

Oak Park Historic Preservation Commission
ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE
April 24, 2019 Meeting Minutes
Oak Park Village Hall, Room 215 – 7:30 pm

A. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Christopher Payne, Sandra Carr, Lou Garapolo, and Noel Weidner
ABSENT: Aleksandra Tadic
STAFF: Susie Trexler, Historic Preservation Urban Planner

B. MINUTES

Motion by Weidner to approve minutes of the March 27, 2019 meeting as submitted. Second by Carr. Motion approved 3-0.

AYE: Carr, Weidner, Chair Payne

NAY: None

C. 150 N Lombard Ave (Osman A. Galvez Matamoros and Elisabeth A. Carlson): Advisory Review for the construction of a new garage that will be visible from the street (Ridgeland-Oak Park Historic District). Existing garage to be demolished is not historic.

Peter Lopatkiewicz, of Danley's Garage World, was present. Mr. Lopatkiewicz described the other garages in the area, stated that the existing garage was previously demolished, and showed a photograph of the proposed vinyl siding. The selected siding will be the same color as the house.

The Committee agreed that the garage largely meets the Architectural Review Guidelines. It was recommended that stucco be considered for the wall cladding, as the house is stucco. It was explained that the recommendations are recommendations only and an Advisory Review letter will be sent to the applicant with a summary of the Committee's recommendations.

D. 631 N Kenilworth Ave (Northern Trust Co): Discussion of renovation project including the restoration of a full-width front porch, replacement of non-historic windows and siding, and a rear, one-story addition (Frank Lloyd Wright-Prairie School of Architecture Historic District).

The owner, Jadwiga Mulka, was present. Ms. Mulka said that she visited the Historical Society and presented a historic photograph showing a portion of the north (side) and east (front) elevations. She said they would like to restore the house as much as possible and asked if the stucco siding could be retained.

The Committee discussed the siding and said that given the documentation, retaining the siding as existing would be recommended. If the siding is demolished and reveals historic siding of an alternate material, the Commission would request the restoration of the original material. The Committee did not find the siding as proposed on the elevations to be appropriate, in particular the use of fiber cement siding and vertical siding on the front-facing gable end. Ms. Mulka said they will keep the siding as existing and restore to match as needed.

The Committee agreed that the porch is in keeping with the scale of the neighborhood. They noted that the historic porch likely had a hip roof.

Ms. Mulka said the rear addition will be located where a sunroom is currently so will not add to the dimensions on the house. She confirmed that the stone foundation will be extended for the addition to match the existing stone foundation. She also confirmed that they plan to remove the chimney.

The Committee recommended that all materials be called out on the drawings and, where applicable, state "to match existing."

D. Adjourn

Motion by Weidner to adjourn the meeting. Second by Carr.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20PM.

Minutes prepared by Susie Trexler, Historic Preservation Urban Planner.