

Oak Park Historic Preservation Commission
ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE
September 23, 2021 Meeting Minutes
Remote Participation Meeting, 7:30 pm

A. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Lou Garapolo and Rachel Will
ABSENT: Noel Weidner
STAFF: Susie Trexler, Historic Preservation Urban Planner

B. AGENDA

Motion by Will to approve the agenda. Second by Garapolo. Motion approved 2-0.

AYE: Garapolo and Will

NAY: None

C. MINUTES

Motion by Will to approve minutes of the August 26, 2021. Second by Garapolo. Motion approved 2-0.

AYE: Garapolo and Will

NAY: None

D. **328 N Cuyler Ave (Da'Mon Wardlow): Certificate of Appropriateness to alter windows on the side elevations (Frank Lloyd Wright-Prairie School of Architecture Historic District).**

Committee member Garapolo introduced the item and Planner Trexler gave a summary. She said the COA is for the window alterations on the side elevations. However, the Committee should also provide recommendations that allow retaining the stained-glass window on the north side while meeting the tempered glass building code requirement for stairways. She said the staff recommendation was to add a tempered glass storm window on the interior or exterior and keep the stained-glass in place.

Da'Mon Wardlow, the homeowner, was present.

Motion by Committee member Will to open for discussion; Second by Committee member Garapolo.

Committee member Will asked for an image of the north façade and it was provided by staff. She said the window changes are fairly minimal and asked if the dormer window will keep the same opening size. Mr. Wardlow said it would be narrowed to one window. Committee member Garapolo asked if it was possible to keep two windows and Mr. Wardlow said it was a size issue, fitting egress.

Committee member Will said an interior storm window for the stained-glass window is a good idea and said to make sure it is ventilated so the art glass isn't damaged. Committee member Garapolo said that is a good solution.

Mr. Wardlow asked if walling off the interior at the stained-glass window would be an option. The Committee agreed walling off the window from the interior would be outside the purview of the Committee and a storm window would not be needed in this case. They recommended consulting the project architect and noted that this may make maintenance of the window difficult.

Committee member Garapolo asked the homeowner to confirm that the stained-glass window will remain, new windows will be composite, the front door will be retained, and there will be no other exterior changes. Mr. Wardlow confirmed.

Motion by Committee member Will to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for the project as proposed. Second by Committee member Garapolo. Motion approved 2-0.

AYE: Garapolo and Will

NAY: None

- E. 332 N Taylor Ave (Love Real Estate Solutions LLC):** Discuss renovation project including a second story addition, restoration of original entrance, and new back deck on a one-story bungalow (Ridgeland-Oak Park Historic District).

Committee member Garapolo introduced the item and Planner Trexler gave a summary.

Jill Sumpf and Oscar Alba, the architect, were present on behalf of the applicant.

Mr. Alba introduced himself and said they are trying to follow the Guidelines and any recommendations that come out of this discussion.

Committee member Will said she likes that they looked at the surrounding bungalows. She asked if they know which side of the porch originally had the front door. Mr. Alba said they won't know until they start removing materials but they are assuming it was the left.

Committee member Will said the setback of the addition is done nicely and picks up several details of the original home. She said the deck is not a concern. Mr. Alba said the rendering of the deck is misleading, the stairs will actually go straight back into the yard.

Committee member Will asked about the materials for the addition and Mr. Alba said the first floor will stay stucco and the second floor will use LP Smartside. The LP Smarside will match the color of the stucco.

Committee member Garapolo asked if the windows will all be new and Ms. Sumpf said they will. She also confirmed that the stone wall will be retained. Committee member Garapolo said he likes the setback and the proportions. He recommended removing the dormer on the addition. Mr. Alba said they have no problem removing the dormer.

Ms. Sumpf asked about the door and sidelights and the Committee agreed they do not have an issue with it as show on the rendering. Committee member Will said to make sure the rendering is accurate for the Commission and materials are labeled.

F. Other Business

None

G. Adjourn

Motion by Garapolo to adjourn. Second by Will. Motion approved 2-0.

AYE: Garapolo and Will

NAY: None

Meeting adjourned at 8:00PM.

Minutes prepared by Susie Trexler, Historic Preservation Urban Planner.