

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO

WHERE HISTORY & PROGRESS MEET

Approved 7/28/15

MINUTES

WEST CHICAGO HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING

MAY 14, 2015, 7:00 P.M.

Members Present:

Janet Hale
Rev. Bill Andrews
Blake Kennedy
Philip Smith
Cheryl Waterman

Staff:

Jeff Harris
John Said

Members Absent:

Richard Vigsnes

Guests:

Allan Anastacio
Brian Boylan
William Boylan
David Sabathne
Ron Segert

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. 422 E. Washington St. – C.O.A. 15-03

The homeowners are wishing to remove their present asphalt driveway and concrete sidewalk, and replace it with a new asphalt driveway and brick paver sidewalk. The homeowners are also proposing to remove their present wooden front porch stairs with new wooden stairs at the same dimensions. A motion for approval as presented was made by Commissioner Waterman, and seconded by Commissioner Smith. The motion passed with an all aye vote.

b. 222 Main St. – C.O.A. 15-04

The property owner is proposing consideration of new vinyl window signage; two window signs in the storefront. The larger of the two window signs will be placed in the storefront facing Main Street, and the smaller sign will be placed in the window facing Turner Court. The Storefront on Main Street has 159 square feet of window space and the

larger sign will be 6.7 square feet. The window on Turner Court has 19.5 square feet of window space and the smaller signage will be 3 square feet. Therefore, the property owner is seeking approval for a total of 6.7 square feet of window signage in the Main

Street Storefront and a total of 3 square feet of window signage in the Turner Court window. In the attached documents to the Commission members, the font on the signage were different for each sign. The Commission advised the property owners that both signage should be the same font. The Commission also advised the property owners that the signage must be white on the inside. There was a motion to accept with modifications by Commissioner Andrews, and seconded by Commissioner Waterman. The motion passed with an all aye vote.

c. 132 Fremont St. – C.O.A. 15-05

The business owner is seeking approval to replace the current asphalt parking lot and a new concrete sidewalk in front of the funeral home entrance. Other than the parking lot, there will be no changes to the property. A motion to approve as presented was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Kennedy. The motion carried with an all aye vote.

3. Preliminary Review

None.

4. Historic District / Landmark Update

a. 151 W. Washington St.

David Sabathne spoke on behalf of the Wiant House to give an update of the remodel. The exterior work will be completed as soon as the detailing has commenced. At this point, Mr. Sabathne is still waiting on the balusters coming from Texas. The interior work on the first floor is almost complete, except for the molding that still needs to be fabricated. The second floor is scheduled to be completed in seven weeks. A portion of the flat roof had been damaged by wind, and the Community Center is waiting to get word back from their insurance company. They may qualify for façade funding.

5. Approval of Minutes

a. January 27, 2015

A motion to accept as presented was made by Commissioner Kennedy and seconded by Commissioner Smith. The motion passed with three ayes and two abstentions.

b. February 24, 2015

A motion to accept as presented was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Andrews. The motion passed with three ayes and two abstentions.

6. Other Business

a. Church of Resurrection property letter to the DuPage County Forest Preserve District

A copy of a letter to the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County from West Chicago City Museum Director, Sara Phalen, was presented to the Commission. The intent of this

letter is to allow for the Forest Preserve to given documentation to the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency. Within the letter it is stated that said property at IL Rte. 59 and Gary's Mill Road does not fall into either of the two preservation districts in West Chicago, nor has it been designated as a local landmark, therefore giving no authority to the Commission over this property. As previously mentioned, this document will be sent to the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency for their records. The copy of this letter, given to the Commission, is to be regarded as a general informational document. Lastly, the long term intentions of the property, owned by the Forest Preserve, are unclear at this time.

b. 2015 Illinois Historic Preservation Commission Conference

The annual Illinois Historic Preservation Commission Conference will be held June 23-25, 2015 in Carbondale. Registration for the event is now open.

c. Adopted Landmark Regulations Revisions to the City Code

Presented to the Commission is Ordinance No. 15-O-0013, the amendments made to Article 5, Chapter 4, Section 4-93 of the City Code concerning Landmark and Historic District regulations. Also included is Appendix G, Section 9.1 miscellaneous planning and zoning fees. The amendments were adopted by the City Council on March 16, 2015.

7. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Waterman and seconded by Commissioner Smith. The motion passed with an all aye vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.