



KIRKWOOD LANDMARKS COMMISSION MINUTES

Wednesday, October 14, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

Kirkwood City Hall, Main Level Conference Room

Present: Commissioners Lynn Anadel, Andrew Raimist, Robert Rubright, Walter Smith, Judy Ward and Staff Liaison Amy Lowry

Guests: David Early of 1233 Dubray Court, Chris and Sherry Franks of 315 Altus Place

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

1. **Approval of Minutes** – Motion to approve the September 9, 2015 Meeting Minutes as is by Comr. Ward, seconded by Comr. Anadel, and unanimously approved.
2. **Certificates of Appropriateness**
 - a. **Case #15-11, 1233 Dubray Court** (Craig Woods Historic District) – New in-ground pool. David Early explained the proposed pool with streamlined walls, a poured concrete retaining wall and an automatic cover on a slot. He already has a variance from the Board of Adjustments for the pool to be located 8 feet from the house instead of the required 10 feet. After a brief discussion, Comr. Ward made a motion to approve the in-ground pool project as submitted. Comr. Anadel seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Comr. Rubright commented that the Early house was the display home for Burton Duenke subdivision.
 - b. **Case #15-12, 315 Altus Place** (Landmark #38, Couch House) – Porch remodel and addition. The Franks has come to the last Landmarks meeting for advice on their project and now were ready for approval. Upon suggestion of the Commission, they made the front gable more prominent by placing it in front of the gutter. At the family entry for the new addition between the house and the garage, they also extended the roofline forward for protection above the entry door. Chris Franks will serve as the general contractor. He feels that the project will give the house a front that it does not now have. The house is 2500 square feet with 3-4 bedrooms, 11 foot ceilings on the first floor, 9 foot ceilings on the second floor and located on a ½ acre lot. The Commission discussed the marketability of the house for sale. Mr. Franks said that the back shed will remain on the property. It has leaded glass windows from the structures taken down at the Meramec College site. Motion to approve the plan as submitted and subject to ARB review by Comr. Rubright, seconded by Comr. Ward and unanimously approved.
3. **Old Business**
 - a. **Design Guidelines 2015** – Ms. Lowry reported that she met with Catherine Enslin for her changes and that she and Comr. Raimist were meeting this night after the Landmarks Meeting to discuss his suggested modifications.

4. **New Business**

- a. **Discussion of ARB/Landmarks Commission Procedures** – The Commission discussed the possibilities of meeting on the same night at the ARB, joint ARB/Landmarks meetings, and having cases that must go before both boards go to Landmarks first. Comr. Raimist does not like the idea of combining the two bodies for review as he believes that the Commission brings a different perspective to the table than ARB. Comr. Rubright would like to see a comprehensive summary of the ARB and Landmarks responsibilities. The Commission agreed that proposed projects should go to Landmarks first as its role is more compulsory than ARB. The Commission also suggested that the Landmarks Commission include an insert in utility billing regarding Landmarks and Historic Districts.
- b. **Citizens Comments/Seeking advice** to preserve their historic properties – At the September 9 meeting, deck repair and replacement was approved at 12120 Old Big Bend Road (Landmark #50, William Bopp House/Green Parrot). The owner cannot afford the new deck and now seeks to just fence the back of the lower garage roof to prevent anyone from climbing on top. The Commission suggested that the fence extend the length of the garage.

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