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HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Isiah Leggett County Executive Leslie Miles
Chairperson

Date: December 8, 2011

MEMORANDUM

TO:

Diane R. Schwartz Jones, Director

Department of Permitting Services

FROM:

Josh Silver, Senior Planner

Historic Preservation Section

Maryland-National Capital Park & Planning Commission

SUBJECT:

Historic Area Work Permit #584817, construction of addition and garage and other alterations

The Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) has reviewed the attached application for a Historic Area Work Permit (HAWP). This application was <u>approved with (1) condition</u> at the December 7, 2011 meeting.

1. The right side fascia board of the roof on the 2 story side addition cannot extend beyond the rear wall plane of the historic massing.

The HPC staff has reviewed and stamped the attached construction drawings.

THE BUILDING PERMIT FOR THIS PROJECT SHALL BE ISSUED CONDITIONAL UPON ADHERENCE TO THE ABOVE APPROVED HAWP CONDITIONS AND MAY REQUIRE APPROVAL BY DPS OR ANOTHER LOCAL OFFICE BEFORE WORK CAN BEGIN.

Applicant:

Ross McNair and Alison Taylor

Address:

5415 Mohican Road, Bethesda

This HAWP approval is subject to the general condition that the applicant will obtain all other applicable Montgomery County or local government agency permits. After the issuance of these permits, the applicant must contact this Historic Preservation Office if any changes to the approved plan are made. Once the work is complete the applicant will contact the staff person assigned to this application at 301-563-3400 or joshua.silver@mncppcmc.org to schedule a follow-up site visit.





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APPLICATION FOR HISTORIC AREA WORK PERMIT

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MONTGOMERY COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

Address: 5415 Mohican Road, Bethesda Meeting Date: 12/7/11

Applicant: Ross McNair and Alison Taylor Report Date: 11/30/11

Resource: Master Plan Site #35/29, Baltzley Castle Public Notice: 11/23/11

Review: HAWP Tax Credit: Partial

Case Number: 35/29-11B Staff: Josh Silver

PROPOSAL: Construction of addition and garage and other alterations

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the HPC approve this HAWP application.

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

SIGNIFICANCE: Master Plan Site #35/29, Baltzley Castle

STYLE: Eclectic DATE: 1890

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

The following was excerpted from Places from the Past: The Tradition of Gardez Bien in Montgomery County, Maryland.

This large stone house is one of three residences built by the twin brothers Edwin and Edward Baltzley for their proposed Glen Echo community. In keeping with their vision of a Rhineland on the Potomac, the brothers conceived of the castle theme for their residences. The Baltzleys hired Philadelphia architect Theophilus Parsons Chandler to design the house, which likely served as a model for the proposed community. Chandler also designed Glen Echo Chautauqua's Amphitheater (no longer standing). The Baltzley Castle has a crenelated porte-cochere, round three-story tower, stone bracketed cornices, red slate roof with terra cotta cresting, and tall, corbelled chimneys. The house is constructed of granite from local quarries that the Baltzleys operated. A prolific inventor, Edwin Baltzley made his fortune on a patented mechanical eggbeater. The brothers, beginning in 1888, purchased over 900 acres and platted the Glen Echo Heights subdivision (with a whimsical street plan resembling the human cranium). A disastrous 1890 fire at the Baltzley's Glen Echo Cafe and rumors of malaria put an end to the Baltzley's real estate business. Edward and Laura Baltzley owned the Baltzley Castle until 1892, and Edwin resided here from 1897, owning the house until his death in 1919.

BACKGROUND

On October 12, 2011 the HPC held a 2nd Preliminary Consultation hearing for the proposed construction of a two story side addition, two car detached garage with side carport, glass dormer replacement and other alterations at the subject property. (See attached HPC transcript on page 50).



The HPC provided the following comments in response to the applicant's proposal:

PROPOSED CHANGE	- HPC COMMENTS
ADDITION	 Inset the addition on both sides of the historic massing Roofline needs to be aligned with the rounded front porch roof and lower than the rear porch roof crenellation detail Consider introducing a stone building element at the foundation level and/or corner details to recall primary stone material of the historic massing.
FRONT PORCH GLASS ENCLOUSRE	 Consensus the proposed fixed glass pieces were a feasible option. Final installation method detail should be submitted with HAWP application. Evaluation of existing porch pilasters ability to bear potential wind load from glass panel installation should be considered.
GLASS DORMER	Support as proposed.
GARAGE	 General support for garage as submitted Similar or matching material treatments to the side addition should used for the garage if materials for the addition are revised.

PROPOSAL

The applicants are proposing to:

Kitchen addition:

Remove the existing one story lean-to addition and construct a 13 ft x 26 ft kitchen addition on the east side of the existing resource, and to the rear of the square turret. The design is structural steel "C" channels and columns forward of the doors and windows. The roof structure is a flat (shallow tapered) pitch, with a 20 ounce flat seam copper roofing. The lower level is a walk out facing MacArthur Boulevard. All corners and trim will be clad to match the window cladding. The roof will align with the main section of the front rounded porch roof. An existing deteriorated stone retaining wall on the right side of the existing house that serves as a partial foundation for the one story lean-to addition will be removed to create buildable area for the proposed kitchen addition. The addition will be offset from the both sides of the historic massing and completely independent from the front and side facing tower on the MacArthur Boulevard side of the structure.

Non reflective glass front porch:

Install curved, 9/16", tempered, full view, fixed, non-reflective glass. There will be no operating windows, screens or mullions. One all glass door will provide access to the stairs. The glass pieces will be set behind the decorative wood brackets that currently brace the roof structure.

Glass dormer replacement:

Replace the existing 3rd floor glass dormer on the left side elevation with a wood, full view, fixed glass window. The broken square and triangle windows will be replaced with full view, direct set, insulated glass. The proposed modifications include measures to adjust the framing for proper water drainage to prevent future damage.

