

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO

WHERE HISTORY & PROGRESS MEET

Approved 7/22/14

MINUTES

WEST CHICAGO HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING

JUNE 24, 2014, 7:00 P.M.

Members Present:

Janet Hale
Garth Keck
Blake Kennedy
Phillip Smith

Staff:

John Said
Jeff Harris
Sara Phalen

Members Absent:

Richard Vigsnes
Cheryl Waterman
Rev. Bill Andrews

Guests:

Tom Campione
Don Dybas
Alderman Don Earley

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

A quorum was established. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Certificate of Appropriateness Review

a. 142 W. Washington St. – C.O.A. 14-06

The property owners wish to paint the exterior façade of their storefront. They wish to paint the metal awning (currently striped red and white) and the first floor masonry (currently bright yellow) Antique White (Dutch Boy B10-4). They also wish to paint the wood shingle area above the awning (currently maroon) Victory Red (Dutch Boy A3-1). There is no proposal to change the second story horizontal siding above the shingles (currently off-white). Paint color samples were provided at the meeting. The proposed colors were accepted by the Commission. Although the property owners were not in attendance, Commissioner Keck made a motion to approve as presented, which was seconded by Commissioner Kennedy. The motion was passed by an all aye vote.

b. 101 Main St. – C.O.A. 14-07

The owners wish to put up new identification signage throughout the property. These include a non-illuminated directional (parking) sign off of Washington Street, non-illuminated channel lettering and illuminated signage on the drive through canopy, a non-illuminated vinyl graphic logo adhered to the sides of the ATM machines, a non-

illuminated aluminum panel reface of the existing monument sign off of Galena Street, illuminated channel lettering on the canopy over the rear (east) building entrance, illuminated channel lettering over an aluminum panel on the front (west) building façade, reface of the existing marquee sign and refurbishing the existing time/temperature LED sign attached to the northwest corner of the building, and to paint the existing metal awning across the front (west) façade of the building. President Hale suggested the illuminated signage on Main Street poses a problem with the Historic District; which discourages interior-lit signs. Halo-lit signage was discussed as an alternative; which complies with the district guidelines. A consensus was reached by the Commission on the size and color of the lettering of the halo-lit signage. The lettering would be white with a white light against the burgundy backdrop. The internal-illuminated sign at the rear entrance poses a problem as it illuminates towards the East Washington Historic District. A flood-light type bulb was proposed as an alternative. The owners will also change the internal illumination.

3. Preliminary Review

None.

4. Historic District / Landmark Update

a. 116 Galena St.

John Said and Jeff Harris are meeting with the homeowner on June 25, 2014 to discuss updates with the homeowner. President Hale will be advised.

b. 151 W. Washington St.

Masonry work has been started on the structure, yet not all of it has been approved. A new wall has been raised, but does not match the others. A section of the brick rear wall has been painted and the owners want to paint the brick throughout the structure. This poses a problem because it changes the original intent of the imagery; the slate roofing has also been changed to a smaller tile. The stairs have been removed and will be replaced by a new first floor deck. Light fixtures will be replaced. The front porch will also be restored. A decorative balcony will be added above the front door.

5. Approval of Minutes

a. May 27, 2014

The minutes for May 27th were tabled until the next scheduled meeting due to a lack of Commissioners present from that meeting.

6. Other Business

a. 109 Turner Ct.

This property was not on the agenda; however the property owner came seeking clarification on his approved Certificate of Appropriateness in 2012. The owner was seeking direction on the exterior modifications to the building. The owner had adhered stucco around the second story windows, but the work did not comply with

the approved C.O.A. The owner and the Commission discussed removal of all the stucco around each window, exposing the brick (except in the arches on the second floor).

- b.** Staff is working on revisions to the Landmark nomination application procedures. The proposed revisions will be presented at the July meeting.
- c.** The pedestrian underpass next to the Community Center will be opening to the public soon.
- d.** The Community Center is currently applying for special uses conducted that will be inside the building. Due to it being within the boundaries of the Turner Junction Historical District, these special uses need to be reviewed by the Historical Preservation Commission. This review will be conducted at the July meeting.
- e.** There will be a preliminary review of the St. Mary's Catholic Church landmark nomination application at the July meeting.
- f.** The Cultural Arts Commission is seeking the approval to allow public art throughout the downtown area. This would begin by August of 2014.
- g.** The City is currently seeking grants from the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) for funding to have the Central Main Street Study reevaluated.

7. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Keck and seconded by Commissioner Kennedy. The motion passed by an all aye vote. The meeting was adjourned at 9:01 p.m.