

Anchorage Historic Preservation Commission
Minutes from Regular Meeting
November 17, 2009

Chairman Bill Wetherton called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Commission members in attendance were Dan Fultz, Bill Wilkinson, Tony Bayus, B.J. Elliott, Becky Miller and advisors Peg Revell and Cindy Parrish. Visitors included Ron Wolford, Rita O'Brien, Cecil Caldwell and Sonny Whittle.

The Minutes were read and approved. The Agenda was read. Old Business: Mr. Putlac has not replaced the windows on the house he has renovated on Locust Lane Dr. They remain plastic vinyl windows without SDL features. Bill Wilkinson will drive by the property.

New Business:

Rita and Mark O'Brien of 1510 Hobbs Park Rd. requested approval for an addition to the 1930's Bungalow style home. Architect Sonny Whittle said that he is excited to renovate the pure Craftsman house. The long arch over the porch will not be changed and the design will be repeated inside the house where the new addition begins. He will match the existing construction, recreating an "old" house with the addition. The brick and the foundation will be painted to help harmonize the old and new. An outdoor living space with fireplace is planned, along with a two-car garage and a carport. New windows will match the old, some of which will be replaced. The style and grills will match the existing. Aluminum clad windows, SDL, will be used; some will be diamond light. The stucco concrete will change to smooth-faced brick and the remaining brick will be textured. Fultz praised the plan as a great use of scale because it successfully adds square footage to a small house by breaking up the pieces. Bayus said that the addition sitting back from the house preserves the house. Although other members and visitors agreed that the plan is attractive, some lament the large size of the addition. Wilkinson moved for approval. Following a second from Elliott, all approved.

A new resident in Anchor Estates has requested the installation of a light at the corner of Arbor Dr. and Evergreen Rd. The Mayor asked HPC for its opinion. All said no – a light is inappropriate – and suggested moving the street sign closer to Evergreen Rd., making it more visible in car headlights.

A resident of Valley View Rd., sent a letter including photos to HPC of a neighboring house, complaining of the unattractive changes made to the windows of the house in 2007 without HPC approval. Currently, when a property is listed for sale, the City sends a form letter to the listing realtor advising them of various requirements of the City of Anchorage, including the Historic District. This is sent first class mail. While ignorance of a law does not give permission to break it, the possibility of sending a certified letter including city regulations and the historic guide book to new property owners would document clearly owner responsibility.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00.

Respectfully submitted, Susan Mitchell, Secretary