Detached garage:

Construct a 2 car detached garage and 1 car carport set off the rear and right side property lines 5 feet. The rear and right side walls will be concrete retaining walls as the garage is set into the slope. The structure will match the proposed kitchen addition in height and with the steel beams and columns forward of the garage doors and wall sheathing. The wood garage doors will be outward swinging carriage doors and the roof is to match the kitchen addition as a flat roof structure with copper flat seam roofing. The wood doors, trim and panels will be painted the color of the kitchen addition.

Geo Thermal Wells:

The vertical drilled geo thermal wells will be in the rear yard, beside the driveway and set off the property line five feet. There are no site features disturbed as a result of the installation.

Generator:

A natural gas generator, measuring 48 x 26 x 29 will be sited in the rear right side yard. The proposed generator will be set off the house 12 feet and property line 17 feet. No site features are disturbed as a result of the installation.

APPLICABLE GUIDELINES

When reviewing alterations and new construction to a *Master Plan* site several documents are to be utilized as guidelines to assist the Commission in developing their decision. These documents include *Montgomery County Code Chapter 24A* (*Chapter 24A*) and the *Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation (Standards)*. The pertinent information in these documents is outlined below.

Montgomery County Code; Chapter 24A-8:

- (a) The commission shall instruct the director to deny a permit if it finds, based on the evidence and information presented to or before the commission that the alteration for which the permit is sought would be inappropriate, inconsistent with or detrimental to the preservation, enhancement or ultimate protection of the historic site or historic resource within an historic district, and to the purposes of this chapter.
- (b) The commission shall instruct the director to issue a permit, or issue a permit subject to such conditions as are found to be necessary to insure conformity with the purposes and requirements of this chapter, if it finds that:
 - (1) The proposal will not substantially alter the exterior features of an historic site or historic resource within an historic district; or
 - (2) The proposal is compatible in character and nature with the historical, archeological, architectural or cultural features of the historic site or the historic district in which

- an historic resource is located and would not be detrimental thereto or to the achievement of the purposes of this chapter; or
- (3) The proposal would enhance or aid in the protection, preservation and public or private utilization of the historic site or historic resource located within an historic district in a manner compatible with the historical, archeological, architectural or cultural value of the historic site or historic district in which an historic resource is located; or
- (4) The proposal is necessary in order that unsafe conditions or health hazards be remedied; or
- (5) The proposal is necessary in order that the owner of the subject property not be deprived of reasonable use of the property or suffer undue hardship; or
- (6) In balancing the interests of the public in preserving the historic site or historic resource located within an historic district, with the interests of the public from the use and benefit of the alternative proposal, the general public welfare is better served by granting the permit.
- (c) It is not the intent of this chapter to limit new construction, alteration or repairs to any one period or architectural style.
- (d) In the case of an application for work on an historic resource located within an historic district, the commission shall be lenient in its judgment of plans for structures of little historical or design significance or for plans involving new construction, unless such plans would seriously impair the historic or architectural value of surrounding historic resources or would impair the character of the historic district. (Ord. No. 9-4, § 1; Ord. No. 11-59.)

Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation:

Standard #1: A property will be used as it was historically or be given a new use that requires minimal change to its distinctive materials, features, spaces and spatial relationships.

Standard #9: New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction will not destroy historic materials, features, and spatial relationships that characterize the property. The new work shall be differentiated from the old and will be compatible with the historic materials, features, size, scale and proportion, and massing to protect the integrity of the property and its environment.

Standard #10: New additions and adjacent or related new construction will be undertaken in such a manner that, if removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the historic property and its environment would be unimpaired.

STAFF DISCUSSION

Staff supports the HAWP application as submitted. The revised plans respond to the comments and feedback provided by the HPC at the 2nd Preliminary Consultation.

One story side addition demolition:

Staff supports the proposed removal of the existing non-original, one-story side elevation lean-to addition. The proposed demolition would not remove any character-defining features and have minimal impact to the historic massing. The removal of this addition is consistent with the HPC recommendations at both preliminary consultation hearings.

The removal of the non-original lean-to addition and construction of a proposed two story addition will require the removal of an existing L-shaped stone retaining wall. The retaining wall currently serves as a



partial foundation for the lean-to addition the HPC said could be removed at both preliminary consultation hearings. Staff performed a field inspection to document the condition of wall and judge its significance to the historic environmental setting of the site. Staff documented a partially collapsed wall in certain locations and significant deterioration such a loose and/or removed stones. Staff also determined the wall is likely contemporaneous with the existing lean-to addition which is not original to the house. Staff supports the complete removal of the wall as a result of these observations, finding that the wall is not a character-defining feature to the site and its removal would not substantially alter an original feature of the site.

Construction of two story side addition:

The proposed addition redesign responds to the recommendations provided by the HPC at the 2nd preliminary consultation hearing. The addition is behind and completely independent from the front/side facing tower and inset at the north corner where the addition joins the historic massing. The roofline of the addition is lower than the crenellation detail of porte-cochere and aligned with the roof of the rounded front porch facing MacArthur Boulevard to avoid competing with these character-defining features.

Front porch:

Staff supports the proposed installation of non-reflective glass in the openings of the front porch. The proposed installation of full view, fixed, non-operable glass sections behind the decorative wood brackets will have negligible impact on the structure and is consistent with Secretary of the Interior Standard's for Rehabilitation #1, 9 & 10. The applicant has provided additional details about the porch glass and door attachments and included a structural analysis of the front porch pilasters and glass panel installation method to assist the HPC in their review of this project. (See circles 35-36).

The proposed installation of non-reflective glass still allows the front porch to be used as a functional living space and does not destroy historic materials, features and or spatial relationships that characterize the property. The glass will be installed behind the decorative wooden brackets to preserve the legibility of these features from the exterior. If removed in the future the glass panels are designed as such that they would not disturb the essential form and integrity of the front porch.

Staff supports the proposed repairs, rebuilding and/or replacement in-kind to features and decorative elements on the front porch. The applicants have secured high resolution historic photos of the front porch to assist them with reconstructing damaged and missing elements.

