

BOARD, COMMISSION, AND COMMITTEE - MEETING SUMMARY FORM

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE: Historic Preservation Commission
DATE OF MEETING: January 16, 2020
NAMES OF MEMBERS AND STAFF: Members Present: Chair Hutchinson, Robert Furniss, Rick Daspit, Carmen Corbett, Melanie Glass, Tanvi Parikh, Joseph Vitu, and Bob Fogarty Members Absent: Christine Harmon Staff Present: Kate McManus, Planner III Guests: Michael Venechuk, architect of 507 Lake Avenue; Eric and Amy Bauer, owners of 507 Lake Avenue; Susan Benjamin; Connie Casey; Scott Krone; and Ron Scherubel
AGENDA ITEM- MEETING MINUTES FROM July 10, 2019 The meeting minutes from July 10, 2019 were approved as submitted. Motion to approve by Commissioner Furniss and seconded by Commissioner Parikh
AGENDA ITEM- CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FOR A CERTIFICATION OF APPROPRIATENESS FOR A REAR ADDITION, RECONSTRUCTION OF AN ENTRY WALL AND MINOR EXTERIOR REPAIRS TO THE LOCAL LANDMARK AT 507 LAKE AVENUE Mr. Venechuk introduced the petition stating the intent of the project was to create a more functional kitchen at the rear of the residence and to repair some deteriorated areas of the exterior. He clarified that there are 3 leaded glass windows that will be removed as a result of the addition, but that they will be safely stored in the event that a future owner wishes to reinstall them. He added that all materials will match existing and that he is looking into sourcing cypress wood to match the existing trim. He explained that the kitchen will work within the existing footprint of the home and that the lower level will be converted into a family room. The owners confirmed that they intend to use the property tax assessment freeze to help recoup the cost of the substantial rehabilitation. Motion to recommend to the Village Board to grant a Certificate of Appropriateness for a rear addition, reconstruction of an entry wall and minor exterior repairs to the local landmark provided they find the proposed scope of work meets the Secretary of Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation and the standards set forth in the Wilmette Historic Preservation Ordinance by Commissioner Vitu and seconded by Commissioner Furniss. The Commission voted unanimously to recommend approval.
AGENDA ITEM- SIGNATURE STRUCTURES REPORT Ms. McManus stated that a demolition request was received for 1925 Wilmette Avenue, the former American Legion Hall.
AGENDA ITEM - OLD BUSINESS Ms. McManus noted that the annual HPC Awards are planned for May of this year and the Commission discussed how best to solicit nominations. She stated that she will begin working on the National Register nomination for the Village Center this spring.
PUBLIC COMMENT – Mr. Scherubel expressed his support for the project and stated that the Frank Lloyd Wright Building Conservancy is thrilled with the proposed plans. Mr. Krone stated that he is in full support of the project. Ms. Benjamin stated that the plans meet the Secretary of Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation and that she is happy the owners are taking advantage of the tax freeze. Ms. Casey commended the architect and owners for the sensitive addition.
DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING: TBD
PERSON PREPARING SUMMARY: Kate McManus, Planner III

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