

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO

WHERE HISTORY & PROGRESS MEET

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MINUTES

WEST CHICAGO HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING

April 26, 2016, 7:00 P.M.

Members Present:

Rev. Bill Andrews
Vincent Malina (President *pro tem*)
Nancy Reppe
Richard Vigsnes

Staff:

John Said
Jeff Harris
Sara Phalen

Members Absent:

Janet Hale
Blake Kennedy
Cheryl Waterman

Guests:

Mike Lee
Juan Ramirez
Andrew Schwab

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

A quorum was established. Commissioner Malina sat in as President *pro tem* for the meeting due to the absence of President Hale. The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

2. Certificate of Appropriateness Review

a. 110 Arbor Avenue – C.O.A. 16-04

The property owner is seeking approval of the installment of a six foot tall chain-link fence between the southern façade of the building and the south property line. The fence is sectioned into two segments; on opposite sides of the current trash enclosure. Seven (7') linear feet of fencing and a five (5') foot wide gate will be installed between the trash enclosure and the building and twenty-six (26') feet of fencing will be installed between the trash enclosure and the south property line. A motion to approve as presented was made by Commissioner Andrews and seconded by Commissioner Vigsnes. The motion carried with an all aye vote.

b. 222 Main Street – C.O.A. 16-05

The business owner is seeking approval of three (3) vinyl window signs in the two storefront windows on Main Street. The applicant is proposing 28.8 square feet of window signage. The City's Sign Code allows a maximum of combined wall and window signage of thirty-nine (39) square feet in this case. Therefore, the proposed window signage complies with the City's regulations. A motion to approve as presented was made

by Commissioner Malina and seconded by Commissioner Vigsnes. The motion carried with an all aye vote.

c. 402 East Washington Street – C.O.A. 16-06

The property owner is seeking approval of a wooden privacy fence along the rear (south) property line between the front façade of the detached garage and the west property line (Oakwood Avenue). The fence will be made of cedar and have dog-ear pickets. The western thirty-two (32') linear feet will be six (6') feet tall. The eastern ten (10') linear feet will reduce in height to four (4') feet tall. A motion to approve as presented was made by Commissioner Andrews and seconded by Commissioner Malina. The motion carried with an all aye vote.

3. Preliminary Review

None.

4. Historic District / Landmark Update

a. 116 Galena Street – Carriage House Restoration

The property owner has sought out the West Chicago Historical Society in an attempt to have the society acquire and restore the carriage house, or have it relocated. Sara Phalen stated that the Historical Society does not have the proper funds to acquire the building, therefore any current attempts at restoration have stopped, and while not being up to compliance code, City staff does not feel optimistic that the building will be saved.

5. Approval of Minutes

a. March 22, 2016

A motion to approve the Minutes as presented was made by Commissioner Andrews and seconded by Commissioner Malina. The motion carried with an all aye vote.

6. Other Business

a. Neon Sign Regulations

At the next scheduled meeting, the Commission will re-examine the neon sign regulations of various cities.

b. Appointment of Vice Chairman

At the March meeting, Commissioner Malina expressed an interest in the position, but wanted to get feedback from President Hale. The Commission has decided to move forward with this notion, and Commissioner Andrews made a motion for the appointment of Commissioner Malina as Vice Chairman. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Vigsnes. The motion carried with an all aye vote.

7. Adjournment

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