Glass dormer replacement:

Staff supports the proposed glass dormer replacement. The HPC had no concern with replacing the dormer at the 1st or 2nd Preliminary Consultation because of the features deteriorated condition. The proposed design is respectful of the existing design while using a construction method that will prevent future water infiltration and deterioration to the interior of the structure.

Construction of two car/one car carport detached garage:

Staff supports the proposed construction of a two car garage with a single detached car port. The redesign responds to the HPC's feedback by including similar and matching materials treatments and design details as the proposed side addition. The applicants have confirmed the redesign complies with the properties established setbacks.

Geo Thermal Wells and Generator Installation:

Staff supports the proposed installation of geo thermal wells and one generator at the property. The proposed installations will have negligible impact on the environmental setting.



STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Commission approve the HAWP application as being consistent with Chapter 24A-8(b) 1 & 2:

- (1) The proposal will not substantially alter the exterior features of an historic site or historic resource within an historic district; or
- (2) The proposal is compatible in character and nature with the historical, archeological, architectural or cultural features of the historic site or the historic district in which an historic resource is located and would not be detrimental thereto or to the achievement of the purposes of this chapter; and

and with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation;

and with the general condition that the applicant shall present the 3 permit sets of drawings to Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) staff for review and stamping prior to submission for the Montgomery County Department of Permitting Services (DPS) building permits;

and with the general condition that the applicant shall notify the Historic Preservation Staff if they propose to make any alterations to the approved plans. Once the work is completed the applicant will contact the staff person assigned to this application at 301.563.3400 or joshua.silver@mncppc-mc.org to schedule a follow-up site visit.



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Signature of owner or authorized agent	Date
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BALTZLEY CASTLE PRELIMINARY CONSULTATION 5415 MOHICAN RD

Planning Area / Site Number M: 35-29-1

WRITTEN DESCRIPTION OF WORK: Condition Assessment

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Kitchen addition:

We propose to remove the existing one story porch and construct a 13 ft x 26 ft kitchen addition on the east side of the Baltzley Castle, to the rear of the square turret. The design is structural steel beams and columns forward of the doors and windows. The roof structure is flat with 20 ounce flat seam copper roofing. The lower level is a walk out facing MacArthur Blvd.

Non reflective glass front porch:

The existing front porch is open to the elements. This has caused significant damage to the floor system and the stone structure. MacArthur Blvd and Clara Barton Parkway are now main commuter highways with its resulting traffic noise pollution. We propose to install curved, 9/16 tempered, full view, fixed, non- reflective glass. There will be no operating windows, screens or mullions and one all glass door providing access to the stairs. The glass will be set behind the decorative wood brackets that currently brace the roof structure.

Detached garage:

We propose a 2 car detached garage and 1 car carport set off the rear and right side property lines 5 feet. The rear and right side walls will be concrete retaining walls as the garage is set into the slope. The structure will be the same as the proposed kitchen addition with the steel beams and columns forward of the garage doors and wall sheathing. The wood garage doors will be outswing carriage doors and the roof is to match the kitchen addition as a flat roof structure with copper flat seam roofing.

Glass structure 3rd floor west side:

The glass structure on the 3rd floor West side is an original feature of the house in poor condition. The glass roof intersects the copper valley below the turret and has caused tremendous damage to the structure. We propose to build up the roof framing 16" from the valley in order to properly flash this area and install 6 glass sections.

The broken square and triangle windows will be replaced with full view, direct set, insulated glass.

Geo Thermal Wells:

We propose verticle drilled wells for the Geo Thermal loop. The wells will be for a 5 ton system to be installed on the West side of the property in the rear of the house.

Generator for back up power:

We propose a back up generator to be installed 20 ft from the side property line and 15 ft from the house on the west side of the property.

HAWP APPLICATION: MAILING ADDRESSES FOR NOTIFING

OWNER'S MAILING ADDRESS

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J. Ross McNair, Alison Taylor 7600 Cabin Rd Cabin John MD 20818

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Nathaniel Kendall 5420 Mohican Rd Bethesda MD 20816

