

Anchorage Historic Preservation Commission

Minutes from Regular Meeting

March 17, 2015

Chairman Bill Wetherton called the meeting to order at 6 PM. Commission members in attendance were Greta Chessler, Clyde Ensor, Bill Wilkinson, Becky Miller, BJ Elliott, and real estate advisor Cindy Albright-Parrish and Peg Revell from Archives. Visitors included Carol and Jack Martin, Amber and Brian Elder, Beverly Baker and Grahme Horsell.

The April Minutes were read and approved. The Agenda was read. Wetherton commented that the Window Restoration Workshop, held at the Firehouse last weekend, was a great presentation. He encouraged anyone who took photos to turn them in to city hall.

Carol and Jack Martin, 11401 Owl Creek Lane, requested approval for removing their driveway and the addition of a new drive and garage with second floor above. The driveway will be replaced on the east side of the property. A three-car garage is planned, with a master suite above. The existing garage is just over six feet tall; an attached garage in the same spot would be too tall as it would sit at the top of a fall-away lot. A deteriorating culvert will be moved after MSD finishes sewer work which will require removal of thirty-six trees. New trees will line the new drive. HardyBoard shakes and board-and-batten will be used on the exterior, replacing the original brick, along with stone veneer on the foundation. The previous owner replaced the windows. Shutters will close, and match the existing. Wilkinson said he would prefer to see real stone from which a veneer can be made. Miller explained that front-facing garages are highly discouraged. The owner has spoken with Zoning and found options are limited. Considering set-backs and the way the garage sits into the ground and behind a retaining wall, and drainage issues if the drive were in the back, he feels it is the only reasonable placement. Trees will also help hide the garage. Wilkinson moved for approval on the condition that a stone sample is provided, and recommendation of a 2-3 ft. berm added in the front. Miller seconded and all agreed. A motion was made by Wilkinson and seconded by Ensor for a committee of Chessler, Ensor and Wilkinson to approve the stone sample.

Amber and Brian Elder, 1509 Old Harrod's Creek, plan to demolish the house and rebuild. A Craftsman-style, 4,000 sq. ft. house is planned, using cedar shakes and big porches to give it a feel that fits the neighborhood. Clad wood, SDL windows will be used. The new structure will be moved forward and to the right of the current house. Fultz, who could not attend, offered to meet with the owners next week as he is concerned about the design which needs enhancements and changes to the façade. Ensor reminded them to also present materials. The meeting will occur Wed, March 25th at 6 pm. All commission members will attend. Grahme Horsell said that his property backs up to the Elders and he was interested to hear their plans. He would like to build a barn in his backyard.

Respectfully submitted by,
Susan Mitchell, secretary