

**COMMISSION OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW
MEETING OF APRIL 28, 2011**

Members Present

Fred Meder
Susan Stilwell
Jeffrey Carson
Seth Land
Richard Morris
Cynthia Castle
Robin Crews

Members Absent

Staff

Renee Blair
Clarke Whitfield
Emily Scolpini
Christy Taylor

Vice Chairman, Jeffrey Carson called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

Ms. Blair stated the applicant will not be here. She is a teacher in Maryland and lives in D.C., so what you have before you I have minimal type questions that I can answer; but she is not going to attend. She is unable to attend.

I. ITEMS FOR PUBLIC HEARING

Item 1. Certificate of Appropriateness PLCAR20110000134, at 848 Green Street to complete the following:

- *Remove side window to create a door opening*
- *Install window on second floor*
- *Construct walkway from front to side of house*

Mr. Carson stated I would like the staff to explain what the issues are and what the applicant has requested.

Mr. Meder arrived at 3:32 p.m.

Ms. Blair stated there are three (3) items. I have tried to break it down, so we can look at them. Number one (1), is to remove a side window. I hope you guys have gone by the property. You can see through the picture that she has provided that there is a side window on street level of the property. She wants to take that out and include a door there. She wants to create that as a handicap accessible entry to the property. The second (2nd) item is to install a window on the second (2nd) floor. There was one (1) there that is obvious. It is real apparent that there was at one (1) time. The window that she is planning to install will mimic the one (1) below.

Mr. Carson asked does the window exist?

Ms. Blair responded it is in the house.

Mr. Carson asked is it in storage?

Ms. Blair responded yes. She said that there is a window in the home that she found.

Mr. Morris stated she just wants to put that one (1) back.

Ms. Blair stated she just wants to put it back. The third (3rd) item is to construct a walkway. She is going to fork off of the existing concrete walkway that goes to the front entry to go to the side entry to make that accessible.

Mr. Carson stated I have a couple of questions. I think you have answered the one (1) about the window. The door should be ambiguous as to what opposing materials and design. Do you have any more information on that?

Ms. Blair responded she wanted to do a full glass entry way door. She also said that there is a solid wood door on site that is original to the house. She would be willing to do that if that is something that would appease the Board.

Mr. Carson asked the solid glass door, would that be wood framing?

Ms. Blair responded yes. I have discussed with her that windows and doors would need to be wood framed.

Mr. Carson stated as far as the walk is concerned, its precise location would be going to that front door I would guess.

Ms. Blair stated yes.

Mr. Carson asked would it be going against the house, away from the house? Will there be a buffer between the house and the walkway?

Ms. Blair responded she did not give specifics other than a walkway and a small ramp to come from that second (2nd) entry to get into the door.

Mr. Morris asked that is a second (2nd) issue. What is the ramp going to look like? Did she propose anything for that?

Ms. Blair responded as far as I know she is looking at just a concrete ramp. She is not completely sold on the ramp anymore than just a small step because it is not but maybe six (6) inches. She feels that anyone could use that unless of course they were wheel chair bound.

Mr. Carson stated she would not need railing for that.

Mrs. Stilwell asked do they need an ADA entrance?

Ms. Blair responded no. There are members of her family that have some mobility issues. I do not think they are wheel chair bound. This is something that she wants to provide for them just to have accessibility.

Mr. Morris stated my concern would be that if she puts a door there, the door is going to be a lot lower than the window. There may have to be a transom above the door. If you look at the picture, there is a window right next to it and they should be the same height. She would have to build a transom to match door and window heights.

Ms. Blair stated that can certainly be in your motion.

Mr. Whitfield stated if you want to require that it does need to be in your motion.

Mr. Carson stated if it has a transom that would allow some light into that hall or whatever it is. She would not need to have a glass door. There could be a solid door. If it had a transom, a glass door would look strange.

Mrs. Stilwell asked what about a full glass wood framed storm door with a solid wood door behind it? Would that look too strange? In nice weather she could open the wood door and just have a storm door.

Mr. Carson stated that sounds possible.

