

Oak Park Historic Preservation Commission
August 8, 2013 Meeting Minutes
Oak Park Village Hall, Council Chambers, 7:30 pm

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Chair Christina Morris, Greg Battoglia, Garret Eakin, Frank Heitzman, Rosanne McGrath, Regina Nally, Gary Palese, Tom Sundling
ABSENT: Joerg Albrecht, Drew Niermann, Tony Quinn
STAFF: Douglas Kaarre, AICP – Urban Planner/Historic Preservation

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

None

Commissioners Albrecht and Sundling arrived.

MINUTES

Motion by Heitzman to approve the July 11, 2013 meeting minutes as submitted. Second by Palese. Motion approved 8-0.

AYE: Battoglia, Eakin, Heitzman, McGrath, Nally, Palese, Sundling, Chair Morris

NAY: None

Motion by Palese to approve the July 22, 2013 Education Committee meeting minutes as submitted. Second by Nally. Motion approved 8-0.

AYE: Battoglia, Eakin, Heitzman, McGrath, Nally, Palese, Sundling, Chair Morris

NAY: None

REGULAR AGENDA

A. HPC 13-20: 834 Fair Oaks Avenue (Baronger Group) – Certificate of Appropriateness for a rear two-story addition (Frank Lloyd Wright-Prairie School of Architecture Historic District)

Planner Kaarre presented the Staff Report. The two-story frame house was constructed in 1913 and is a Contributing Resource within the historic district. The proposal is to construct a rear two-story addition. The proposal meets the New Addition Policy of the Architectural Review Guidelines and Staff is recommending approval as submitted, subject to clarification on the design of the windows in the addition.

Mitch Goldstein, 833 Woodbine Avenue, is the property owner. They are finding it difficult to find windows that match those on the house without having them custom made. He is looking for a recommendation from the Commission.

Motion by Palese to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness application for 834 Fair Oaks Avenue as submitted. Second by Eakin.

Planner Kaarre noted that the originally submitted south elevation, which is stamped “revised,” was replaced with a revised south elevation, which was also included in the packet.

Commissioner McGrath suggested raising the eave line on the north side of the addition to match the eave line on the south side of the addition. The Commission agreed.

Mitch Goldstein agreed to raise the north eave line. He is also seeking direction on replacing the three picture windows on the front porch with operable windows.

Commissioner Nally suggested a pair of double-hung windows as found on the second floor. The Commission agreed.

Commissioner Heitzman asked which version of the chimney on the south elevation would be used.

Mitch Goldstein stated that they are proposing the simpler version on the revised south elevation. The Commission agreed.

Commissioner Heitzman suggested the windows on the rear addition should be simple 1-over-1 double-hung windows, rather than matching the 8-over-1 on the house. The Commission agreed.

Motion by Palese to amend the original motion to approve the rear two-story addition at 834 Fair Oaks Avenue subject to raising the eave line on the north elevation to match the eave line on the revised south elevation. Motion to amend the original motion was seconded by Eakin. Motion approved 8-0.

AYE: Battaglia, Eakin, Heitzman, McGrath, Nally, Palese, Sundling, Chair Morris

NAY: None

B. HPC 2014 Work Plan

The Commission reviewed the draft 2014 Work Plan which was forwarded from the HPC Education Committee. The Commission revised and agreed on the 2014 Work Plan subject to the addition of one addition line item for QR Code Plaques. Commissioner Heitzman will provide a cost estimate for this project at the next Education Committee meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

Staff Approvals: Planner Kaarre provided a report on the 161 Staff permit reviews for July 2013.

Energy Audit Presentation: Commissioner Heitzman recommends inviting John Porterfield to present to the HPC and the Environment and Energy Commission on sustainability and energy audits. The Commission agreed this was a good idea, subject to agreement by the EEC. It was recommended it be a joint meeting, if possible.

Chair Morris resignation: Chair Morris submitted her resignation from the HPC as she is leaving Oak Park at the end of the month to take a new position as the Los Angeles Field Director for the National Trust for Historic Preservation. She has recommended to the Village Clerk that Rosanne McGrath be appointed as the new Chair, and Rosanne has agreed. She has enjoyed working with everyone and serving as the Chair has been an educational and enriching experience.

ADJOURN

Motion by Eakin to adjourn. Second by Battaglia. Motion approved: 8-0.

AYE: Battaglia, Eakin, Heitzman, McGrath, Nally, Palese, Sundling, Chair Morris

NAY: None

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m. Minutes prepared by Douglas Kaarre.