

**Anchorage Historic Preservation Commission
Minutes from Regular Meeting
October 18, 2016**

Chairman Bill Wetherton called the meeting to order at 6PM. Commission members in attendance were Clyde Ensor, Doug Schmitt, Becky Miller, Katie Greene; Cindy Parrish, realtor and Peg Revell, Archives. Visiting were John Wall, Cynthia and Bob Durham, Chris Boone, Susan and Bryan Swint, Todd Skaggs, Bob Bell, Conor Murphy, Kevin O'Brien, Rosanna Gabrielle, Ryan Burke and Sandy Metel.

The minutes were read and approved. The agenda was read.

Cynthia and Robert Durham, 901 Glenbrook Rd., requested approval for an addition to the rear of the home and replace windows and siding on the home and garage. The addition will be to the rear of the home, not visible from the street and therefore, needs no COA. The existing siding will be removed and replaced with 6" Hardiboard siding. Full-replacement windows will be aluminum-clad wood with SDL in the same grid pattern as the existing. Miller moved for approval with a second by Schmitt; the motion carried.

Matthew Barnicle, 1104 Bellewood Rd., requested approval for a stand-alone garage with recreation room above. The structure will be built near the rear corner of the property. The house currently has a three-car garage. The driveway accesses from Cherry Lane. Material will be Hardiboard. As per the required HPC check-list, the property owner had not included photographs of the home and adjacent homes or picture/drawings of the planned garage door. There has been an objection from a neighbor who believes that there is an LG&E easement across the property in the area the structure will be built. Assuming this issue is resolved by November 1st, an HPC committee of three (Ensor, Wilkinson, Schmitt) will meet to review the plan. Schmitt recommended using brackets underneath the second-story balcony. No vote was taken.

Conor Murphy, 1306 Glenbrook Rd., requested approval for an addition on the NE corner, and to extend the family room and return it to its original use as a garage. Murphy plans to convert the original garage. Off the existing kitchen, a laundry room addition is planned. The garage is front-facing, but does have a set-back from the main house. A large tree will be lost. Schmitt suggested breaking up the garage door in terms of scale using another design with more appropriate details. He suggesting looking at styles from Cunningham. The laundry room will be seen from the road. Schmitt suggested using the same cottage-style window, keeping the 8/1 grid pattern. The siding needs to be smooth, not textured. Schmitt made a motion for approval when a different garage door design is submitted, as well as drawings of exterior elevations (Nov 1st). The laundry room addition is approved. Schmitt moved for approval with a second from Greene; the motion carried.

Sandy Matel, 11606 E. Osage Rd., requested approval for window replacement. The windows on the front of the home will meet the SDL requirement. The owner has chosen less expensive windows on the rear, using grids-between-the-glass. Schmitt suggested that having no grills at all in the rear might be a better choice. There are some pane-less window at the rear of the house currently. Schmitt moved for approval with a second from Miller; the motion carried.

Susan and Bryan Swint, 12003 Log Cabin Ln., requested approval to replace exterior Drivet with Hardiboard siding and cultured stone. The Swints have been unable to sell their house because of the Drivet which is mold-prone. Although they have had no issues with the exterior, many buyers are deterred by the possibility. New siding will be thick, smooth 8" Hardiboard. Cultured stone will be used because it is light-weight. Commission members suggested not using stone on the arch above the door, as it looks too heavy. Stone may be added to the set-back section to the left of the door. Schmitt requested that the area beneath the bay window have a smooth face, rather than the siding. A new drawing may be resubmitted as suggested on Nov 1st. Schmitt moved for approval requiring a new drawing. Ensor seconded and the motion carried.

Rosanna and Ryan Burke, 1111 Bellewood Rd., requested approval for a three-car garage and extending the mudroom. This historic home, Bonnycott, sits on the highest ridge in the vicinity, with other structures sloping away, pointed out the architect. The planned garage is low in height. It will have two visible sides – the yard side will have a pergola and the garage side will have a trellis. Commission members would prefer to see the garage taller, more in keeping with the grand height of the home as it will be the area seen as one arrives. Schmitt said that although the new garage would not want to compete with the grand house, this design may be too far the other extreme. The homeowners felt that their neighbors would not appreciate a larger scale and that one of the bedroom windows would also be blocked by greater height. Commission members felt that a design less contemporary, with more details reflecting the house would be desirable. Schmitt suggested that the columns in front of the garage doors be a composite or natural stone, whichever is the best match (try Beuchel Stone, Wisconsin). The original drive will be changed to recreate a vista, entering through stone columns and a gate. The drive court will have a limestone boarder with gravel. Panels on the garage that are not doors will be stucco. A diamond-pattern window will be relocated from the front porch. One new window will be added. Three windows, currently in the kitchen, will be reused. There will be a new stair configuration, material mahogany. Schmitt pointed out the rustication of the bases with capital termination of the old house and feels that the new plan needs to take more design cues from the original, rather than the more contemporary look. In place of stucco, he suggested cedar siding would reflect a subtle nod to the old house. The upper section of the house is shingle and the lower has the original siding. Schmitt, although not wild about the scale of the garage, feels strongly about giving a nod to the past by addressing the details, as in the texture of shake or siding. Miller emphasized the importance of the beloved house; Schmitt encouraged bringing some of its quirky details to the new garage. He moved for approval of all changes to the main structure and resubmission of the garage design. Ensor seconded and all approved.

Tom Skaggs, 11817 Springhill Gardens Dr., requested approval to veneer decorative walls and posts with stone and replace the brick sidewalk with stone. The house is on the National Register. Mr. Skaggs has gutted the recent additions and replaced old details. The walls in front of the house and the columns at the driveway entrance are smooth-faced and will have stones added that will not attempt to match the house. Schmitt would like to see larger stone, similar to the size on the house. The planned laying pattern might look too modern, and he suggested dry-stack. The columns also need caps. Schmitt moved for approval; Greene seconded and the motion carried.