Mr. Meder stated the storm door acts like a storm window. I do not see any problem with that. Why don't we include that in the motion.

Mrs. Stilwell stated a solid wood door and then a storm door with full glass.

Mr. Meder stated yes, full glass.

Mr. Morris stated the only issue with that is if you have got a handicap access you have that storm door pulling out toward you. It is kind of defeating the purpose. I would certainly put that in there as an option that she can have that. I do not know if you want to make that mandatory because that is going to be a little opposite of what she is trying to achieve here.

Mrs. Stilwell asked will the door to the house have to open out or will it open in?

Mr. Morris responded the door will open in. The storm door would obviously open up.

Mr. Land stated I think by law it has to open in.

Mr. Meder stated I thought it was the other way for commercial. It has to open out.

Mr. Carson stated thank you. I do not care one (1) way or the other. We can give that as an option.

Mr. Morris stated and that the trim would match existing trim.

Mr. Carson stated I guess we have to address this one (1) thing at a time.

Mr. Meder now presided over the meeting.

Mr. Meder asked where are we in the meeting?

Mr. Carson responded there is only one (1) item.

Mr. Meder asked did we call the roll?

Ms. Blair responded yes.

Mr. Meder asked did you include me?

Mr. Whitfield stated you are on the item and the applicant is a school teacher in Maryland, therefore she did not show up.

Mr. Meder stated ok. I am sorry I have on sunglasses, but I have a major migraine. The light is too glaring. It is killing me. The first (1st) item on the agenda is to discuss removal of the side window to create a door opening. We are going to take each one of these separately, right?

Mrs. Stilwell responded I think it would be better.

Mr. Meder stated we need a motion on item A.

Mr. Morris stated I make a motion.

Mr. Meder asked are you making a motion on the side window to the door?

Mr. Morris responded on the second (2nd) floor window, sure.

Mr. Meder stated no. It is the removal of a side window to create a door opening.

Mr. Carson stated you have the ideas.

Mr. Morris stated I make a motion that we approve that with the stipulation that there is a transom above the door, so that the original height of that window remains the same with the new door.

Mrs. Stilwell stated and that she use the existing solid wood door.

Mr. Morris stated I do not know. First (1st) of all, you do not know what that door looks like. I think she could go either way with that.

Mrs. Stilwell stated we want to tell her what kind of door.

Mr. Morris stated I guess she either wants to put like a nine (9) light door is what I understand, full glass door.

Mr. Carson stated she has an existing door that she could use. Is that right?

Ms. Blair responded as far as any other design, I do not know. It is a solid wood door.

Mr. Meder asked are we talking about clarification on the motion now?

Mrs. Stilwell responded yes.

Ms. Blair stated her original request is a full glass, not a nine (9) light, a full glass door no division.

Mr. Morris stated this is two (2) different things.

Mr. Meder stated yes, I know. We need a motion. The motion will be specific to what we are trying to accomplish.

Mr. Morris stated ok. I guess the motion would be that we approve the side entrance door provided that the height remains the same as the existing window, which means adding a transom above the door.

Mr. Carson asked what about molding?

Mr. Morris responded existing trim will match.

Ms. Blair asked no preference on the type of door?

Mr. Morris asked can we put that as a separate motion?

Mr. Meder responded it is all in that same one (1). That is the first (1st) part of the motion.

Mr. Morris stated I would say that we would have to see the door to approve it. I mean we are approving some arbitrary door that she has. We do not even know what it looks like.

Mr. Carson stated if she could provide a photograph of the door that would be very helpful.

Mr. Meder asked do the rules state that it has to be like type material, so a wooden door would qualify?

Mrs. Stilwell responded as long as it is a solid wood door that does not have any panels.

Mr. Meder a modern wood door.

Mrs. Stilwell stated I am reluctant to approve just any wood door to go in that opening because it is going to be visible from the street. It is going to look terrible if it is not the right door.

Mr. Land asked what if we approve what the staff recommended, which is a solid wood design without elaborate ornamentation?

