

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO

WHERE HISTORY & PROGRESS MEET

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MINUTES

WEST CHICAGO HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING

June 28, 2016, 7:00 P.M.

Members Present:

Blake Kennedy (Secretary)
Rev. Bill Andrews
George Garcia
Vincent Malina (President *pro tem*)
Nancy Reppe
Richard Vigsnes

Staff:

John Said
Sara Phalen

Members Absent:

Cheryl Waterman

Guests:

Ronald Segert

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

2. Certificate of Appropriateness Review

a. 116 Main St. – C.O.A. 16-09

The property owner is seeking after-the-fact approval in the face change of the existing wall signage. The existing sign is 2' x 8' in area, with 8" tall wood lettering. The sign has already been altered to read "Taqueria Monroy," replacing the previous lettering, "Taqueria El Nero." The only changes proposed are the removal of "El Nero" lettering from the existing sign and the installation of the "Monroy" lettering onto the existing sign. The City's Sign Code allows a maximum of forty (40) sq. ft. of wall signage for this property. The existing wall sign is sixteen (16) sq. ft. in area. With said alteration the sign is still in compliance with the City's wall signage regulations. 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. 132 Fremont St. – C.O.A. 16-10

The property owner is seeking approval of new wall signage on the east façade of the existing brick building. Currently, the building has non-illuminated channel lettering that will be replaced with a twenty-four (24) sq. ft. plastic sign. The proposed wall sign will be mounted in the same location as the existing lettering. The owner is also seeking

approval to erect a three (3) sq. ft. metal directional sign on the southeast corner of the building, which will be hung from a decorative bracket perpendicular from the façade. The City's Sign Code allows a maximum of ninety-seven and-a-half (97.5) sq. ft. of wall signage on the east façade for this location. The proposed wall signage is collectively twenty-seven (27) sq. ft. in area; therefore the signage complies with the City's wall sign regulations. Commissioner Andrews stated that a stipulation should be added in which the patching of either the mortar or the brick be matched with the existing color of the exterior. A motion to approve as presented with the stipulation was made by Commissioner Malina and seconded by Commissioner Andrews. The motion carried with an all aye vote.

3. Preliminary Review

None.

4. Historic District / Landmark Update

a. 116 Galena Street – Carriage House Restoration

After seeking out the West Chicago Historical Society, the property owner has been in contact with Community Development Director, John Said, in regards to donating the structure to the Historical Society. With no plans by the Historical Society in acquiring the structure, nor any further decisions for restoration, it is anticipated that the property owner will be submitting a request for demolition. City Museum Curator Sara Phalen wishes to salvage some of the stone material for a possible future project.

5. Approval of Minutes

a. April 26, 2016

Commissioner Reppe made a point of clarification that there was a typo in the way her name was written. The "i" will be removed. A motion to approve the Minutes as modified was made by Commissioner Malina and seconded by Commissioner Vigsnes. The motion carried with four aye votes and two abstentions by Commissioners Garcia and Reppe.

6. Other Business

a. Neon Sign Regulations

John Said sent each Commissioner an email with the attachment of the proposed Neon Sign guideline modifications that were submitted by the Commissioners, John Said and Jeff Harris. City staff will work together to create a hybrid version of all proposed guidelines, which will then be reviewed, discussed and voted on by all members at the next scheduled Historical Preservation Commission meeting.

b. Request of Proclamation for former President Janet Hale

After the sudden resignation of President Hale, the Commission proposed that the City award the former President with a proclamation for her invaluable hard work and dedication to the efforts of preserving local history over the span of nineteen (19) years. Jeff Harris sent this recommendation to Mayor Ruben Pineda and City Administrator, Michael Guttman. Mr. Harris also sent a request to former President Hale, who has yet to send a response. Mayor Pineda will appoint a new president for the Commission.

c. Request for Keith Letsche to join Historical Preservation Commission

Due to his dedication, hard work, and knowledge of West Chicago, the Commission have collectively advised Jeff Harris to reach out to Keith Letsche, with the hopes of filling a vacancy on the Commission. John Said will consult with Mr. Harris on this request.

7. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Malina and seconded by Commissioner Andrews. The motion carried with an all aye vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.