

WEST CHICAGO HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMISSION

MEETING MAY 28, 2013

Approved at the June 25, 2013 meeting.

Members Present

Janet Hale
Cheryl Waterman
Garth Keck
Jennifer Timbrook (arrived at 7:12)

Members Absent

Richard Vigsnes

Staff

Jeff Harris-City Planner
John Said-Community Development Dir.
Sara Phalen-West Chicago Museum Dir.

Guests

Frank Fokta
Dan Racz
Dean Westrom
Tom Michant
Jean Follett-Landmarks Illinois
Blake Kennedy

1. Call to Order, Roll Call and Establishment of a Quorum

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m. A quorum was established.

2. Certificate of Appropriateness Review

a. 100 ArborAve. Free Standing sign.

A new sign size was presented by Jeff Harris. Commissioner Hale was concerned with the new size being too large for this situation. She offered to talk with the owner and convince her to attend the next scheduled Meeting. Commissioner Keck voted to defer judgement until, seconded by Commissioner Timbrook. The motion passed with an all aye vote.

b. 431 E. Washington St. Front Porch Replacement

Dean Westrom, owner and Tom Michant of All-in One Remodelers proposed repairing the front porch. The roof will remain. The posts, floor and sidewalls would be replaced. Concrete stairs and railings would remain as is. The original posts are wood, 67 inches from base to post cap. The proposal is to use fiberglass of a like size for longer life. The finished product would be painted to match original. Other replacements will be done on a like kind basis. A motion to approve was made by Commissioner Timbrook and seconded, by Commissioner Keck. The motion passed by an all aye vote.

3. Preliminary Review

a. 116 Galena St.

Commissioner Hale met with John Said, Community Development Director, who said

It was hopeful that they could work things out with the owner.

4. Historic District/ Landmark Update

a. 151 W. Washington St.

It was reported that many people, including an architect and photographer have gone through the building. Gallagher Associates architectural and structural evaluation was given to the Commission. The Community Development Department paid for the report out of their budget.

5. Approval of Minutes.

a. April 16, 2013

A motion to approve by Commissioner Timbrook, second by Commissioner Keck. The motion passed by three aye votes. Commissioner Waterman abstained.

b. April 23, 2013

A motion to approve with changes noted by Commissioner Hale, second by Commissioner Keck. The motion passed with three aye votes. Commissioner Waterman abstained.

6. Other Business

a. Landmarks Illinois speaker

Jean Follett of Landmarks Illinois spoke to the assemblage while waiting for a quorum to form. She informed the group of the ways Landmarks Illinois can help communities and Commissions like ours to save buildings and structures, especially when they have been placed on the “Ten Most Endangered Places” list.

b. Commission bylaws

The Commission received copies of bylaws of other towns for our edification.

7. Adjournment

Prior to adjournment, Commissioner Hale thanked Commissioner Timbrook for her tenure on the Commission. She is moving to Salem, Oregon. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Keck, seconded by Commissioner Timbrook. The motion passed with an all aye vote at 8:31 p.m.