Mr. Carson responded a solid door, not hollow core. She has got this thing in her basement leaning up against the wall someplace. I am certain that it is not going to be a hollow core door. I think it is appropriate to state that.

Mrs. Stilwell stated a solid wood door without elaborate ornamentation.

Mr. Meder asked ok that is part B. Part C of this, are we going to allow her to do a storm door?

Mrs. Stilwell responded I think we could allow her to do a full glass storm door.

Mr. Meder stated full glass storm door and that concludes the motion. Do you want to read that back?

Ms. Blair asked is that a wood storm door? Is that a stipulation?

Ms. Taylor responded full glass storm door.

Ms. Blair asked right, but wood frame?

Mrs. Stilwell responded wood framed, full glass storm door. We would allow that. That gives her the option of opening the interior door when the weather is nice and getting the light in; but security wise I would not want to have.

Mr. Whitfield stated since we have a motion on the floor, maybe we could read it back and then we will still need a second.

Mr. Meder stated that is what I would like to do. I would like for Christy to read the motion, because we have been working on this motion for five (5) minutes.

Ms. Taylor stated I have basically to approve the removal of side window to create a door opening with the installation of a transom above the door to match the original height. The trim must match the existing

trim and it has to be a solid wood door without elaborate ornamentation. She has the option of a full glass storm door with a wood frame.

Mrs. Stilwell stated I will second that.

Mrs. Crews stated you did a good job.

Mr. Meder asked do we have any more questions? Do I have to close it?

Mr. Whitfield responded no, we did not have a public hearing because she was not here. All we have to do is call the roll.

Mr. Meder stated oh, incidentally by the way Clarke does this for the Mayor. "Mr. Mayor now you need to close the meeting." I was there. I saw it. I do not feel so bad anymore.

Mr. Morris made a motion to approve the removal of side window to create a door opening with the installation of a transom above the door to match the original window height. The trim must match the existing trim of the house. The door has to be a solid wood door without elaborate ornamentation with the option of a full glass storm door with a wood frame. Mrs. Stilwell seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Mrs. Stilwell stated I would move that she be allowed to install an existing window that matches the other windows on site where a window had previously existed.

Mr. Meder asked isn't she taking a window out?

Mrs. Stilwell responded no, she is going to install a window on the second (2nd) floor in a location proposed by the applicant. The wood window must be identical in size and style to the one (1) beneath it.

Mr. Meder asked do they all curve on the top?

Mr. Morris asked now wait a minute. Do you want that window to be the same width as the door below it?

Mr. Carson responded there is no door below it.

Mr. Morris stated ok, never mind.

Mr. Carson stated I understand that she has the window already. There had been a window at the beginning that has been blocked. She is re-installing a window that had been taken out. I do not know that there is anything to question about that.

Mr. Meder stated there is. Typically in these Queen Anne homes, the lower windows would be and I am going to go out on a limb here and say eighty (80) inches. The upper windows would be seventy-two (72) inches tall.

Mr. Morris asked isn't this the window that was there?

Mr. Meder responded well, we are assuming that. We need to make her aware of the height differentials because if she goes in there with the eighty (80) inch window to try and fit it in the seventy-two (72) inch opening then the window trim, like Morris was trying to do with the transom, is not going to match up with the other existing windows. It is called false perspective. We are trying to make the building look

taller by putting a slightly shorter window up on the next story. We just need to make her aware of that in doing this.

Mr. Carson stated the motion can be.

Mr. Morris stated if it is in the existing opening, then it should be that way.

Mr. Carson stated what Fred is saying is that the window could have come from the first (1st) floor opening meaning that would be longer than the second (2nd) floor.

Mr. Morris stated we could say as long as that window is the same height.

Mr. Carson stated as the second (2nd) floor windows.

Mr. Meder stated on the front of the house at least.

Mr. Morris stated on any adjacent windows, so that it is no taller than any of the second (2nd) story existing windows.

Mr. Meder stated I did not know how to say that, that is why I put it out there.

Mrs. Stilwell stated I will move that she be allowed to re-install the window. It has to be the same width and height of the second (2nd) floor windows.

