



KIRKWOOD LANDMARKS COMMISSION MINUTES

Wednesday, July 8, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

Kirkwood City Hall, Main Level Conference Room

Present: Commissioners Andrew Raimist, Robert Rubright, Walter Smith, Judy Ward, Council Member Paul Ward and Staff Liaison Amy Lowry

Guests: Bernadette Groner of 525 East Jefferson Avenue, Monte Herring of Central Place, L. Michael Braig of 212 East Washington Avenue and Kate Davison Ives of 316 North Taylor Avenue

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m.

1. **Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve the June 10, 2015 Meeting Minutes as is by Comr. Rubright, seconded by Comr. Raimist, and unanimously approved.
2. **Certificates of Appropriateness**
 - a. **Case #15-06, 218 East Washington Avenue** (North Taylor Historic District) – Construction of New Home. Monte Herring presented the plans for the new home already approved as submitted to the ARB. The existing home (which was the subject of a Landmarks Commission demolition hearing in November 2014) will be torn down in the next few weeks. Comr. Ward commented on the unique design of the home. Comr. Smith remarked that it was well-detailed. Comr. Raimist asked whether Mr. Herring had contacted the neighbors with the design. Mr. Herring said that he had gotten positive feedback. Neighbor Kate Davison Ives said that she liked the look of the home and that it looks like the design of the old carriage house for the home that used to sit where the YMCA is now located. Comr. Ward made a motion to approve the plans for the new home as submitted. Comr. Rubright seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
 - b. **Case #15-07, 525 East Jefferson Avenue** (Jefferson-Argonne Historic District) – Construction of New Detached Garage. Bernadette Groner presented the plans for a new garage on her property. The house already has an attached garage that the homeowners may convert to living space. She remarked that they had classic cars that did not fit into the existing garage. Comr. Smith remarked that the house looked like a South St Louis County home. Comr. Raimist questioned how much of the garage would be visible from the street with the 5 foot property setback. Ms. Groner said that the garage door and middle gable window would be visible, but part of the garage would be obscured by the house. Ms. Groner said that she agreed with the ARB recommendations for gable end and gutter board overhangs to match the existing gable ends and gutter boards on the house, including bracket details, and for the addition of keystones over the windows. Comr. Raimist suggested that a soldier course of bricks over the garage door would be appropriate to the style of the house and garage. The garage will have brick and stone on the front wrapped to the sides and lap siding

matching the home addition on the other three sides of the garage. Ms. Groner reported that they had lived in the house about 5 years and had remodeled the interior (added back original door arches). Comr. Raimist made a motion to approve the plans for the new garage with the requirement of a soldier course of brick over the garage door and with the ARB suggested changes. Comr. Ward seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

3. **Old Business**

- a. **Design Guidelines 2015** – Ms. Lowry has distributed the Design Guidelines to Comr. Raimist and Enslin. They will review together in August and report back to the full Landmarks Commission.

4. **New Business**

- a. **Sunshine Law and E-mails** – The Commission discussed the memorandum from the City Clerk on the implications of using personal e-mail for Commission communication and how such e-mails are subject to the Sunshine Law.
- b. **Citizens Comments/Seeking advice** to preserve their historic properties (if any) – none.

5. **Adjourn** – Motion to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. made by Comr. Rubright, seconded by Comr. Raimist and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted by Amy Lowry, Landmarks Liaison