

Arlington Historical Commission  
Minutes for the Meeting of  
2 November 2021  
Remote Participation Meeting, 7:30pm

1. Call to Order: Commissioners Pamela Meister, Eric Stange, Dianne Schaefer, Michael Gervais and Chair, JoAnn Robinson.
2. Review of protocols for remote meetings and hearings.
3. Communications:
  - a. The Massachusetts Avenue Fire Station has informed JoAnn Robinson that plans are in place to replace damaged stone pieces around the firehouse doors. This repair has been approved.
  - b. Message received regarding the plans for signage at the Whittemore Park. JoAnn Robinson is following up.
4. Discussions and Hearings:

**7:35pm Formal Hearing for 15 Davis Street.** The hearing was cancelled.

**7:45pm Formal Hearing for 10 Endicott Road** with homeowners Jeffrey and Julie Moffett.

Plans were presented to replace 41 windows due to disrepair to trim and glazing. They would also prefer more energy efficient windows. Replacement windows are the Anderson 400 series Woodwright windows. The current windows are 4/4 and 6/6. The proposal is to install 4/1 and 6/1. Based on the information presented, the Commissioners would like the owners to look into restoration of the existing windows, the use of more modern exterior storm windows. The owners need to share pictures of the damaged windows, and share what the new windows look like. This hearing will be continued on December 7, 2021.

**8:00pm Formal Hearing for 129 Lake Street (Center for Jewish Life)** with Rabbi Avi Buklet and Luna Buklet, homeowners.

Plans were presented to replace all of the windows on the first floor of the house. The condition of the windows was discussed. Many are hard to open and have cracks. Due to prior situations at this residence, increased security is also a concern. The plan is to replace 18 double hung windows and six picture windows with Anderson 400 Series Woodwright windows. There is also a plan to install fiberglass half screens, a new front door, and to infill one window between the porch and the living room.

It was determined that further discussion and information is required to make a decision.

This hearing will be continued on December 7, 2021.

**8:15pm Formal Hearing for 121 Brattle Street** with Carl Dumas and Susan Driscoll, homeowner.

Plans for the 1940 Cape style house include adding two gable dormers on the front roof, replace current vinyl windows with Harvey windows, remove the existing siding and replace it with Cedar Impressions natural driftwood color with 7” exposure that matches the current dimensions of the original siding.

Motion made by Commissioner Stange to approve the proposed plan with the condition that the contractor and the homeowner work closely with the monitor to resolve any outstanding issues, one being the design of the windows in the new gables.

2nded by Dianne Schaefer.

A roll call vote was taken.

One Commissioner voted against the motion. One Commissioner abstained. Three Commissioners voted in favor. The motion was approved.

Commissioner Stange will be the monitor for 121 Brattle Street.

**8:30pm Formal Hearing continued for 36 Orvis Road** with homeowner Sergio Buttarò.

An investigation was done to determine what is currently under the siding and pictures were shared. It was found that there is no other siding under the current 7” siding. It was recommended by the Historical Commission to install siding with the same 7” dimension as the existing. Plan to strip the house and use CertainTeed Cedar Impressions to replace the current shingles.

Preservation of the wood trim around the windows, fascia, soffits, the belt, and the details around the eaves is recommended. Preserve the wooden details that are decorative. Maintain the details on the front of the house and the soffits around the top of the house.

Commissioner Schaefer made the motion to replace the siding with the CertainTeed Cedar Impressions shingles with the 7” depth and preserve wood trim on the windows and woodwork on the front. The monitor will work with the owner and will approve any materials (e.g. AZEK, etc.) that are proposed to be used.

The motion was 2nded by Commissioner Gervais.

A roll call vote was taken and all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Commissioner Robinson and Commissioner Schaefer will be the monitors for the project.

**9:00pm Continued Formal Hearing for 821 Massachusetts Avenue** with Attorney Robert Annese. Geoffrey Noyes, owner, Philip Randall, contractor and Monte French, architect.