Mr. Morris stated no, it has to be the same height. The width has to match the one (1) below it.

Mr. Whitfield stated can I suggest rather than saying re-install since you do not know what kind of window she can construct a window on the second (2nd) floor that matches the existing second (2nd) floor windows. If you say re-install, you do not want her to put an eighty (80) inch in a seventy-two (72) inch space.

Mr. Land stated I do not see anything in here that says that she has an existing window to re-install.

Mr. Morris stated it would have to match the height of the second (2nd) floor windows, but the width of the window below it.

Mrs. Stilwell stated I will take that modification.

Mr. Whitfield stated that is your original motion, but nobody seconded (2nd) it.

Mr. Carson asked can we have that read back?

Ms. Taylor stated she can install a window on the second (2nd) floor that is identical in size and style to those windows on the second (2nd) floor in height, but also identical to the width on the window below it.

Mr. Carson stated second.

Mr. Meder asked are there any more questions?

Mrs. Stilwell made a motion to approve the installation of a window on the second (2nd) floor that is identical in height to the existing windows on the second (2nd) floor and identical in width to the window below it. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Mr. Meder stated to construct a walkway from the front to the side of the house.

Mr. Carson stated staff is recommending that the concrete match the existing walkway from the front of the house to the sidewalk. Is that correct?

Ms. Blair responded yes.

Mr. Carson stated we do not know quite where that walkway is going to be with respect to the house. We know it is going to hit the new door, but we do not know where it starts.

Mr. Meder stated it says from the front of the house, so I imagine they are going to go three (3) foot off of the front steps maybe and curve around.

Mr. Carson stated I would like to have a landscape buffer.

Mr. Meder stated yes, that is why I am saying three (3) foot.

Mr. Morris stated well, the steps come way up so what we could say is that it starts at the foot of the steps leaving a natural buffer between the sidewalk and the house running parallel to the front of the house before turning and then running parallel to the side of the house.

Mr. Meder asked do we want to see that in right angles or do we want to see that in curvilinear?

Mr. Morris responded curvilinear.

Mr. Carson asked what does staff say?

Ms. Blair responded to begin at the foot of the steps with a natural buffer between the walkway and the house.

Mr. Carson stated say landscape buffer.

Mr. Morris stated let's just say beginning near the foot of the steps because you could move it out a little bit more. Beginning near the foot of the steps running parallel to the front of the house with a curvilinear turn and running parallel to the side of the house to the new entry way.

Mr. Meder stated I would add thirty-six (36) inches minimum, forty-two (42) would be better. So many people do these little twenty (20) inch paths that you just fall off of.

Mr. Carson asked if you are going to have a wheelchair wouldn't you need forty-two (42) inches?

Mr. Meder responded well I would think.

Ms. Blair responded minimum requirement is thirty-six (36).

Mr. Meder stated we need to cite that then.

Mrs. Stilwell stated thirty-six (36) to forty-two (42) inches in width.

Mr. Meder stated especially with the curve. You need more space with a turn.

Mrs. Stilwell stated well let's go with forty-two (42) inches then.

Mr. Morris asked do you want to have such a dominant thing out there?

Mr. Carson asked what is the width of the existing sidewalk from the house to the street?

Mr. Meder responded about eight (8) feet.

Ms. Blair stated it is wide.

Mrs. Stilwell stated it is probably at least six (6) feet.

Mr. Carson stated this will not be the tail wagging the dog in other words.

Mr. Meder stated no.

Mr. Morris asked can we just say approximately thirty-six (36) inches in width?

Mrs. Stilwell responded a minimum.

Mr. Carson stated a minimum thirty-six (36) inch walkway.

Mr. Morris asked I do not think that you would want them to go four (4) feet do you? You do not want something that is going to be more dominant than the existing one (1).

Mrs. Stilwell responded just do thirty-six (36) to forty-two (42) inches.

Mr. Meder stated that is where I would go. I understand Rick's point. One of the biggest things in architecture when you build a house and it looks like a box you have to identify the entrance. That is what he is talking about. You want people going to the front door and not to the side door.

