested approval for a four foot high, 4-board, wooden fence to be built across the front of his property. It will align with the neighbors' fences and will connect with the stone pillars. Miller moved for approval; Chessler seconded and the motion carried.

Laura and Lee Hammer, 12500 Ridge Road, requested a COA for a second-floor addition (Phase 1) and presented preliminary plans for demolishing the garage and rebuilding a new 3-car garage (Phase 2). Laura Popovich shared designs which will not change the existing house for now other than a change in façade materials, adding more interest and personal taste of the owners. The current wood and Hardiplank lap will be enhanced with true cedar shake and a stone foundation band and stone columns. Architect Schmitt feels that there will be too many materials on the 1940's house, which has numerous additions, suggesting to use shake on the connector where there is an obvious change in the mass.

Architect Fultz said the foundation stone should stay along the floor line. He suggested not using stone on the columns, but to beef them up slightly and possibly use shake. He feels the garage is too massive and suggested reducing the scale and changing the roofline because it competes with the house. Greene asked if there would be an overhang in the rear of the house for practical use, and suggested that shake might be used in the back. Schmitt moved for approval of the rear addition with no changes yet to the front façade. Wilkinson seconded and the motion carried. Nothing associated with phase 2 was approved. Popovich and the Hammers will consider design options proposed/suggested by the commission for phase 1 and 2, and return to HPC when new plans are available.

Allan Cowan, 11608 Little Lane, presented plans for a first-floor master bedroom and bath addition. The beautiful home, built in 1897, was originally a box shape. Sleeping porches have been closed in. The addition will reflect the design of the original. The 510-520 sq. ft. addition will sit 155' from the road. About 3' of the 9' extension will be seen from the street. Fultz feels that the strong lines of the house call for a stronger addition. Schmitt said that the roofline does not reflect the masculine roof lines of the rest of the home. It was suggested that Cowan might work again with his architect on the roof line. Fultz moved for approval and Chessler seconded. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Susan Mitchell, secretary