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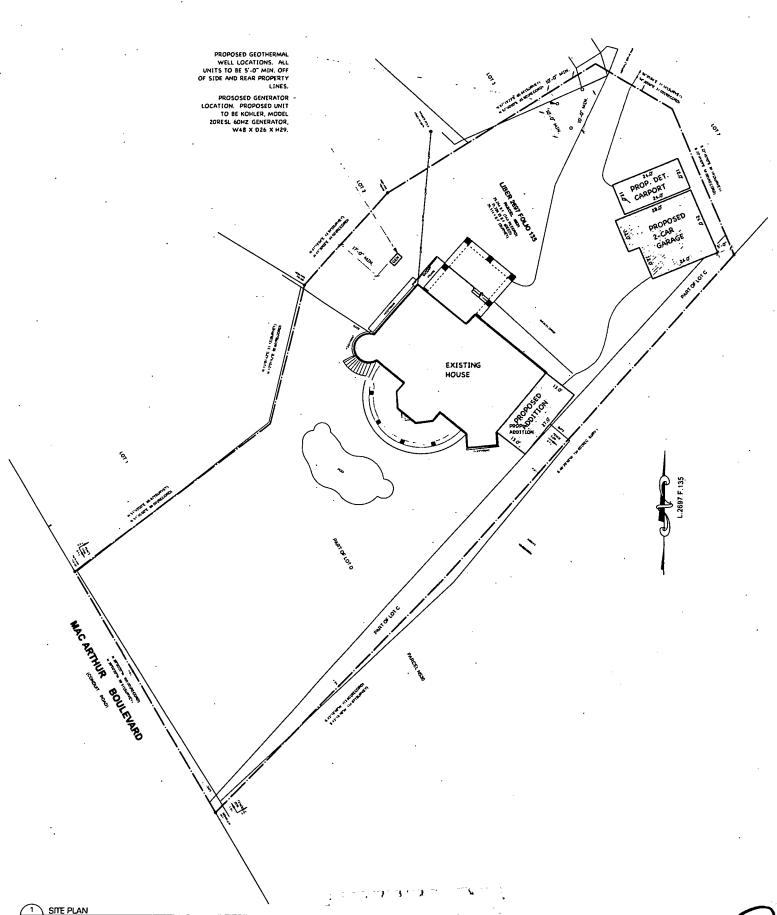
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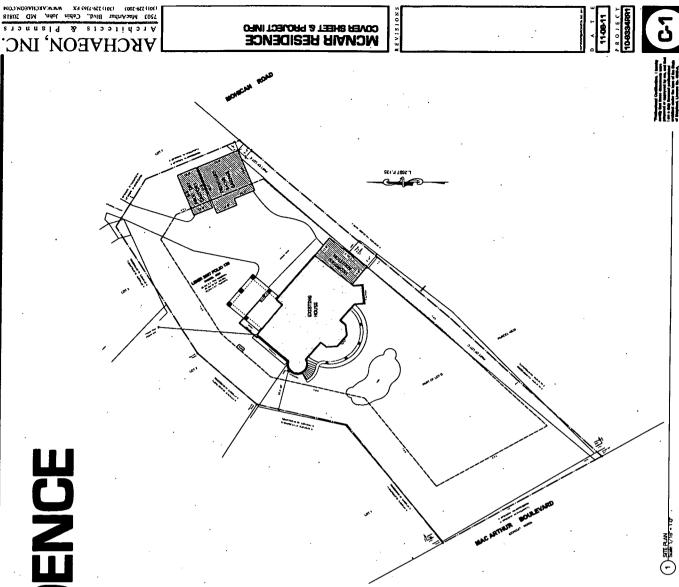
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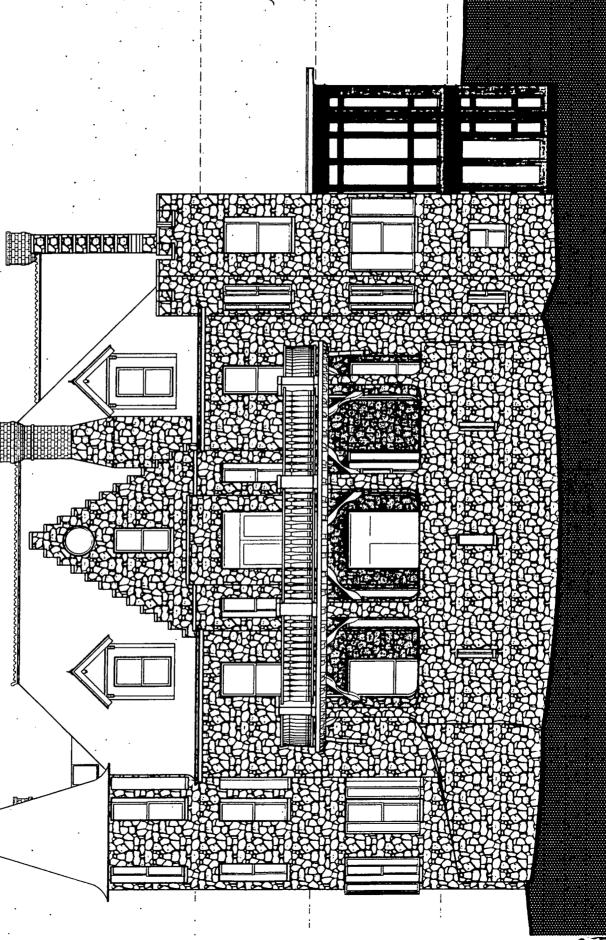


