



**KIRKWOOD LANDMARKS COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

**Wednesday, February 14, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.  
Kirkwood City Hall, City Council Chambers**

**Present:** Commissioners Lynn Andel, Ryan Molen, Andrew Raimist, Robert Rubright, Walter Smith, and Staff Liaison Amy Lowry

**Guests:** Mark Potthast, Mark and Diane Gorris

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. **Approval of Minutes** – Motion to approve the January 10, 2018 meeting minutes as submitted by Comr. Andel, seconded by Comr. Worley and unanimously approved.
2. **Certificates of Appropriateness**
  - a. **Case #18-02, 219 Orrick Lane** (North Taylor Local and National Register Districts) – Demolition of home. Mark Potthast with Ellie Cade Custom Homes said that he would be taking down the existing home to construct a new Colonial/Georgian style new home that would fit in the neighborhood. Comrs. Andel and Molen questioned whether he had looked into the economics of renovation versus new construction. Comr. Raimist remarked that the North Taylor Historic District is under a lot of stress from redevelopment and the existing home fits in with the surrounding brick Colonial homes. He added that it is the Commission’s mission to preserve homes and promote additions and renovations where feasible. Ms. Lowry stated that the demolition request will be set for Public Hearing at the Commission’s March 14 meeting. In response to the Commission’s request to see the interior of the house, Mr. Potthast said he has a tenant with 5 more months on the lease. Mr. Potthast worked for McBride Homes in Illinois before starting his own business. Currently he has 10 active projects.
  - b. **Case #18-03, 305 N. Harrison Avenue** (Landmark #18, Swan Cottage) – New plans for addition to home. Mark and Diane Gorris presented new addition plans for their home. The Commission discussed wanting more distinction between the two front gables on the existing house and the new proposed addition by lowering the roof and gutters on the addition; distinguishing the new foundation from the old with smooth cut limestone at the top of the rubble stone at the foundation or using less stone by bringing the siding down lower; and using different, perhaps thicker or slightly more decorative, columns on the new sunroom. Mr. Gorris said that he would have his architect prepare the changes and asked if the Commission might be able to meet next week to review to move this project along to the ARB. The Commission agreed to Mr. Gorris’s request and Ms. Lowry said she would coordinate such a meeting.

3. **New Business**

- a. **Citizens Comments/Seeking advice** to preserve their historic properties – Comr. Andel said that she found someone who may be interested in moving the house at 222 E. Argonne and would get back to Commission with a report. Comr. Smith reported on the Plein Air festival scheduled for May 18-20 in the St Louis area.
- b. **Favorite Building Awards** – Ms. Lowry reminded the Commission of the awards scheduled for May 9 at City Hall. To streamline the process, the Commissioners agreed to review photos of nominations rather than visit all of the sites.

4. **Old Business**

- a. **Ordinance Revision** – Comrs. Andel and Raimist reported that they had been meeting with Ms. Lowry and making progress on review of the Ordinance first proposed in 2007.

5. **Adjourn** – Motion to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. made by Comr. Andel, seconded by Comr. Raimist and unanimously approved.