

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO

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West Chicago Historical Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes 07/28/09

At 7pm Chairperson Dayton-Hale called the meeting to order. In attendance were commissioners Vignes, Keck, Chinn, and Schneider.

The first COA review was for the façade renovation and repair of 118 Main. Sandy from Sam's Carpet presented the COA request to the commission. The scope of work on 118 Main includes replacing the rotting wood bead board façade with 4in horizontal masonite boards. The commission agreed that the horizontal placement of the masonite boards would be more historical accurate than the current vertical placement. The cedar trim around the store front and 2nd floor windows would also be replaced using the existing storefront color scheme (siding- Sand Dune, trim- Nuthatch) but with the windows now matching. After brief discussion the applicant agreed with the commission and will place the cedar trim at the corner of the building from the window edge to the edge of the building. An awning with white piping and 118 would also be placed above the storefront. After discussion the applicant also agreed to change the space immediately above the door and windows to a signboard from the originally requested masonite siding. An awning will cover the signboard area. The awning will be sunbrella-burgundy color number 4631-0000. The stairs on the side of the building leading up to the second floor will also be replaced. The stairs will be painted Java. Commissioner Keck motioned to accept the COA with the agreed upon modifications. Commissioner Vignes seconded the motion. The commission approved the COA unanimously.

The second COA review was for 200 Main, Gallery 200. Lu Ann Bombard presented on behalf of Gallery 200. The request called for two window decal signs. The first sign would be the Gallery 200 logo in black lettering with Gold highlights. This sign would be placed on the storefront window to the right of the door. The second sign would read "Fine Arts & Gifts". The lettering on the sign would be black and this sign would be placed on the storefront window to the left of the door. After brief discussion the commission recommended different colors for the lettering due to concerns about the reflections in the window making the lettering illegible. After consideration Gallery 200 requested to proceed with the proposed letter colors. Commissioner Keck motioned to approve the COA. The motion to approve was seconded by Commissioner Vignes. The commission approved the COA unanimously.

Historic District/ Landmark updates included a discussion of 151 W Washington. John Finchman from the City of West Chicago stated that three tickets have been issued for the repeated violations. Lu Ann Bombard initiated a conversation regarding The West Chicago Annual Historical Preservation Awards. Lu Ann presented the commission with a draft of the Award requirements and nomination form. The commission discussed having two categories for the award, residential and non-residential. The commission discussed promoting the Awards via Newsletters and The City of West Chicago website.

Lu Ann Bombard also discussed the realignment within the Community Development of the City of West Chicago.

Commissioner Keck motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:13pm. Commissioner Visgnes seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion to adjourn passed unanimously and the meeting was promptly adjourned by Chairperson Dayton-Hale.