



## KIRKWOOD LANDMARKS COMMISSION MINUTES

**Wednesday, December 9, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.**

**Kirkwood City Hall, Main Level Conference Room**

**Present:** Commissioners Lynn Ansel, Michael Lewis, Robert Rubright, Walter Smith, Jessica Worley, Council Member Paul Ward and Staff Liaison Amy Lowry

**Guests:** Jim Baker of 1015 Barberry Lane, Cynthia Nouri of 411 Clark Avenue, Katie Fleet of 441 Clark Avenue

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

1. **Approval of Minutes** – Motion to approve the November 11, 2015 Meeting Minutes as is by Comr. Rubright, seconded by Comr. Worley and unanimously approved.
2. **Certificates of Appropriateness**
  - a. **Case #15-14, 1015 Barberry Lane** (Landmark #15, Meramec Highlands Grocery Store, Meramec Highlands Historic District) – Extension of existing retaining wall in the backyard to replace a wooden fence. Jim Baker presented information regarding the wall that will run 50', averaging 3.5' high with a maximum height of 4'. The wall will not match the existing exactly but will be constructed of engineered block with a mosaic pattern. Comr. Lewis made a motion to approve the plans for the wall for Case #15-14 as submitted. Comr. Ansel seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
3. **New Business**

**Citizens Comments/Seeking advice** to preserve their historic properties

  - a. The Commission discussed the building of retaining wall at 212 Sugar Creek Ridge where a stone outbuilding still stands from the Hoch Farm. The Commission agreed that because the retaining wall is proposed for the back of the house (and not connected to the outbuilding), the Commission would not formally review it.
  - b. Three homeowners from the East Monroe National Register District discussed with the Commission their concerns regarding the property at 532 Scott Avenue, the clear cutting of trees on the lot, the demolition of the existing home and construction of a new home. The Commission also discussed with the citizens fencing and other changes in the district and the implications of a local historic district. Ms. Lowry explained the petition process and requested that the citizens get in touch with her if they would like to pursue a local district.
4. **Adjourn** – Motion to adjourn at 7:00 p.m. made by Comr. Rubright, seconded by Comr. Ansel and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted by Amy Lowry, Landmarks Liaison