

**COMMISSION OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW
MEETING OF DECEMBER 10, 2009**

Members Present

Fred Meder
Luis Abreu
Richard Morris
Robin Crews
Susan Stilwell

Members Absent

Jeffrey Carson
Cynthia Castle

Staff

Renee Blair
Clarke Whitfield
Christy Taylor

Chairman Meder called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

Chairman Meder introduced Christy Taylor as the new Secretary.

I. ITEMS FOR PUBLIC HEARING

Item 1. Request for a Certificate of Appropriateness at 804 Pine Street (257 Jefferson Avenue) to erect a new projecting sign advertising Danny's Welding. The sign is 20" x 36".

Present on behalf of the request was Danny Moyer of Danny's Welding.

Mrs. Stilwell asked if Mr. Moyer was present because he did not have a sign permit and signed approval or is this an old sign?

Mrs. Blair responded that the Danville Wrought Iron sign was currently there and he placed an addition to that sign for Danny's Welding. He will need sign approval and a sign permit.

Mr. Abreu asked if this was something new or how long this sign had been in place?

Mr. Moyer responded a couple months.

Mr. Meder asked if this fit the guidelines for the Sign Ordinance?

Mrs. Blair responded yes.

Mrs. Stilwell made a recommendation for future repair to use a dark background with light letters.

Mr. Abreu made a motion to approve the request. Mrs. Stilwell seconded the motion. The motion was approved by 5-0 vote.

Item 2. Request for a Certificate of Appropriateness at 826 Green Street for balustrade design for front porch.

Present on behalf of the request was Richard Morris.

The Commission discussed the item.

Mr. Abreu made a motion to approve the request. Mrs. Crews seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 4-0-1 vote (Mr. Morris abstained).

Item 3. Request for a Certificate of Appropriateness at 918 Green Street for a solarium addition in rear. Solarium is to have two skylights and a shed roof.

Secretary Stilwell presided over the meeting.

Present on behalf of the request was Fred Meder. Mr. Meder stated that they wanted to add skylights to the rear for added light for plants, and in order to install skylights it would require a shed roof. He added that no tin will be visible on the rear roof. He is requesting a shed roof and skylights so that the entry of the house is less shaded.

Mr. Abreu made a motion to approve the request. Mrs. Crews seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 4-0-1 vote (Mr. Meder abstained).

Chairman Meder presides.

Item 4. Modify Design Guidelines to allow chain link fencing in the rear yard.

Additional information was provided showing that an ordinance has been approved regarding the tethering of companion animals.

Mr. Whitfield stated that with the new tethering of dogs one of the options is dog lots. He added that the Humane Society has a grant for dog lots that are constructed of chain link fencing. It was not the intent for someone to be able to completely fence in a rear yard. It is allowing for chain link fencing up to a certain size such as a 12' x 12' in the Historic District.

The Commission discussed the item.

Mrs. Blair recommended that size limitations be addressed.

Mr. Abreu asked if Council expressed the desire for the Commission to approve this?

Mr. Whitfield stated that there were members of Council who were concerned and expressed their desire for this to be heard and passed by the Commission. It was recognized during this debate that for some homes it will be very difficult to build an appropriate fence and that they would have to give up their dog.

Mr. Morris asked if these structures are allowed under an addendum?

Mr. Whitfield responded yes.

Mr. Abreu asked if a resident does not have one now, do they have to come before the Commission?

Mrs. Blair responded yes, if it is visible.

Mrs. Stilwell made a motion to modify the Design Guidelines to allow chain link dog enclosures up to 12' x 12', non-permanent in the rear yard. Mr. Abreu seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 4-1 vote.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Stilwell made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 22, 2009 meeting. Mr. Abreu seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

III. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Meder asked about Mr. Wilson?

Mrs. Blair asked if he was referring to Mr. Wilson at 809 and 811 Pine Street?

Mr. Meder said yes.

Mrs. Blair stated that she currently has documentation to file a complaint.

Mrs. Stilwell asked what the status was at 406 Chestnut?

Mrs. Blair stated that she had spoken with a potential owner.

Mrs. Stilwell reported that Allen Spencer said that Drug Free Zone signs are going to be installed at every school in the City. She added that she would like for the first sign to be installed at Galileo.

Mr. Whitfield read the email correspondence between Allen Spencer and Danville City Schools.

Mr. Meder added that Danville Episcopal Church would like to participate.

Mr. Whitfield stated that as a Private School they would have to purchase their own sign.

Mr. Meder asked what was happening with the Hospital?

Mr. Morris stated that several contractors have been recommended to the Hospital for demolition.

Mrs. Blair reported that in regards to 846 Pine Street, a court date was held on December 4, 2009. Mr. Kennedy is currently serving six (6) years and will be unable to perform any work on the home. Unfortunately, due to his inabilities, it will become a demolition due to the unsafe status of the home. No time line is available. There will be a demolition case and a lien placed on the property.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

APPROVED