Village of Barrington Architectural Review Commission Minutes Summary

Date: October 23, 2025
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Location: Village Board Room, 200 South Hough Street, Barrington, Illinois

In Attendance: Marty O'Donnell, Chairperson
Joe Coath, Vice-Chairperson
Karen Plummer, Commissioner
Leslie Haynes-Eiring, Commissioner
Kevin Connolly, Commissioner
Veronica Shepherd, Commissioner
Dennis DeLap, Commissioner

Staff Members: Jennifer Tennant, Director of Development Services
Katie Rivard, Village Planner

Call to Order

Chairperson O'Donnell called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

Roll call noted the following: Dennis DeLap, present; Veronica Shepherd, present; Leslie Haynes-Eiring, present; Kevin Connolly, present; Karen Plummer, present; Vice-Chairperson Joe Coath, present; Chairperson Marty O'Donnell, present.

There being a quorum, the meeting proceeded.

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Old Business

ARC 25-09: 20930 N. Taylor Street (Intersection of Taylor Street & 20th Street) – Preliminary Review #2

Kevin Lewis, project architect, said that they abandoned the Tudor style and ended up going with a more traditional style and color scheme. Add more traditional crown and soffit design with returns.

Chairperson O'Donnell said that the Commission should go through the Staff recommendations.

Commissioner Haynes-Eiring said she is happy with where the building is headed as opposed to the Tudor design. My biggest concern are the proposed Palladian windows on the gable ends, they seem out of place.

Mr. Lewis said they were trying to minimize the impact of the gable ends and give a point of interest to the building.

Chairperson O'Donnell said that a window up there might be kind of interesting but just change the shape.

Commissioner Shepherd said she sees what they are trying to do but it seems forced.

Vice-Chairperson Coath said that the hipped gable and arched windows lack precedent and it is too eccentric. It might work to develop some type of attic window or other vent or architectural feature, but not in a dormer. Vice-Chairperson Coath said he is OK with the clipped gable but it is too eccentric when you add the arched dormer window. The Commission agreed.

Vice-Chairperson Coath asked if there was an 8" crown proposed? He said that 8" is too large and suggested reducing the size of the crown to 4" or 5". A 4" or 5" crown should also be added to the raking cornice where the raking fascia meets the asphalt shingles. A raking cornice should be imitating the horizonal cornice. In this case, the k-style gutter is the crown on the horizontal cornice. These details will make the building.

Vice-Chairperson Coath said that a traditional window trim should be used with a header, vertical side casing and window sill. Picture frame window trim should not be used.

In the bricked openings, you need to add a brick mould around the windows.

Commissioner Plummer asked if the siding was light gray or white? Mr. Lewis responded that it is light gray.

Vice-Chairperson Coath said that the renderings look like there is a mullion between the windows on the sided section of the building but not on the brick section.

Chairperson O'Donnell said he is not sure if he wants to go there because it is not a historic building.

Vice-Chairperson Coath said that this would be a recommendation.

Chairperson O'Donnell said that all windows have to be simulated divided lites (SDL).

The Commission concurred that they like the color scheme but actual color samples are required at the final meeting.

Commissioner Connolly asked about the dormers on the rear elevation that appear on the rendering but not on the elevations. Commissioner Connolly said that there is a lot of roof so the dormers on the rear elevation might be a good idea. The Commission agreed that this would be a recommendation.

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ARC 25-12: 616 W. Main Street – Barrington High School – Preliminary Review

Michael Kessel, DLA architects, presented to the Commissioner. Mr. Kessel said that they are excited to present the proposed project which includes a 3-story auditorium and a one-story classroom addition. The materials are brick and metal panel to match the existing materials.

Chairperson O'Donnell said that he does not think that they had many comments when the High School did the last addition.

Commissioner Haynes-Eiring asked for clarification on the orientation of the addition and proposed classroom.

Mr. Kessel gave some additional context on the orientation of the proposed additions.

Vice-Chairperson Coath noted the height of the building which is about 57′-0″ feet. It is a vertical face not very far from the road at that point.

Chairperson O'Donnell said that the proposed sign is very large.

Mr. Kessel said that the letters will be lit.

Ms. Tennant asked for clarification as the plans state that the signage is metal and sample photos do not show illumination.

Mr. Kessel said that the letters will be back lit.

Chairperson O'Donnell said that this is a very important façade and the proposed design is fairly simple.

Commissioner Haynes –Eiring said that the ARC should review the sign plans.

Commissioner Connolly said that we need to be careful because if there is less signage there will be more blank wall space. Commissioner Connolly said the wall area should be carefully considered.

Commissioner Connolly asked how tall the main parapet wall is. Mr. Kessell said it is about 1′-0″ to 2′-0″.

Ms. Rivard said that there will be landscaping that is not shown in the rendering which will help soften the building.

Commissioner DeLap asked why the building says "Community Auditorium".

Ms. Satera from CUSD #220 said that they decided to put community auditorium on the side of the building because it is a community asset and the community was heavily involved in approving the auditorium project.

Chairperson Coath maybe the signage could be in a more understated stainless steel.

Ms. Tennant said that the final sign plans will be provided as part of the final submittal.

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Minutes

June 26, 2025

Commissioner Shepherd made a motion to approve the June 26, 2025, minutes. Commissioner DeLap seconded the motion.

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Adjournment

There being no additional business to come before the Commission, a motion was duly made by Commissioner Plummer and seconded by Commissioner Shepherd to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 p.m. A voice vote noted all ayes, and Chairperson O'Donnell declared the motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Tennant, Director of Development Services

Approved: November 13, 2025