

Abondale Estates

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Monday, October 5, 2009 – 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Members Present: Jim Glover, Chairman
Doug Leckband
Chris Kingsbury
Patrick O'Connor
Todd Pullen (arrived at 7:05 p.m.)

Staff Present: Juliette Sims-Owens, City Clerk
Monica Callahan, Consultant

Item 1. Meeting called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Chairman Glover

Item 2. Approval of Minutes
➤ **September 9, 2009 - Regular Meeting**

A motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Patrick O'Connor, seconded by Doug Leckband; passed with all ayes (5-0).

Item 3. Old Business
➤ **10 Fairfield Drive (Sears):** Alternative exterior treatment with a frame roofline

A motion to move the application for 10 Fairfield Drive to the end of agenda was made by Todd Pullen, seconded by Patrick O'Connor passed with all ayes (5-0).

Item 4. New Business:
➤ **37 Berkeley Road (Kerner/Waters):** Backyard: flagstone path, stone seat wall, stone vegetable garden/planter, recirculating water feature

Applicant, Ted Waters noted that he took down a large magnolia tree and that is where the planter in the front will go and it will be a maximum of 30 inches tall or lower.

Public Comment: None

A motion to approve the application as submitted for 37 Berkeley Road was made by Chris Kingsbury, seconded by Todd Pullen; passed with all ayes (5-0).

- **35 Fairfield Drive (Cooper):** Fence backyard (*fence already installed*) and install shed

Applicants Ed & Alison Cooper noted that they are new residents to Avondale and was unaware of the HPC guidelines when they installed the fence. Applicant stated that the fence on one side exceeds the height limit due to the retaining wall and if they lower it the dog could get out. Applicant noted that he consulted with his neighbor and they did not have a problem with the fence they went with the same chainlink as the neighbor.

Board noted that visibility of the fence from the street is low and once the ivy starts going you should not see it all.

Applicant stated that they also want to install a storage shed in the backyard because they do not have anywhere to store items in their carport. Applicant noted that the shed will have a wood floor.

Consultant Callahan recommended a lap siding that goes horizontal for the shed instead of plywood that goes vertical and a gable roof which will be more compatible with Avondale's district.

Public Comment:

Alana Graves, 28 Fairfield Drive noted that she did not think the fence was appropriate to Avondale; it is too high and looks like it is commercial. Ms. Graves noted that if the commission does allow it then it should be camouflaged in some way with shrubs, ivy, etc.

Chris Kingsbury noted that the fence is new and it does shine but over time the galvanized fences tend to get dull. Chris also noted that it is a matter of time before the ivy takes over and the applicant could place a large shrub at the front to hide it.

Chairman Glover noted that if they spray paint the gate part black you won't be able to see it all and leave the side the way it is.

A motion to approve the application as presented for 35 Fairfield Drive was made by Chris Kingsbury with the recommendation that the fence is spray painted and a large shrub is placed in front of it, seconded by Todd Pullen; passed with all ayes (5-0).

➤ **33 Covington Road (Vestal):** Fence backyard

Public Comment: None

A motion to approve the application as presented for 33 Covington Road was made by Todd Pullen, seconded by Patrick O'Connor; passed with all ayes (5-0).

➤ **10 Fairfield Drive (Sears):** Alternative exterior treatment with a frame roofline

Applicants Tim and Annie Sears noted that they did not like the clipped roof that they were approved for at the September 2009 meeting and were here tonight to submit a revised roofline and a more Tudor style. Applicant submitted revised drawings.

Consultant Callahan and two board members discussed there concerns over the scale of the home.

Public Comment: None

A motion to approve the application as resubmitted with the revised roofline for 10 Fairfield Drive was made by Chris Kingsbury; seconded by Doug Leckband; passed with all ayes (3-2).

Item 5. Other items deemed appropriate for discussion.

Item 6. Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn at 7:46 p.m. was made by Patrick O'Connor, seconded by Chris Kingsbury; passed with all ayes (5-0).

Next scheduled HPC meeting will be:

November 2, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Applications due Friday, October 16, 2009 12:00 Noon