

Oak Park Historic Preservation Commission
ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE
December 18, 2019 Meeting Minutes
Oak Park Village Hall, Council Chambers Room 201 – 7:30 pm

A. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Committee Members Sandra Carr, Lou Garapolo, Aleksandra Tadic, and Noel Weidner

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Susie Trexler, Historic Preservation Urban Planner

Acting Chair Rebecca Houze attended to observe.

B. MINUTES

Motion by Tadic to approve minutes of the November 20, 2019. Second by Garapolo. Motion approved 4-0.

AYE: Carr, Garapolo, Tadic, and Weidner

NAY: None

C. 162 N Cuyler Ave (Hillary Zimmer): Advisory Review for new garage; existing garage to be demolished is non-contributing (Ridgeland-Oak Park Historic District).

David Krecek, the contractor, was present. Mr. Krecek said there is an existing wood garage with stucco siding but it is not salvageable and is encroaching on the alley. The applicant would prefer to use vinyl siding due to their budget.

Committee member Garapolo said the window and door frames should be expressed. Mr. Krecek said they will have 3.5-inch casings. He said the windows will be vinyl sash windows. The Committee discussed the roof. Committee member Carr said the roof mimics the current garage. She said the vinyl siding will look better than the current stucco and it will be nice to move the garage off the alley.

D. 241 Wesley Ave (Kevin Duff): Certificate of Appropriateness to alter windows on the side elevation (Ridgeland-Oak Park Historic District).

Steve Matticks, the contractor, was present.

Committee member Carr clarified that the windows will be spaced six inches apart. The Committee asked about the head height and the gutter. Mr. Matticks said the head height will be the same as existing and the gutter will be re-pitched to the back of the house. The Committee discussed the need for an expansion joint; Mr. Matticks said there is no cracking or other issues. It was confirmed that the trim will match and the windows will be clad wood.

- E. **532 Fair Oaks Ave (Richard van der Molen):** Discuss project to remove existing rear addition and porch; build new rear addition and porch (Frank Lloyd Wright-Prairie School of Architecture Historic District).

William Scholtens, the architect, was present. Mr. Scholtens said the homeowner is also in attendance. Mr. Scholtens described the proposed project to the Committee.

Committee member Weidner said that because it was designed by Perkins & Will, the enclosed porch may have some significance. Committee member Tadic said that based on the Guidelines, if the porch was built before 1941 it is considered historic.

Committee member Carr requested close-up photos documenting deterioration of the porch. Committee member Garapolo said it is located in the rear of the building and the new design aligns with the chimney. He said this is a sensitive solution to the problem and he supports it. Committee member Weidner said it is not on the front but because the lot is wide, the rear porch is visible. Mr. Scholtens agreed to address structural issues of the porch and said they would have to remove and rebuild it with structural columns in order to meet current building codes.

Committee member Weidner recommended labeling the materials of the elevations.

The Committee discussed the roof type on the porch. A hip roof was proposed but Commissioner Carr suggested a shed roof be considered. Mr. Scholtens noted that this would block the second floor window above.

- F. **Other Business** - None

- G. **Adjourn**

Motion by Committee member Tadic to adjourn. Second by Committee member Garapolo.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Minutes prepared by Susie Trexler, Historic Preservation Urban Planner.