Mr. Morris asked I am assuming that we do not have to put the existing sidewalk perpendicular since we did put parallel to the front, right?

Mr. Meder responded yes.

Mr. Land stated we did not specify how wide the buffer strip needed to be.

Mr. Morris stated well, we did. If it is starting near the front steps there is a buffer there already.

Ms. Blair asked did you want to specify material?

Mr. Carson responded staff recommended concrete to match the existing concrete. I think that is a good decision.

Mr. Morris asked did she say anything about material?

Mr. Carson responded yes, brick herringbone I think.

Mr. Morris stated brick herringbone would be better.

Mr. Carson stated if she is doing the whole shebang and redoing the front sidewalk.

Mr. Morris she could at some point. Even if she does not, a different material for that will break that up a little bit. If she wants to do brick herringbone, I would say let her go for it.

Mr. Carson asked did she say herringbone or patio?

Ms. Blair responded patio stone and brick.

Mr. Meder asked does that mean brick mortar and stone in the middle?

Mr. Morris stated I would say one (1) material, either brick pavers, make sure you put pavers or stone; but with stone you would want to approve that. I think brick pavers would be more in keeping with these Victorian houses.

Mr. Meder stated I would second (2nd) that. I think the brick is a better move.

Ms. Blair stated there has not been a motion to second (2nd).

Mr. Meder stated I mean, I would concur with that thought.

Mr. Morris asked if we make a motion should we say that if she wants to go with stone, we need to approve that?

Mr. Carson responded just say brick.

Mrs. Stilwell stated I would say brick.

Ms. Blair asked so brick pavers is the only construction material available to her?

Mr. Meder responded or concrete, but we would like to see a brick walkway path.

Mr. Carson stated if she does use concrete I would really be appalled if it was totally white.

Mr. Morris stated that is the problem. The brick would not be that way, so it would tone it down a bit. If she is recommending it, I would just say brick. If she uses concrete it will be a lot brighter than the old stuff.

Mr. Meder stated just brick then.

Mr. Morris asked should we make a motion on the decided material being brick pavers?

Mr. Carson stated she will probably at some point want to replace the existing walkway from the house to the street.

Ms. Blair stated I just need someone to make that in a motion.

Mr. Morris stated I made that motion that the sidewalk material be brick pavers.

Mrs. Stilwell stated thirty-six (36) to forty-two (42) inches.

Ms. Blair stated I need all of it.

Mr. Morris stated thirty-six (36) to forty-two (42) inches wide.

Ms. Blair asked from the front steps?

Mr. Carson stated landscape buffer.

Mr. Morris asked did we not do that already?

Ms. Blair responded no, you just discussed it. It was not in a motion.

Ms. Taylor stated we need the entire motion.

Mr. Morris stated the brick sidewalk, thirty-six (36) to forty-two (42) inches starting near the front steps running perpendicular.

Mr. Carson stated the base of the front steps.

Mrs. Stilwell stated no, parallel.

Mr. Morris stated near the base of the front steps.

Mr. Meder stated she got lost. Start over.

Ms. Taylor stated yes, you all are confusing me.

Mr. Morris asked would you like me to start over?

Ms. Taylor responded please.

Mr. Morris stated we approve the front handicap sidewalk.

Mr. Whitfield stated construction of a walkway.

Mr. Morris stated to be thirty-six (36) to forty-two (42) inches wide in brick pavers starting near the base of the existing front steps running perpendicular to the existing sidewalk, parallel to the front of the house with a curvilinear turn to the new entry way.

Mr. Carson stated second (2nd).

Mr. Meder asked would you read that, so we know it is right?

Mr. Morris stated do not worry. Jeff will be correcting it in the minutes next week.

Ms. Taylor stated approving the construction of a walkway starting near the front steps, thirty-six (36) to forty-two (42) inches wide with brick pavers starting near the existing base of the front steps running

perpendicular to the existing sidewalk, and parallel to the front of the house with a curvilinear turn to the new entry way.

