

February 16, 2023

City of Summit Historic Preservation Commission Minutes 2/15/23

Meeting began on time at 7:00 PM in the Conference Room at City Hall

Attendance:

Present - Brandon Righi, James Burgmeyer, Caroline King, Mary Malloy, Michael Digeronimo, Susan Brady.

In Attendance via Telephone - Jennifer Balson-Alvarez

Guests Present - Tom Conway, Bobby Pawlowski.

Not In Attendance - Jessica Ekmekjian, Meredith Gaylord, Susan Hairston.

James Burgmeyer made Motion to approve minutes from 1/18/23 – Motion approved.

Advisory Review 47 Parkview

HPC Findings: Consistent with existing home, no additional comments.

Advisory Review 14 Franklin Place

HPC Findings: Located in the important historic Northside district adjacent to the important historic Hobart district. One of the two proposed units will be visible from the street. Plans should be resubmitted to the City of Summit with a complete list of appropriate building materials as per “Design & Preservation Guidelines for Historic Properties in the City of Summit”. No aluminum or vinyl siding should be permitted, stonework should consist of real stone and materials should be returned back on the first unit visible from the street (plans show unfinished border inconsistent with historic guidelines). Special attention should be given to first unit since that is the unit visible from the street.

Advisory Review 64 Canoe Brook Parkway

HPC Findings: An improved design with complete list of external building materials should be resubmitted to City of Summit. The HPC suggested that this be resubmitted with a design that aligns with the DRO guidelines. Variance for side yard and variance for building coverage would enhance proposed “Massing Style”.

Advisory Review 26 Edgewood

HPC Findings: Located in Northside Historic District. Proposed patio in rear of property is not visible from the street. Commission has no comment.

Advisory Review 46 Hartley

HPC Findings: Work being done is in the rear of the property and not visible from the street. HPC approves of the design and has no additional comment.

Jennifer Alvarez encouraged HPC to consider a follow up letter to Christine due to the uptick in the destruction of significant historic homes throughout Summit. Jennifer reminded the HPC Board that the text of DOA requires compliance with Appendix A and

the delay in approval is quickly reducing inventory of Summit's historic properties. Discussion about ways to accelerate the adoption of HPC ordinance. Task of protecting Summit's historic homes from demolition is currently left to local realtors and architects who try to educate new owners about the significance.

Motion to adjourn by Caroline King approved at 8:23 PM. –Submitted by Susan Brady