

Historic Preservation Commission Regular Meeting, April 19, 2022

Historic Preservation Commission Members Present: Dan Grimm, Bill Wilkinson, Clyde Ensor, Bill Fowler.
Historic Preservation Commission Members Absent: Katie Greene and Doug Schmidt.
Non-voting Members Present: Bill Wetherton, Chairman, Mary Easterling, Recording Secretary.
Visitors Present: Steve and Karen Hall, Cary Martin, Courtenay Wilson, Jack Martin, Jean Jensen, Jenny Cottingham, and Chris Johns.

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Ensor motioned to approve the March 2022 minutes. Wilkinson seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Jack and Cara Martin
11401 Owl Creek Lane

The Martins would like to remove the old bridge and replace with a wider stone bridge. The contractor, Louisville Paving Company, would like to put in a pre-designed arc structure, then the bridge will look just like the original plans submitted and approved in 2018. Three stone pilings with real wood between, and lights at the street. The bridge will be a little longer than originally submitted. If they were approved in 2018, Fowler feels okay approving a similar bridge. Tonight, Grimm motioned to approve the structure as submitted with the condition that exterior elevation drawings be submitted for the Commission to review and approve. Wilkinson seconded the motion. Once submitted, Anchorage Clerk/Receptionist Angie Chick can send the elevation drawings to all Commission members to approve.

Courtenay Wilson
1408 Walnut Lane

The Wilsons would like to replace existing windows on West façade of the house with sliding doors and add a pool house to the side of the existing garage. Three-bay windows to be replaced by a sliding door system. The existing house is over the impervious limit now. They will remove a large patio and replace it with pervious surface (limestone pavers with beds between) which will allow the garage addition to conform to impervious surface limits. The pervious surface has already been approved by the Anchorage Zoning Officer. The addition to garage will be used as a pool house, and it will meet side-yard setback requirements. All additions will match the existing home materials. Grimm had questions about the broken gable roof. He thinks keeping the original pitch of the roof would be more appealing. He is concerned about the symmetry and the way it will look from the front and the neighbor's house. The Taylor's garage is next to the Wilson's garage so the Taylors can't see the Wilson's garage from their yard but could see it from their finished space above their garage. Wilkinson stated it is awkward, but it is not visible. Fowler motioned to approve as submitted, Wilkinson seconded the motion. Fowler, Wilkinson and Ensor voted to pass the motion to approve, and Grimm voted in opposition of the motion. The motion passed.

Karen and Steve Hall
1515 Cold Spring Road

The Halls would like to add two covered structures to their pool terrace. The terrace area already exists where they want to add the covers over seating areas. Standing seam roofs will be used for the new structures. Stone around the pedestals will match the house. The columns will also match the house and be round with the same stone around the base. Grimm asked a lot of questions because details are not complete. Grimm stated the look doesn't match the house - the cornice and the roof of the new structure don't relate to home. Fowler agreed some of these drawings are confusing. Unresolved details need to be clarified on new/better plans. Without the clarity, the Commission is unable to approve. The Halls need clear plans so they get what they want from the builder. Details are needed for the cornice overhang, and roof. Grimm recommended evaluation of the roof pitch and consideration of a hip or gable roof, which might match the house better. Grimm motioned to disapprove until the roof and cornice can be redesigned and resubmitted for approval with details. Fowler seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Jean Jensen
11102 Ridge Road

The Jensens would like to remove their old front door and replace with a new 6-light Anderson front door. Wilkinson confirmed there will be no storm door, just the new front door. Fowler made a motion to approve and Wilkinson seconded it. It was unanimously approved as submitted.

Jenny Cottingham
11607 Osage Road

Ms. Cottingham would like to add a pool and fence, remove a sports court, change the existing approved front porch to be smaller, and combine existing back screened porch and patio under one roof. The front porch will be smaller than the one previously approved, and it will not go beyond the windows. The Commission agreed that the smaller porch will be better. The screened porch roof will be a shingle roof. The new porch will have a standing seam roof. The fence will be large but unobtrusive. Grimm suggested making porch even thinner to get a better look and proportion, and be more appropriate to the house. Grimm stated the 12'-13' width would be better, and creating a larger space between the columns will also make the dimensions better. He also recommended changing to two columns on the front of the house rather than three like the drawing. Grimm motioned to approve a two-to-three-foot narrower porch with two front columns instead of three and 1/2-column pilasters against house instead of full columns. Fowler seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Thelma Smith
12504 Lucas Lane

The City of Anchorage asked the Anchorage Historic Preservation Commission to determine if the home at 12504 Lucas Lane has any significant historical value. This home is not in the Anchorage Historic Preservation District, so the Historic Preservation Commission has no authority over it, but they will issue an opinion. The house was built in 1915, and when the Anchorage Historic Preservation District was established in 1979 and later updated, this house was not included in the district. The Anchorage Historic Preservation Commission does not believe that this house is historic.

Chris Johns
11106 Ridge Road

Mr. Johns had questions about the Historic Preservation review and approval process. Wetherton said Mr. Johns will need to re-apply next month.

Wilkinson motioned to adjourn the meeting. Fowler seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.