Mr. Annese shared information from recent ARB presentation. The ARB did indicate a preference and stated that input from the Historical Commission will also be considered in the final decision.

Monte French shared two concepts that are being proposed for 821 Massachusetts Avenue.

Concept One: Reusing the current house with five housing units.

Concept Two: Demolish the house and replicate features of the house and build a new structure with commercial space and six housing units and one affordable housing unit.

Commissioners would like to have the house preserved. They would consider a proposal to move the house closer to Massachusetts Avenue and have an addition built on the back of the house. There is currently a compatible relationship between the house and the church beside it. The 2009 proposal was to build an addition on the back of the house.

Philip Randall (contractor) reported that the house will be resided with cedar shingles, replace window trim, and install windows. Materials to be used are A Extra's Sanded Face, 18" rebuted and rejointed sidewall shingles with a 7" exposure, 1 x5 trim corner boards to match existing profile, windows will be custom made, Coastal Industries Inc. storm windows. Materials will be ordered with the Commission's approval.

Commissioner Gervais has requested that a timeline be presented for work that will be done on the front and sides of the house before the next meeting.

Comments were heard from Don Seltzer, a community attendee.

Commissioner Gervais made a motion to approve materials for the siding, color to be determined by the owner, to be installed on the front and sides of the house, corner boards placed as discussed and to put boards on the windows as discussed. Approve the style of the wood windows and have the design of the windows reviewed by the Commissioners before the order is placed to ensure that they meet the details of the previous windows. All repairs to existing wood and soffits be reviewed with the monitor. Downspouts to be replaced with like materials and style. The front door, leaded glass windows be preserved and the side porch door be replaced. Request that the window designs be available for review at the November 10 meeting. To secure the property, the owner will use a vinyl siding to secure the back of the house.

The motion was 2nded by Commissioner Meister.

An amendment was added to have a generator to provide electricity so that the security system can be installed.

The motion was 2nded by Commissioner Meister.

A roll call vote was taken and all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

**9:20pm continued formal hearing for 2-4-6 Court Street Place** with Attorney John Leone, owner, Sid Gehlot, and Michael Ciampa, Interim Director of the Building Department.

A memorandum was received by the owner of the property from the Historical Commission on November 1 and the points were discussed at the meeting.

Restoration requests: Restore front porch to original, install original front doors, railings, posts and trim, stairs and decking. Install exterior mullions on existing new windows to match the original style. Restore the side porch details to match the original, including railings and post to match the original, replicating the ceiling, fascia and skirt boards. Restore the belt course between the first floor and the second floor. Restore the clapboards on the front and side bay windows, corbels under the roof, side porches, and molding around the windows. Restore some of the closed windows on the sides and solve the problem of the new large basement windows

Mr. Gehlot has worked with his carpenter about the plans to restore the belt course, install trim around the windows, and add details beneath the front and side bay windows. The use of a railing and fence for the wells created by the new large basement windows was also discussed. A plan is in place for the monitor to meet onsite with the homeowner, carpenter, sider and Michael Ciampa to finalize plans for the corbels, skirt, fence or railing around basement windows, the window at the back of the house and other details. The plans for the side porch restoration will be put on hold until the Zoning Board has made a decision.

Commissioner Meister made a motion to approve the plans as discussed with the exception of plans for the side porches which has to wait for the Zoning Board approval and the windows on the back of the house, which will be handled by the monitor. Commissioner Schaefer seconded the motion

A roll call vote was taken and all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

5. Old Business: Commissioner Meister, along with Joann Robinson and Jim Feeney picked a spot for Bob Botterio's Jefferson Elm tree. It was planted this week. A date for the ceremony is still to be determined when Bob's sister has picked a date that she can attend.

The Arlington Historical Commission adjourned at 12:00am on November 3, 2021.  
The next Arlington Historical Commission meeting will be November 10, 2021  
for the Arlington Historical Commission, Victoria Rose, Recording Secretary.