



KIRKWOOD LANDMARKS COMMISSION MINUTES

Wednesday, January 13, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

Kirkwood City Hall, Main Level Conference Room

Present: Commissioners Lynn Andel, Robert Rubright, Walter Smith, Judy Ward Jessica Worley, Council Member Paul Ward and Staff Liaison Amy Lowry

Guests: Mark Scheipeter of Schei Home Building, Ashley Harrison of 419 E. Argonne Drive, and Laura Gier of 236 W. Adams Avenue.

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

1. **Approval of Minutes** – Motion to approve the December 9, 2015 Meeting Minutes as is by Comr. Rubright, seconded by Comr. Andel and unanimously approved.
2. **Certificates of Appropriateness**
 - a. **Case #15-10 Amended, 419 East Argonne Drive** (Landmark #7, Gill House, Jefferson-Argonne Historic District) – minor changes to addition and change garage to two separate garages with a porte cochere and an auto court. Mark Scheipeter presented the changes to the plans from the September 9, 2015 meeting. Homeowner Ashley Harrison said that the attached garage was changed to a detached one due to her desire to maintain the historic integrity of the home and the neighborhood in which detached garages are the norm. The creation of an auto court that will be sloped to drain in the middle will also solve a water runoff issue in the northwest corner of the property. Mr. Scheipeter also reported that Matt Bivens is resubmitting the plans to the State Historic Preservation Office. Ms. Harrison said that HGTV may be interested in reporting on the renovations. Comr. Worley remarked on the slope of the addition. Mr. Scheipeter said that the original roof is 5-6/12 and the garage is 12/12. Comr. Ward made a motion to approve the plans as submitted. Comr. Andel seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The Landmarks Commission thanked Ms. Harrison and Mr. Scheipeter for their efforts to save this Kirkwood Landmark.
3. **New Business**
 - a. **Citizens Comments/Seeking advice** to preserve their historic properties – Ms. Lowry reported that the ARB would review a rear addition to a home at 520 N. Taylor Avenue in the North Taylor Historic District. The 2008 home is noncontributing to the district and the rear addition is not “new construction” under the Landmarks Commission Ordinance. The Commissioners had no comments on the plans.

- b. **Century Homes** – Ms. Lowry reported that she had inquiries in the past on a Century Home program, most recently by Laura Gier. The programs Ms. Lowry had found in other St Louis cities were sponsored by historical societies, not historic preservation commissions, and were fundraisers for the societies. Joe McAvoy of Kirkwood Historical Society is developing such a program and sent Ms. Lowry an example of a proposed plaque. Ms. Gier said that she would get in touch with Mr. McAvoy to assist him. The Commissioners discussed KHS’s efforts to fund the porch renovation at Mudd’s Grove through a Century Home program. Comr. Andel made a motion to endorse the Kirkwood Historical Society’s Century Home program and to help in any way. Comr. Rubright seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
 - c. **March Utility Insert** – The Commissioners discussed the draft utility insert that Ms. Lowry provided and gave her suggestions for changes. The final copy is due February 12. To raise the profile of the Landmarks Commission, Comr. Smith suggested that the Commission get involved in the annual Earth Day celebration in April and Council Member Ward suggested a float in the Greentree Parade in September.
4. **Adjourn** – Motion to adjourn at 7:15 p.m. made by Comr. Ward, seconded by Comr. Andel and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted by Amy Lowry, Landmarks Liaison