Mr. Morris made a motion to approve the construction of a walkway with brick pavers starting near the base of the existing front steps being thirty-six (36) to forty-two (42) inches wide running perpendicular to the existing sidewalk and parallel to the front of the house with a curvilinear turn to the new entry way. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Stilwell made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 24, 2011 meeting. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Carson stated I did not see a single period out of place. I was just stunned.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Blair stated in front of you is 852 Green Street, which you had approved a fence and gate. The work was completed. The gate was approved. I hope you guys can see as such constructed there is now an addition on top. I am not certain the purpose that it serves, but there is an addition now on the top of lumber. I just want you guys to see that. If that is something that you do not approve of, I can then make the homeowner aware that was not part of the approval process and needs to be removed. If it is something that you do not have an issue with, then we will count this project as complete.

Mr. Carson asked what is the height of that horizontal bar? Look where the door knob is. I mean this thing is about four and a half (4 ½) feet tall.

Mr. Morris asked could I see the before picture again?

Ms. Blair responded you need to duck to get through it.

Mr. Morris stated they actually added a new post there.

Ms. Blair stated they added an additional post and top. I have not spoken with Mrs. Dalton to see why that was added, but when I went out for an inspection that is what I found; so I am bringing it before you.

Mrs. Castle stated it looks totally different.

Mr. Carson stated I think the gate is short.

Ms. Blair stated the approval was to be a five (5) foot.

Mr. Carson stated well, this is not five (5) feet. The post is five (5) foot, but the gate is not.

Mrs. Stilwell stated it would look so much better if the gate came up. You would not even know that horizontal board was there if the gate filled in the whole opening.

Mr. Meder stated if you count the bricks on the side of the house, I think it is five (5) feet.

Mr. Morris stated five (5) feet to that horizontal piece.

Mr. Meder stated no, I think every three (3) courses of brick is about a foot.

Mr. Carson stated a course of brick is two and a half (2 ½) inches.

Mrs. Stilwell stated that asbestos siding is typically about a foot.

Mr. Carson stated if you are going to start counting brick, it is two and a half (2 ½) inches per course of brick.

Mr. Meder stated ok.

Mr. Morris stated so every four (4) is ten (10) inches. The door is the same. She did not change the door, right?

Ms. Blair stated the design in the door is the same as what was approved. I have not been on site to measure. There is not an active building permit. As a government employee I cannot walk onto someone's property. That is what I viewed from the sidewalk.

Mr. Carson asked could you measure?

Ms. Blair responded I can. I have to talk to Mrs. Dalton to do that.

Mr. Carson stated the door knob is going to be at waist level generally speaking. That is three (3) feet.

Mr. Morris asked what do we normally do in a case like this?

Ms. Blair responded I send a notice of violation that she has violated her Certificate of Appropriateness and then I follow through.

Mr. Morris stated I would do that in case she has some sort of explanation.

Mrs. Stilwell stated she can come to the meeting.

Ms. Blair stated and that is what we will do.

Mr. Carson stated we are just instructing the staff that they need to investigate and that we will be seeing this on the agenda next month.

Ms. Blair stated the next item that I have is the flyer that you have in front of you for the Preservation Task Force meeting. That is tonight at the Old Methodist Church at 7:00 p.m. We ask that anyone who can please attend.

Mr. Meder asked front door or do we go into the basement?

Mrs. Stilwell stated it is going to be in the sanctuary.

Ms. Blair responded the front door, as far as I know.

Mrs. Stilwell stated the sanctuary will be open. I think Earl will be there and Jerry will be there. Admirable Dean Hairston will be there.

Ms. Blair stated there will be several City employees there to assist.

Mr. Carson stated as a matter of fact Mrs. Dix will be there.

Ms. Blair asked who is that?

Mr. Carson stated she is the patrol officer in Forest Hills.

Ms. Blair stated oh, ok.

Mr. Carson stated she will explain how this works. I think it would really be a tremendous thing for the Historic District to look into it.

Ms. Blair stated I have heard some good feedback. I have heard several people say they were attending. Some are within the Old Westend and some that are a little on the out skirts, but have still got wind of it and are planning to attend. I hope we have a good attendance.

