

Oak Park Historic Preservation Commission
ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE
January 28, 2021 Meeting Minutes
Remote Participation Meeting, 7:00 pm

A. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Committee Members Lou Garapolo and Noel Weidner
ABSENT: Sandra Carr
STAFF: Susie Trexler, Historic Preservation Urban Planner

B. AGENDA

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

AYE: Garapolo and Weidner

NAY: None

C. MINUTES

Motion by Garapolo to approve minutes of the December 1, 2020. Second by Weidner. Motion approved 2-0.

AYE: Garapolo and Weidner

NAY: None

D. HPC2021-3: 547 N Marion St (Kate O’Keefe and Adam Wojtowicz): Certificate of Appropriateness to alter windows on both side elevations near the rear of the existing building (Frank Lloyd Wright-Prairie School of Architecture Historic District).

Committee member Weidner introduced the project. Planner Trexler gave a summary.

Drew Nelson, the architect, was present. He explained the project, including that the two windows will be the same design as historic windows.

Committee member Garapolo said the design looks appropriate. He said he likes the way the addition is handled and he has no problems with the windows. Committee member Weidner agreed. He asked about the material and Mr. Nelson confirmed they will be clad wood Andersen windows.

Committee member Garapolo made a motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for the project as proposed. Second by Committee member Weidner. Approved 2-0.

AYE: Garapolo and Weidner

NAY: None

E. 641 N Grove Ave (Brad Klein): Discuss proposed rear addition (Frank Lloyd Wright-Prairie School of Architecture Historic District).

Committee member Weidner introduced the project. Planner Trexler gave a summary.

The architect, Drew Nelson, and the homeowner, Madeleine Klein, were present. Mr. Nelson explained the project and said there will be a small mudroom addition to the side as well. He said the mudroom will be more modern but will keep the existing materials. He said the roof of the rear addition will be a little higher than the peak of the existing roof.

Committee member Garapolo asked about the solar panels. Mr. Nelson said the owner is interested in solar panels but the pitch of the roof is shallow enough that you won't be able to see them from the street. Committee member Garapolo asked about the materials on the rear addition. Mr. Nelson said the house has wood clapboard siding with stucco above. He said the siding on the back will be wider than 3 inches and the siding line between the clapboard and stucco was changed to avoid the addition looking top-heavy. Committee member Garapolo said he understands. He said it looks good and he does not have any concerns.

Committee member Weidner said he appreciates the renderings. He said he likes the idea of not disturbing the original roof structure; this differentiates new from old. He said the materials should be called out on the elevations and it should be shown how the new windows will interface with existing windows. Committee member Weidner said he does not have a problem with the scale. Committee member Garapolo said the materials will probably be discussed and it is hard to tell what is existing versus what is proposed in the current renderings. Mr. Nelson said he will provide elevations as it will be easier to see the height that way as well. He confirmed that the siding on the mudroom will match the house.

F. Other Business

None

G. Adjourn

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

AYE: Garapolo and Weidner

NAY: None

Meeting adjourned at 7:20PM.

Minutes prepared by Susie Trexler, Historic Preservation Urban Planner.