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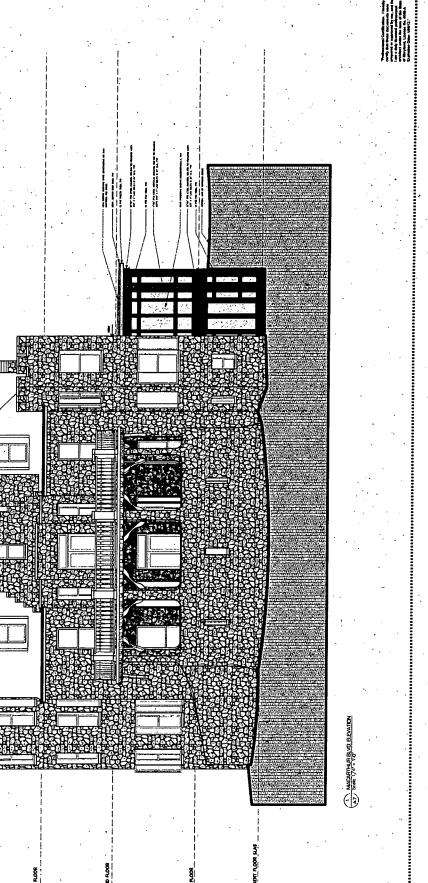
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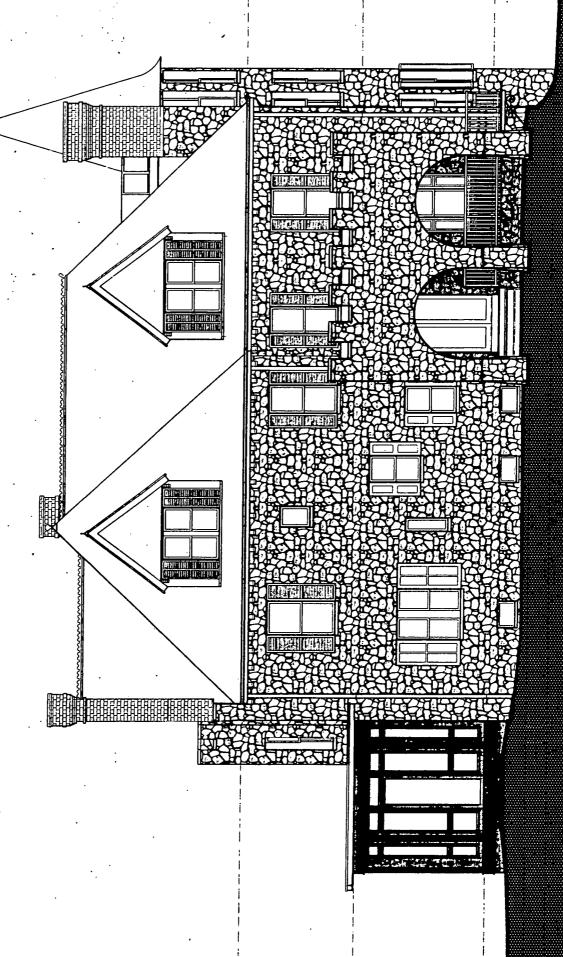
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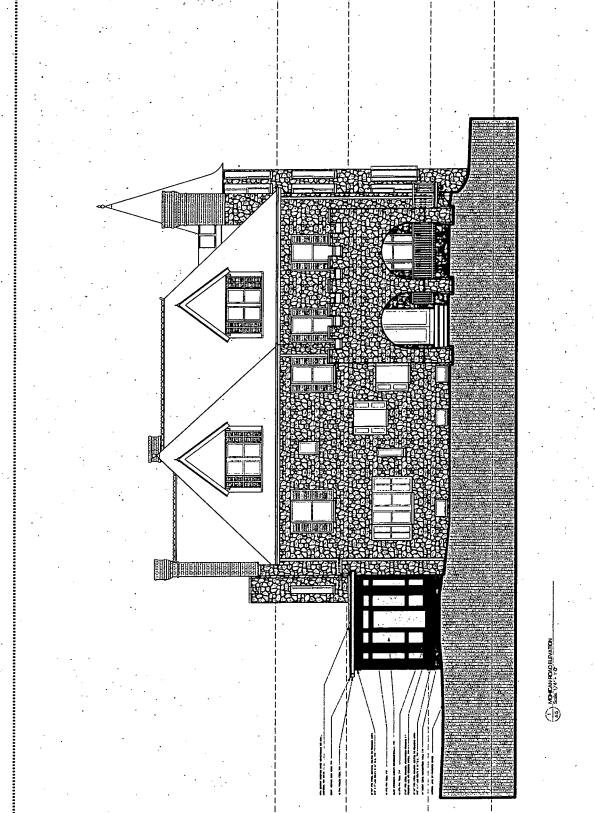
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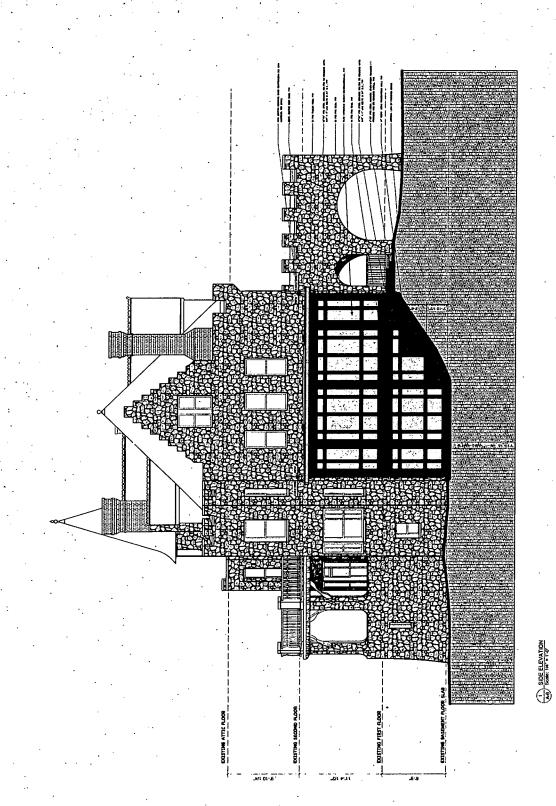
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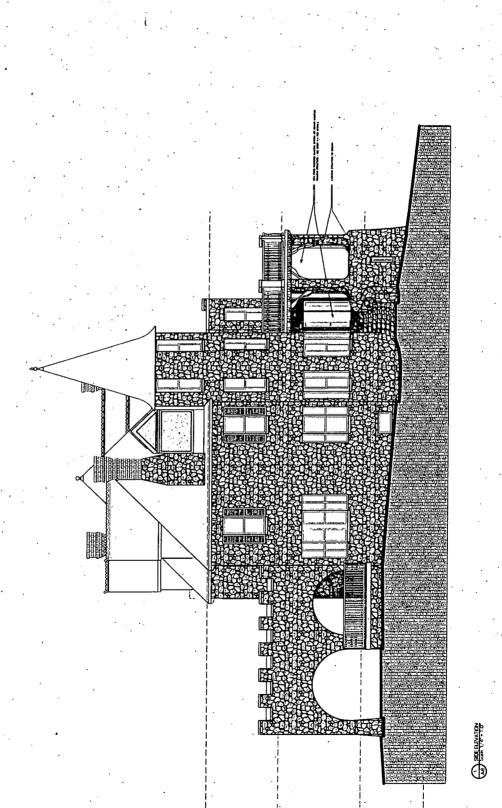


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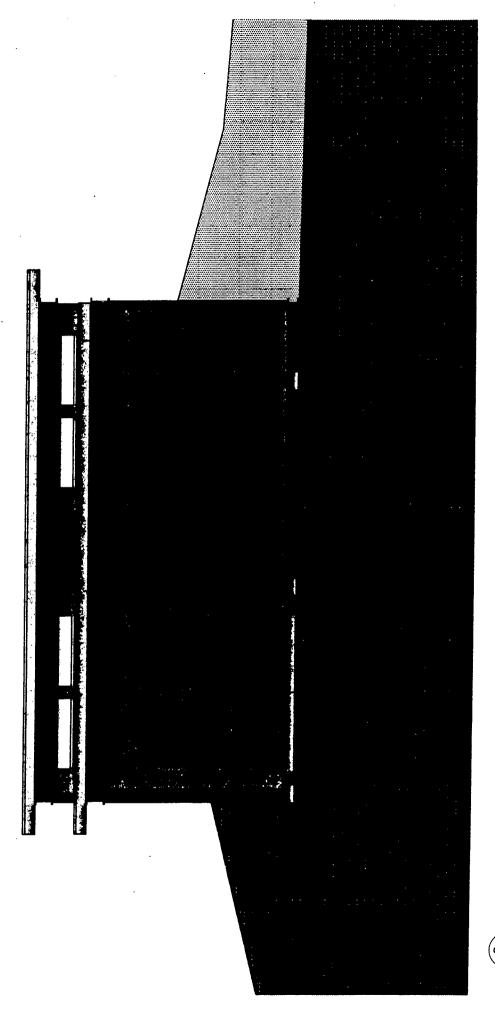


