

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO

WHERE HISTORY & PROGRESS MEET

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MINUTES

WEST CHICAGO HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING September 28, 2021

Members Present:

Vince Malina (Chairman)
Keith Letsche
Richard Vigsnes
SueEllen Edwards

City Staff:

John Sterrett, City Planner
Sara Phalen, Museum Director

Guests:

Nafees Siddiqui
Irma Proa

Members Absent:

Reverend Bill Andrews

1. Call to Order and Establishment of a Quorum

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Malina at 6:00p.m. A quorum was established.

2. Certificate of Appropriateness Review

A. C.O.A. 21-12 – 185 W Washington Street – Miguel Gonzalez - Fence

This item was tabled.

B. C.O.A. 21-13 – 129 E Washington Street – Siddiqui – Driveway

Mr. Sterrett stated that Nafees Siddiqui, petitioner and owner of 129 E Washington Street in the East Washington Street Historic District, is requesting approval to widen an existing driveway by three feet as well as to widen to the existing approach by an additional three feet. The property contains a two-story single-family detached residential home with an existing asphalt driveway and approach. The expansion will be constructed with asphalt as well and will be ten feet in length to fill a missing link from the street to the driveway. The proposed widening will comply with all zoning requirements for driveways.

Chairman Malina made a motion, seconded by SueEllen Edwards, to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness with the following conditions:

- 1) The driveway shall be constructed with asphalt including 6 inches of gravel base and 2.5 inches of asphalt.
- 2) The driveway shall be widened no more than 3 feet on the west side between the sidewalk and the existing north/south sidewalk perpendicular to the street.
- 3) The driveway shall be widened no more than 2 feet on the east side between the sidewalk and the driveway taper near the rear of the house.

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- 4) The driveway approach shall be widened no more than 3 feet on the west side and no more than 2 feet on the east side.

The motion passed with an all aye vote.

3. Preliminary Review – 203-205 Main Street – El Coco Loco – Awning

Mr. Sterrett stated that El Coco Loco restaurant, represented by Miguel and Irma Proa, owners of 203-205 Main Street in the Turner Junction Historic District, is requesting approval to install a Sunbrella straight-slope awning with dark red fabric on the front façade of the restaurant building. The installation of the awning will be above the main entrance to the restaurant off Galena Street. The awning will be 5 feet, 10 inches in length and have a height of 24 inches with side curtains and a valance. The awning will be located 8 feet above the grade in front of the door. The awning will contain the name of the restaurant, “El Coco Loco” on the front of the awning and the south side curtain facing Main Street. No lighting is proposed for the awning. The proposed signage complies with the Zoning Code.

Members of the Commission had no objections to this request and were comfortable with the preliminary review. The Commission would take action on the application at the next Commission meeting.

4. Historic District/Landmark Update

Mr. Sterrett provided an update on the status of the proposed townhome development in the downtown as well as the proposed multi-use development along Main Street.

5. Other Business

Commissioner Letsche provided an update on the vacant house at 209 E Washington Street.

6. Approval of the July 27, 2021 and August 24, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Malina made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Letsche, to approve the July 27, 2021 and August 24, 2021 meeting minutes with a correction to the July 27, 2021 minutes under item 2 A to note that the size and style of a proposed fence will match the “original” fence, rather than the “existing” fence. The motion passed with an all aye vote.

6. Adjournment

Chairman Malina made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Vigsnes, to adjourn the meeting. With a voice vote of all ayes the motion carried. The meeting, at 6:33 p.m., was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,
John H. Sterrett, City Planner