

DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE
Astoria City Hall
May 1, 2014

CALL TO ORDER:

Vice President Gunderson called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL – ITEM 2:

Commissioners Present: LJ Gunderson, Derith Andrew and Paul Tuter; one vacancy

Commissioners Excused: Jared Rickenbach

Staff Present: Community Development Director / Assistant City Manager Brett Estes

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – ITEM 3:

Vice President Gunderson confirmed there were no changes to the minutes of the March 6, 2014 meeting and called for approval. Commissioner Andrew moved to approve the March 6, 2014 minutes as noted; seconded by Commissioner Tuter. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Vice President Gunderson explained the procedures governing the conduct of public hearings to the audience and advised that the substantive review criteria were available from Staff.

ITEM 4(a):

DR13-03 Design Review DR14-03 by Patrick McGee Designs for John Ryan to construct a 3 story, approximately 3,982 square foot single family residence at 2495 Mill Pond Lane within the Gateway Area in the AH-MP, Attached Housing-Mill Pond zone.

Vice President Gunderson asked if anyone objected to the jurisdiction of the Design Review Committee to hear this matter at this time. There were no objections. She asked if any member of the Design Review Committee had any conflicts of interest or ex parte contacts to declare.

Vice President Gunderson declared that John Ryan had been working with an agent in her office. She was unaware of whether Mr. Ryan had hired the agent to sell his house, buy a house, or work on the house in this application. She did not see any conflict with her participation in the hearing.

Vice President Gunderson called for a presentation of the Staff report.

Director Estes reviewed the Findings and Conditions contained in the Staff report. No correspondence had been received and Staff recommended approval with conditions.

Vice President Gunderson called for questions of Staff. Hearing none, she opened the public hearing and called for testimony from the Applicant.

Patrick McGee, 697 34th Street, Astoria stated he was available to answer questions. There were none.

Vice President Gunderson called for testimony in favor of, opposed, or impartial to the application. Hearing none, she called for closing remarks from Staff. Staff had no closing remarks.

Vice President Gunderson closed the public hearing and called for Committee discussion and deliberation.

Commissioner Tuter and Commissioner Andrew believed the house looked great and was very well done.

Vice President Gunderson agreed the house was very well laid out and matched the area.

Commissioner Andrew moved to adopt the Findings and Conclusions stated in the Staff report and approve Design Review DR14-03 by Patrick McGee Designs for John Ryan with the conditions as stated in the Staff report; seconded by Commissioner Tuter. Motion passed unanimously. Ayes: Vice President Gunderson, Commissioner Andrew, and Commissioner Tuter. Nays: None

Vice President Gunderson read the rules of appeal into the record.

The Applicants excused themselves from the meeting. Vice President Gunderson noted that only Director Estes and the Design Review Committee remained.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS/COMMISSIONERS – ITEM 5:

No reports.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:39 p.m.

ATTEST:


Secretary

APPROVED:


Community Development Director/
Assistant City Manager