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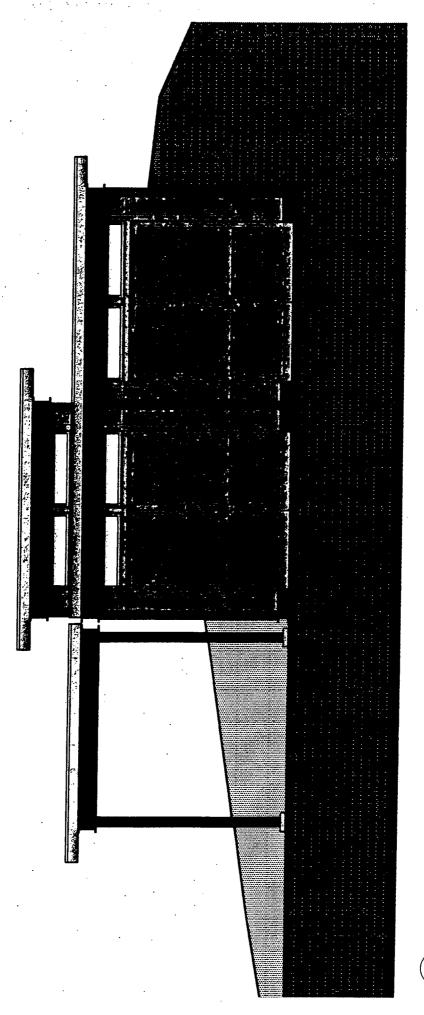


