

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO

Approved 9/10/12

WEST CHICAGO HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING JUNE 26, 2012

Members Present:

Janet Hale
Garth Keck
Sharon Plante
Steven Schneider

Members Absent:

Tony Chinn
Jennifer Timbrook
Richard Visgnes

Staff:

John Fincham

Guests:

Chuck Shelhamer
Sharon Shelhamer
Maria Garcia
Guadalupe Calderon
Karina Ochoa
Isaac Chavez
C. Cardenez

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

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. Quorum established.

2a. COA Review – 216 Arbor – Front porch

Owners, Chuck and Sharon Shelhamer, were present before the Commission. Ms. Shelhamer asked for an opinion on round vs. square pillars. She stated that Director Bombard had advised initially they could be either. Owner prefers the round Royal Corinthian, manufactured in polymer stone in West Chicago. Ms. Shelhamer felt there was not a lot of variety in square columns, but would consider square columns on newel posts. Size to be 11' tall x 10" wide. Ms. Shelhamer says that the taller column looks better if they are wider. Commission proposed to alter submission. Recommendation is to use square 10" columns tapered to 8-3/4" at the top, un-fluted. Pedestal base is 12" – pillar width is 10". There will be two half columns on the back; one half column on front and four additional full columns per the proposed drawing. While the Commission recommended square columns based on photos of similar structures and the time period, the Commission offered either choice but the owner chose square columns. Commissioner Schneider made a motion to approve as presented swapping square for round columns as proposed; balustrade with railings as proposed; ornamentation to be determined later. Commissioner Keck seconded the motion and the motion passed with an all aye vote.

2b. COA Review – 134 Main Street - windows

The owner, Isaac Chavez, was present before the Commission. Assistant Director Fincham advised that the windows must meet .35 U value and the 1/4" glass probably does not meet this code. Owner will probably need double-pane windows. Director Fincham also advised that the quotes the owner currently has do not state that the glass meets this value. Owner would need to make sure the panes fit into the existing channels. Commission will require cut sheets to show how it will be installed and the type of material for framing. Director Fincham advised the owner of façade funding requirements. Mr. Chavez advised that he has been notified by the City to fix the

windows. Director Fincham advised that the City would extend the deadline so Mr. Chavez can get the appropriate estimates and cut sheets required. Motion to table the COA Review was made by Commissioner Schneider and seconded by Commissioner Keck. Motion passed with an all aye vote.

2c. 502 W. Washington Street - roof

Owners were not present at the meeting. Commissioner Hale had previously approved a request for a tear-off and replacement of the house roof. Motion to approve by the Commission made by Commissioner Keck and seconded by Commissioner Schneider. Motion carried with an all aye vote.

2d. 212 Main Street - sign

Owner, Maria Garcia, was present at the meeting. Request is for a vinyl stick-on sign on the awning. There is no current signage on the building or awning. No street numbers are to be placed on the scalloped edge. Motion to approve as presented was made by Commission Keck; seconded by Commissioner Schneider. Motion carried with all aye vote.

3. Preliminary Review

None at this time.

4. Historic District/Landmark Update

- a. **151 W. Washington** –Harold Barone sent in additional information to City Staff for review.
- b. **201 W. Washington Street** – No update at this time.
- c. **116 Galena carriage house** - Director Fincham met with the owners. They are talking specifically about what needs to be done to at least preserve the building from further deterioration. Two contractors had called recently with questions regarding he carriage house.
- d. **112 Galena** – Building is being painted.
- e. **108 Main Street** – No update at this time.
- f. **131 Main Street** – No update at this time.

5. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the meeting of May 7, 2012 were tabled due to lack of a quorum.

Minutes from meeting of May 22, 2012 were read. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Commissioner Hale and seconded by Commissioner Keck. Motion to approve carried with an aye vote.

Other Business.

- a. **Open Meetings Act Training** – Director Fincham reminded the Commission of the mandatory training due by year-end.

6. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Keck and seconded by Commissioner Schneider. Meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.