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WEST CHICAGO HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING June 28, 2022

Members Present:

Vince Malina Wendy Christman Richard Vigsnes Reverend Bill Andrews

City Staff:

John Sterrett, City Planner Kelley Chrisse, Economic Development Coordinator

Guests: Ronald Segert, Norris Segert Funeral Home

Members Absent:

Keith Letsche Crystal Noland-Rianni SueEllen Edwards

1. Call to Order and Establishment of a Quorum

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Malina at 6:00p.m. With four members present, a quorum was established. Chairman Malina introduced Wendy Christman as the new Commissioner and Kelley Chrisse, new Economic Development Coordinator.

2. Public Comment – None.

2. Certificate of Appropriateness Review

A. C.O.A. 22-05 - 132 Fremont Street - Norris-Segert Funeral Home - Fence Replacement

Mr. Sterrett stated that Ronald Segert of Norris-Segert Funeral Home and Cremation Services, owner of 132 Fremont Street in the Turner-Junction Historic District, is seeking approval of a Certificate of Appropriateness to replace an existing 6-foot tall shadowbox fence. The existing fence is located along the side property line south of the funeral home building, approximately 107 feet in length. This fence has begun to fall into disrepair. The petitioner is proposing to remove this existing fence and install a new 6-foot tall fence in the same location. The new fence will also be a shadowbox fence and will have a western red cedar color. The proposed fence complies with the City's Zoning Code.

The building is an Eclectic architectural style. According to the property survey for the Turner Junction Historic District, the building was constructed in 1946. At the time of the survey from 1991, the building was less than 50 years old and identified as non-contributing and not a candidate for local landmark status. Given its current age of 76 years, the building could be considered for local landmark status.

After a brief discussion, Chairman Malina made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Malina, to approve the COA application as presented. With a voice vote of all ayes the motion carried.

3. Historic District Boundaries

The Commission continued its discussion on amending the boundaries of the Turner Junction Historic District, including the process for amending the boundaries of the Historic District and other potential options for maintaining the historic character in the downtown. The Commission also discussed other various roles for encouraging preservation of historically significant homes.

4. Approval of the Draft May 24, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Malina made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Vigsnes, to approve the draft meeting meetings of May 24, 2022. With a vote voice of three (3) ayes and one (1) abstention, the motion carried.

6. Adjournment

Chairman Malina a made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Christman, to adjourn the meeting. With a voice vote of all ayes the motion carried. The Historical Preservation Commission, at 6:41 p.m., adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by, John H. Sterrett, City Planner

