

OBHC hearing on & Arlington

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Oak Bluffs Historical Commission
Minutes of Hearing- June 8, 2022

Present- Pam Melrose, chair, Susan Thompson, Renee Balter, Jim Dearing, Kathy Laskowski, Barbara Baskin, Joyce Dresser
Guests- Church Sullivan, Architect, Alex Elvin, MVC

This hearing was for 7 Arlington Park that was deemed significant by the OBHC at their May 18, 2022 meeting. At that meeting commission members had several concerns. Commission members visited the site on May 23rd accompanied by Chuck Sullivan.

Chuck made several changes from the original design to make it similar to Palmer Villa of which the building had been half until moved. The new square footage including the porch would be 2,000 square feet.

Comments from OBHC members included the following: objections to the amount of glass, the French doors, the larger tower, overall size and loss of its original charm. Some members liked the design and commented on nearby properties of a similar size. 80% of the current building would be demolished. The front two rooms would be preserved and possibly the brackets may be salvageable. Because the house is not in a historic district any work means it has to be brought up to current codes including energy and stairs. Chuck has incorporated much of OBHC members' previous concerns.

A motion was made to preserve the building. A vote of 4-3 deemed the building preferably preserved.

Respectfully submitted,
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