

**Oak Park Historic Preservation Commission  
ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE  
April 22, 2021 Meeting Minutes  
Remote Participation Meeting, 7:30 pm**

**A. ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Lou Garapolo and Rachel Will  
ABSENT: Noel Weidner and Sandra Carr  
STAFF: Susie Trexler, Historic Preservation Urban Planner

Due to the absence of Historic Preservation Commission Chair Noel Weidner, Committee member Lou Garapolo led the meeting.

**B. AGENDA**

*Motion by Will to approve the agenda. Second by Garapolo. Motion approved 2-0.*

*AYE: Garapolo and Will*

*NAY: None*

**C. MINUTES**

*Motion by Will to approve minutes of the March 25, 2021. Second by Garapolo. Motion approved 2-0.*

*AYE: Garapolo and Will*

*NAY: None*

**D. 842 Columbian Ave (Rachel and Aaron Petty): Advisory Review for replacement of copper gutters and downspouts with aluminum (Frank Lloyd Wright-Prairie School of Architecture Historic District).**

Committee member Garapolo introduced the project. Planner Trexler gave a summary.

Rachel Petty, the homeowner, was present. She explained that some of their gutters are half-round metal gutters and some pieces have been replaced with aluminum by the previous homeowner. She said they will match the color of the downspouts.

*Motion by Committee member Will to open for discussion; Second by Committee member Garapolo.*

Committee member Will said gutters and downspouts are reversible from a historic preservation perspective. She asked if the half-round gutters are original. Ms. Petty said they are not and explained that an addition was built in 1927. The house was originally stucco and was clad in brick at that time. The half-round gutters are continuous around the addition, so were added in 1927 at the earliest.

Committee member Garapolo asked what percentage of the existing gutters are copper. Ms. Petty said about three quarters. She said they replaced one downspout with copper to match and it was \$4,000. She said replacing the entire system is outside their budget. Committee member Garapolo asked if they have evaluated just replacing the aluminum portions with copper and said this would be more in keeping with the Guidelines. Ms. Petty said the copper gutters are dented on both sides of the house because someone leaned a ladder against them at some point. She said they are non-functional and beyond repair. They flow over the side and create a hazard on the front walk. In order to make them functional, the entire system would have to be replaced with the exception of a few downspouts.

Committee member Will asked if they are able to match the profile, even if it's a different material. Ms. Petty said her understanding is that they can't do aluminum half-round. Committee member Will said she has galvanized half-rounds, so this may be an option. Committee member Garapolo recommended reviewing other materials in order to find the best aesthetic match. He said sometimes a contractor can only give a proposal for what they are familiar with. Committee member Will said it looks like aluminum half-round gutters exist and recommended asking the contractor about this option.

- E. **1127 Home Ave (Kelly Daley):** Advisory Review requested by homeowner to discuss handling of eaves on north dormer addition (Gunderson Historic District).

Committee member Garapolo introduced the project. Planner Trexler said the homeowner had to cancel, but if the Committee has any recommendations, she can pass them on to the homeowner.

Committee member Garapolo said it would be best to discuss the project with the homeowners in person and recommended that the architect also attend.

- F. **Other Business**

None

**G. Adjourn**

*Motion by Will to adjourn. Second by Garapolo. Motion approved 2-0.*

*AYE: Garapolo and Will*

*NAY: None*

Meeting adjourned at 7:50PM.

Minutes prepared by Susie Trexler, Historic Preservation Urban Planner.