



VILLAGE OF RIVERSIDE PRESERVATION COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING – MAY 25, 2023
MEETING MINUTES

I. *Call to Order*

A Special Meeting of the Village of Riverside Preservation Commission was held on Thursday, May 25, 2023. Chairperson Pipal called the Special Meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

II. *Roll Call:*

Present: Chairperson Charles Pipal
Commissioner Sander Kaplan
Commissioner Michael Leary
Commissioner Gint Lietuvninkas
Commissioner Thomas Walsh
Commissioner Matthew Seymour

Absent: Commissioner Kapil Khanna

Also Present: Village Planner Anne Cyran

III. *Certificate of Appropriateness:*

3.1 – Report of Certificates of Appropriateness approved by Commission’s Designee between April 12, 2023 and May 22, 2023.

3.1.1 371 Kent Rd – Tuck point front stairs.

3.1.2 150 Nuttall Rd – Repair stucco on soffit.

Chairperson Pipal stated the Commission’s designee approved two Certificates of Appropriateness since the last Commission meeting. Commissioner Walsh made a motion to accept the Certificates of Appropriateness. Commissioner Leary seconded the motion. Motion approved 6-0.

IV. *Old Business:*

4.1 25 Forest Ave, La Estancia – New wall sign

Chairperson Pipal summarized the Commission’s previous review and approval of the wall sign for La Estancia. During the April 13 meeting, the Commission approved the sign in the doorway area, above the door and in front of the air conditioner. After further consideration, the owner of La Estancia decided that location was too low. The new

proposed location would be on the wall above the door.

During the April 13 meeting, the Commissioners expressed objections to a sign being located on the wall above the door because it would require drilling into the decorative stone. The applicant noted a sign for a different business was previously in the location proposed for the La Estancia sign. Chairperson Pipal noted the Preservation Commission didn't approve that sign.

The Commission reviewed options with the applicant and the applicant agreed to install one sign on each of the two awnings on either side of the restaurant, instead of installing a wall sign. The applicant would install new material on the existing awning frames. The signs would be illuminated by one to two external light fixtures per awning.

Commissioner Seymour moved to approve the two La Estancia awning signs as described with the light fixtures to be installed so the new conduit continues from the existing conduit along the brick course, the junction box is installed under the canopy, any new attachments to the building are made in the mortar between the bricks, and there is no new drilling into the bricks or the stone. Commissioner Kaplan seconded the motion. Commissioner Kaplan, Commissioner Walsh, Commissioner Seymour, and Chairperson Pipal voted in favor of the motion. Commissioners Leary and Lietuvninkas voted against the motion. Motion approved 4-2.

V. *New Business:*

5.1 – 38 East Ave, London Ice Cream Shop – New awning

The Commissioners discussed the application and agreed the awning should match the design of the nearby awnings. Commissioner Kaplan moved to approve the awning with the condition that the awning match the adjacent awnings and the attachments to the wall be made in the mortar between the bricks, not in the bricks or the stone. Commissioner Lietuvninkas seconded the motion. Motion approved 6-0.

5.2 – 211 Southcote Rd, Residence – National Register of Historic Places nomination

The Commissioners discussed the application and the applicable criteria. Commissioner Seymour moved that the Commission is of the opinion that the property satisfies the National Register criteria. Commissioner Kaplan seconded the motion. Motion approved 6-0.

VI. *Informational Items:*

6.1 Update on Groveland Ave Floodwall

The Commissioners reviewed the information in the agenda materials. Commissioner Pipal noted the Army Corps did not incorporate any of the Commission's previous suggestions in favor of the least cost proposal. Commissioner Pipal suggested the Commission notify the Army Corps and the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency (IHPA) that the current proposal would be detrimental to Olmsted's vision for Riverside.

Commissioner Kaplan moved that the Commission finds that the proposal to date would have a negative effect on the National Historic Landmark Designation of the Village and the general plan of Riverside as it does not incorporate any of the mitigating features the Commission previously provided in its guidance including using a stepped terrace, natural stone, curving the alignment to follow the natural flow of the river, incorporating plant materials into the wall, using pilasters in the wall design, and installing a pathway. Commissioner Seymour seconded the motion. Motion approved 5-0.

Commissioner Walsh recused himself from the vote since the Army Corps of Engineers is a client.

VII. *Presentations of Petitions, Communications and Citizen Requests:*

VIII. *Adjournment*

Commissioner Walsh moved to adjourn and Commissioner Lietuvninkas seconded. Motion approved 6-0.

Chairperson Pipal declared the meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Anne Cyran, Village Planner

Approved on June 8, 2023.