

Arlington Historical Commission  
Minutes for the Meeting of  
Tuesday, 7 July 2015  
Whittemore-Robbins House, 7:45 p.m.

1. Call to Order: Commissioners Dianne Schaefer and Eric Stange, Chairman, presiding, JoAnn Robinson
2. Review of minutes: Reviewed the minutes from June 2, 2015. Minutes are accepted with minor revisions.
3. Communications Received:
  - a. Communication from Housing Corporation about request to renovate 20 Westminster Avenue. The Commission sent a letter of support.
  - b. Letter regarding the installation of antennae at 302 Massachusetts Ave. Calvary Church is on the National Historic registry. The Commission needs to comment on this.
  - c. Callers concerned about the demolition of houses in Arlington should contact the planning department.

Hearing: 8:00pm

Mr. Clifton Fonstad presented plans to replace the garage at 61 Brantwood Road. He shared pictures of the existing conditions that show excessive rotting and how the hill has overtaken it. His proposal is to tear down the existing garage and raise the foundation 1.5-2 feet. This will get the superstructure off the ground and allow for easier maintenance. He would also like to build it with less of a peak. The windows on the garage will match those on the house 6 over 1. The garage currently does not have a door as this was broken and removed. He would like to add a wooden pull down door. Mr. Fonstad did ask for suggestions regarding the type of door to install. Shakes on the house and shakes on the garage to match the existing. The trim will match what is there. The door in the back would be taller. There were concerns regarding the door. It was suggested that we could leave that open and under the jurisdiction of the monitor and reopen the hearing if needed.

Motion offered by Eric Stange.

Motion: The AHC will accept the proposal as presented to rebuild with windows, siding and roofing to match house. Changes to siding, window trim and front door to be determined with the supervision of the monitor. Raise elevation by 20 inches. All in favor. Eric Stange will be the monitor.

Discussion with Mike Siripong from 112 Westmoreland Street.

He has plans to replace windows on the second story with more efficient type. The current windows are very distinctive. It was suggested that he replace the screens and storms and the Commissions recommendation is to preserve the wooden windows. They suggested restoration of the windows and to look at the Cambridge Historical Commission website that has information about window restoration.

Discussion with Dan Winkler from 252 Gray Street

Plans:

1. Expand the house in the back that would also expand part of the side façade.
2. Restore windows.

The Commissioners would like to see drawings and then comment on the changes.

4. Reports of other Town Boards and Historical Organizations:
  - a. Arlington Preservation Fund (Guthrie, Schaefer)- Nothing to report.
  - b. Arlington Historical Society (Meister)- No report.
  - c. Arlington Historic Districts Commission-No report.
  - d. Tourism and Economic Development (Robinson)- No report.
5. Historical Commission FY 2016 Budget – Motion made to pay Eric Stange at least \$100 to reimburse him. Dianne Schaefer made the motion and JoAnn Robinson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All in favor. Commissioner Stange will give us a receipt.
6. Projects Proceeding under Hearings and Approvals:
  - a. Whittemore Robbins House Cottage 6/13 Robinson - Nothing to report.
  - b. 41 Kensington Road 9/13 Guthrie- Nothing to report.
  - c. 246 Park Ave 12/13 Guthrie- Nothing to report.
  - d. 64 Park Street 5/14 Robinson- Nothing to report.
  - e. 129 Lake Street 12/13 Schaefer- Nothing to report.
  - f. 1173 Massachusetts Avenue 11/14 Guthrie- Nothing to report.
  - g. 18 Robin Hood Road 3/15 Robinson- Nothing to report.
  - h. 38 Kensington Park 5/15 Stange-Nothing to report.
  - i. 163 Park Avenue 6/15 Guthrie-siding removed and shingles are not in bad shape. Has found some decorative details shingled all the way down. Will match shingles . Need information about the trim. Dianne Schaefer will write Patrick Guthrie a memo to see if he has seen a house with this similar situation.
7. Continuing Projects
  - a. Whittemore Robbins House (and outbuildings): Robinson – Nothing to report.
  - b. Arlington Civic Block Garden: Robinson – Nothing to report.
  - c. Education/Outreach: Robinson – Nothing to report.

- d. Historic House Markers: 82 Wollaston Road requesting a sign. Ed Hodges should write about the history of the house with supporting sources to verify. We need to contact him regarding signage.
- e. Town Hall: Nothing to report.
- f. Web Site: Stange – Nothing to report.

8. Old Business-

9. New Business- Hearing next month at 8pm regarding Mirak Outbuildings. The Arlington Historical Commission meeting adjourned at 9:09pm

The next Arlington Historical Commission meeting will be August 11, 2015.

For the Arlington Historical Commission, Victoria Rose, Recording Secretary.