

Anchorage Historic District Commission
Minutes from Regular Meeting
May 15, 2007

Chairman Bill Wetherton called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. In attendance were commission members Tony Bayus, Becky Miller, Dan Fultz and B.J. Elliott and advisor Peg Revell. Visitors included Joanne and Kjell Kristiansen and Gary Shearer.

Chairman Wetherton reported that there was discussion about the AME church on Bellewood Rd. at the May City Council meeting. Citizens continue to ask whether anything can be done regarding the delays to the construction project. Alice McKinley explained that as long as the building is secured, there is not. The owner has been using funds for the remodeling out of a trust and the trust was not allowing any further funds for the remodeling. The homeowner is now to decide if he wants to continue the project or sell the property.

Joanne and Kjell Kristiansen, 1402 Cold Spring Rd., requested approval for a privacy fence along the south side of his yard. A four foot .high section will extend for the first seventy-five feet and the remaining footage will be seven feet in height. A chain-link fence is already in place as well as a fence on the neighbor's property line. Becky Miller opposed enclosing the area and asked if hemlocks could be planted instead. The Kristiansens said they have made two attempts to grow nice trees along the fence-line without success due to wet soil. Tony Bayus and Dan Fultz pointed out that the fence will be an on-going maintenance problem and also recommended planting hemlocks. No neighbors have objected. Dan Fultz moved for approval as submitted with a recommendation of investigating the use of foliage. Tony Bayus seconded. The motion carried with one no vote from B.J. Elliott.

Gary Shearer requested approval for a fence and pillars at 1802 Evergreen Rd. He plans to build a four-board fence, twenty feet to the right and one hundred feet to the left of the columns. Becky Miller disapproved of adding a fence to the open area with a simple house nestled into the property as it is not in keeping with the rural look of the community. Commission members suggested that the desires of the buyer of the property should be considered and the future homeowner would need to present a compelling case for a fence. Detailed drawings with dimensions and exact location of the piers are also required. There is a forty foot right of way on this lot. No vote was taken.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 P.M. Next regular meeting will be June 19th, 6:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Mitchell