Mrs. Stilwell asked I have one (1) more question. Have you been monitoring the YMCA and their parking lot? Are they following what CAR approved?

Ms. Blair responded these are the issues that I have at the moment: they have completed the curb and gutter. It looks like we may have some parking spaces that have not been followed through, but I have not gone any further than that. I need to look in their fire zone area. I believe we had approved parking spaces there. Is that correct? I remember there was a conversation with that.

Mrs. Crews responded yes, that fire truck sure had a hard time getting there.

Ms. Blair stated we need to have that conversation with them. My concern is the landscaping that has been placed into the buffer on the opposite side.

Mrs. Stilwell asked the landscaping that belongs to the Latham's?

Ms. Blair responded that they put in just because they are the fast growing plants that they are. They are going to have a lot of maintenance.

Mr. Carson asked what did they finally wind up with?

Ms. Blair responded they look like Leyland Cypress about six (6) inches apart.

Mrs. Crews stated they said they wanted to mimic what was on my side.

Ms. Blair stated they are tight.

Mr. Carson stated oh my goodness.

Mr. Meder stated I think they are arborvitae.

Ms. Blair stated there is something different, some type of shrub that is near the road; because they do have the four (4) foot maximum clearance there.

Mrs. Castle stated that is the arborvitae, but the other ones are Leyland Cypress.

Mrs. Stilwell asked and they are six (6) inches apart?

Miss Scolpini responded maybe a foot not more than a foot.

Mrs. Stilwell stated they did not need but probably every third (3rd) one (1) of those.

Ms. Blair stated I have concern.

Mr. Carson stated the trunks are going to grow together. They will have a solid wall.

Ms. Blair stated yes, but that is personal preference. That is what they had chosen to do.

Mr. Meder stated we should have just approved them a concrete block wall and you could have had your artist paint on it.

Mr. Morris asked as Mr. Norton done anything illegal on his little house?

Mr. Meder asked yes, can you update us on that?

Mrs. Stilwell stated 406 Chestnut. I dropped by and checked.

Ms. Blair responded Mr. Norton is currently on hold on a rear addition that he has begun without permits.

Mr. Carson stated that is usual. There is nothing unusual about that.

Ms. Blair stated that is something that we have attempted to make contact with him but have not been successful as of yet.

Mr. Carson stated this time we have photographs.

Mrs. Stilwell stated we have documentation.

Mrs. Castle asked is he going to take down that fireplace that is on the back wall?

Ms. Blair responded I have not heard that he is taking it down.

Mrs. Castle stated I mean it is exposed. If you go around the back you can see the fireplace. It is just hanging on the back wall.

Mr. Morris asked on the second (2nd) floor?

Mrs. Castle responded yes, second (2nd) floor.

Mr. Morris asked in a case like that, because we can see it from a side alley, it has to be approved right?

Mr. Whitfield responded from any public right of way: an alley, a street, a sidewalk.

Mr. Meder asked was the synagogue considered public right of way?

Ms. Blair responded no, that is for CAR approval. He is still the zoning approval process that he has not completed.

Mr. Whitfield stated he has zoning and other issues.

Mr. Morris asked did he get the building permit?

Ms. Blair responded he has an electrical permit. As far as I know, the last time I checked he was holding an electrical permit and that was it.

Mr. Morris stated amazing. The guy just has no respect for anything.

Ms. Blair stated I will let you know how that progresses.

Mr. Meder stated his worker Michael, put up two (2) posts in the front of his walkway and is bricking the sidewalk; which I think is perfectly acceptable. Is that a CAR approved project?

Mr. Carson responded no.

Ms. Blair asked on Chestnut?

Mr. Meder responded yes.

Ms. Blair asked on the private property?

Mr. Meder responded yes.

Ms. Blair stated no, he does not. I will add that to the list.

Mrs. Stilwell stated he just does not think that the law applies to him.

Mr. Carson stated I think we should send out Clarke, have him sit out on the front steps for a while and intimidate him.

Ms. Blair stated that is all that I have.

Mr. Meder asked is there anything else?

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:09 p.m.

APPROVED