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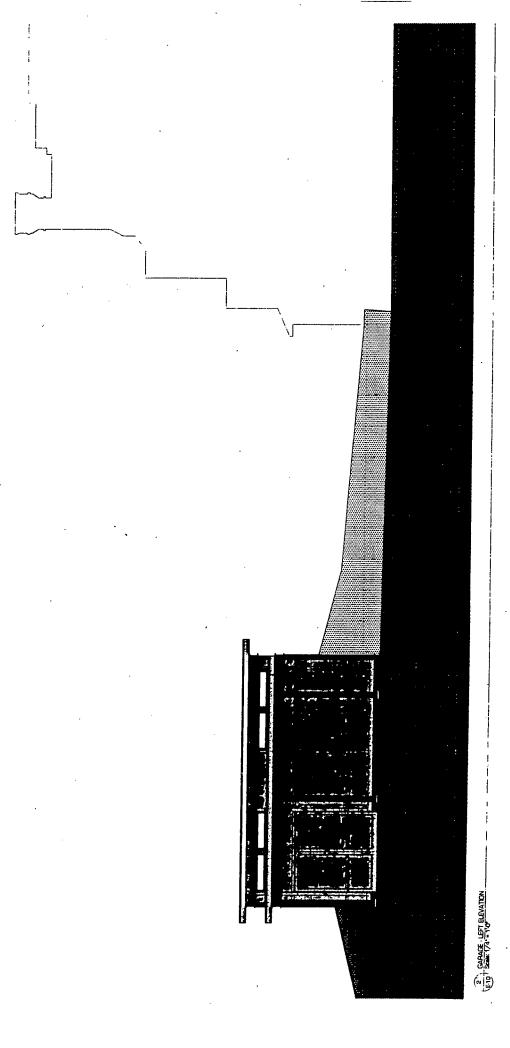
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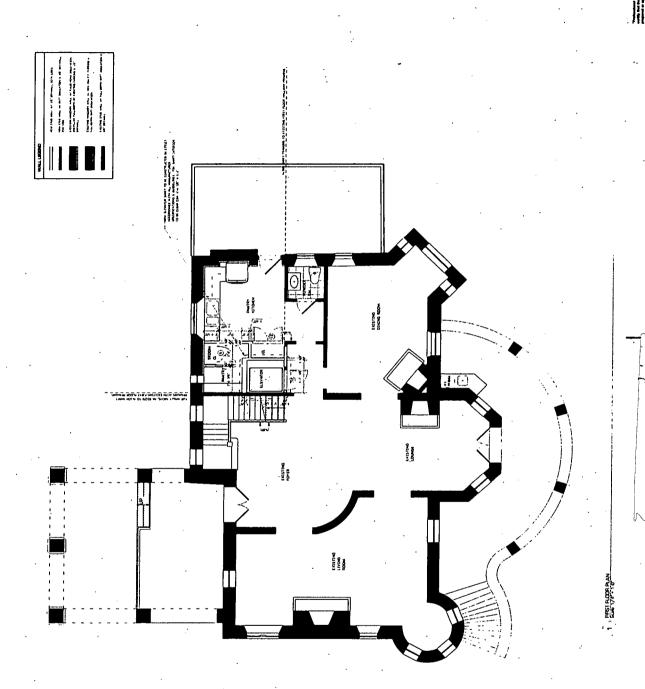
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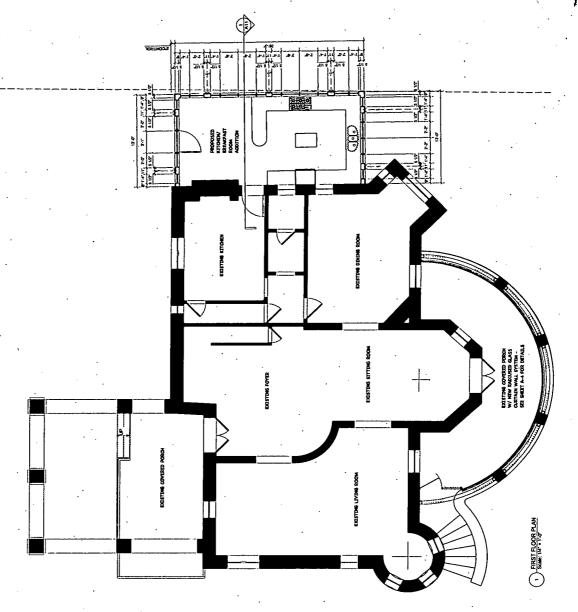
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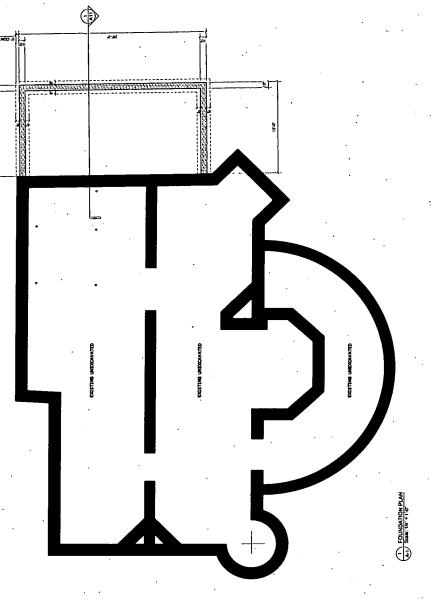
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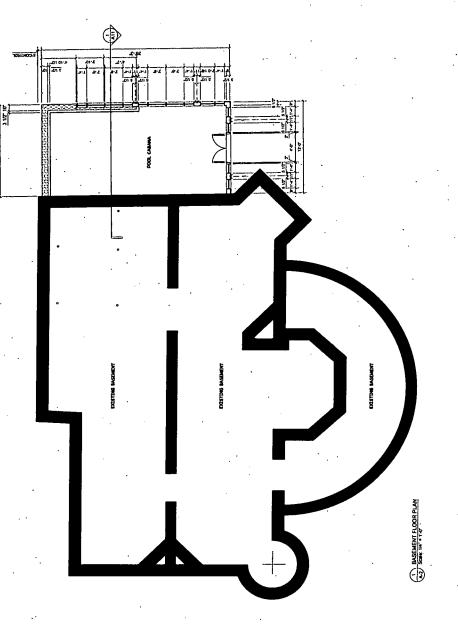
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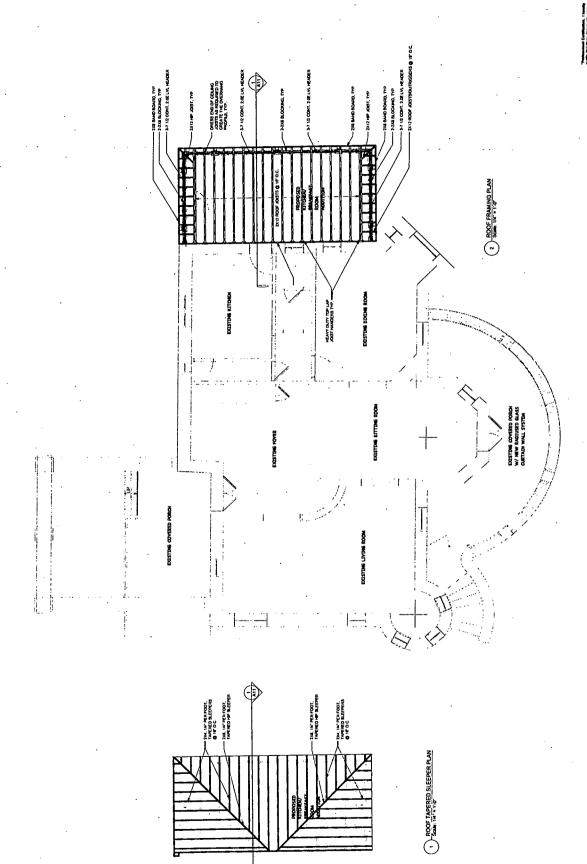




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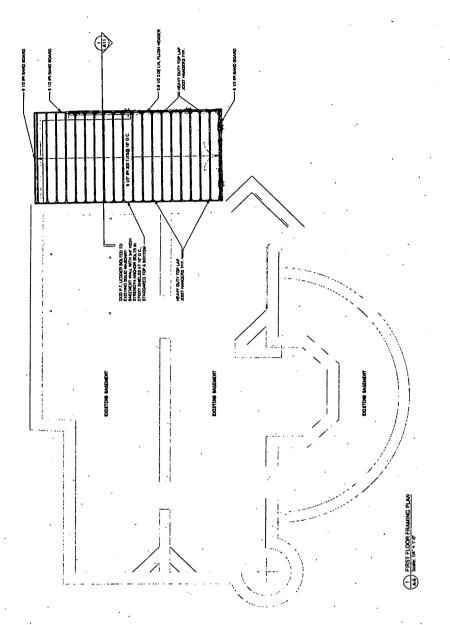


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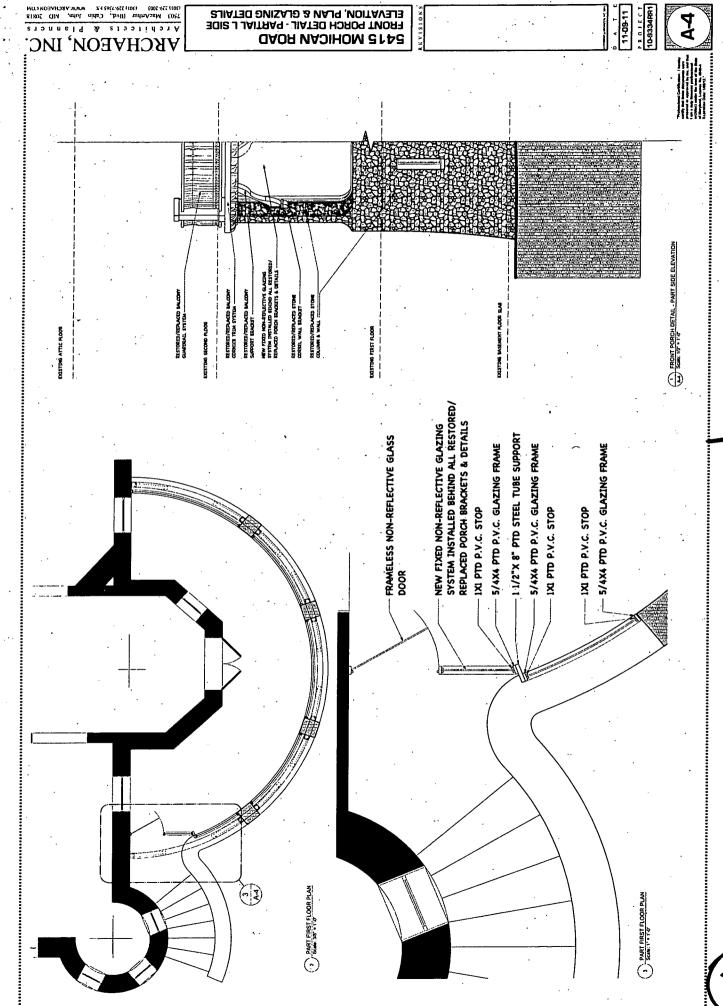


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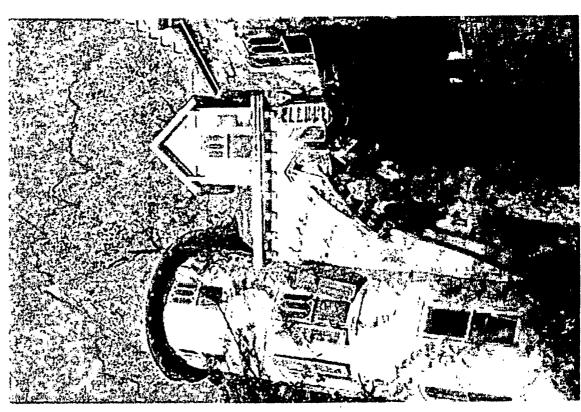


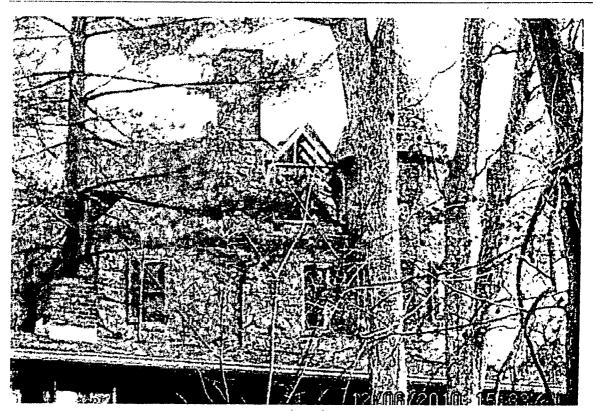
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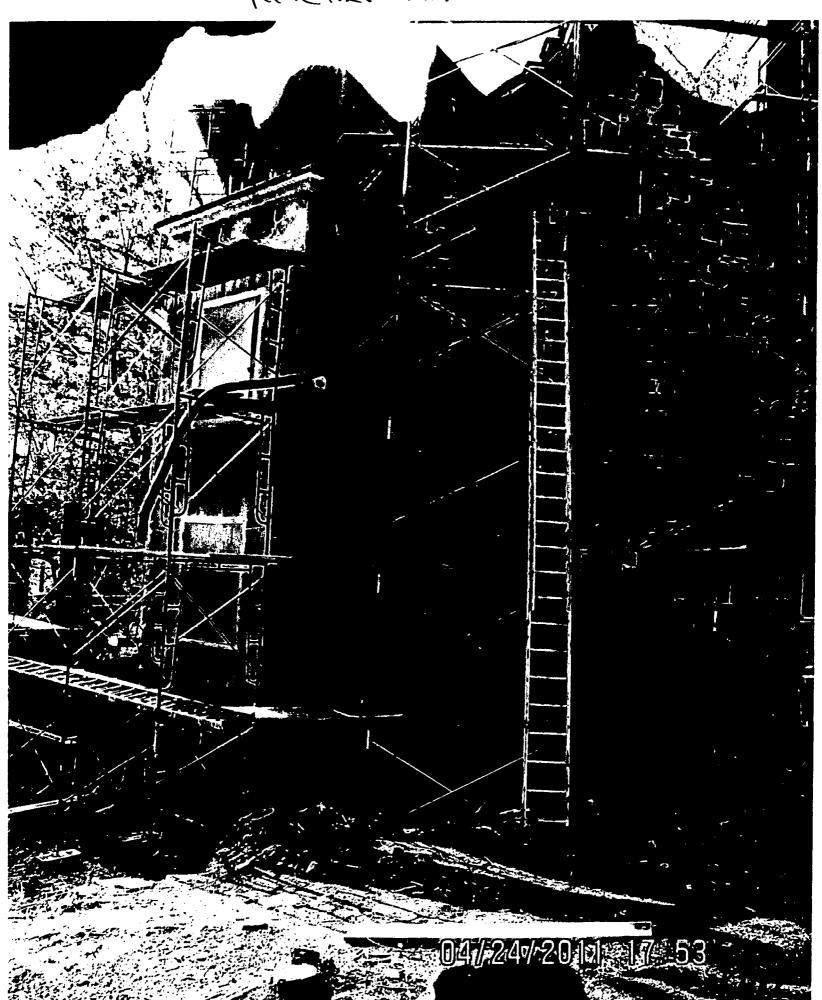


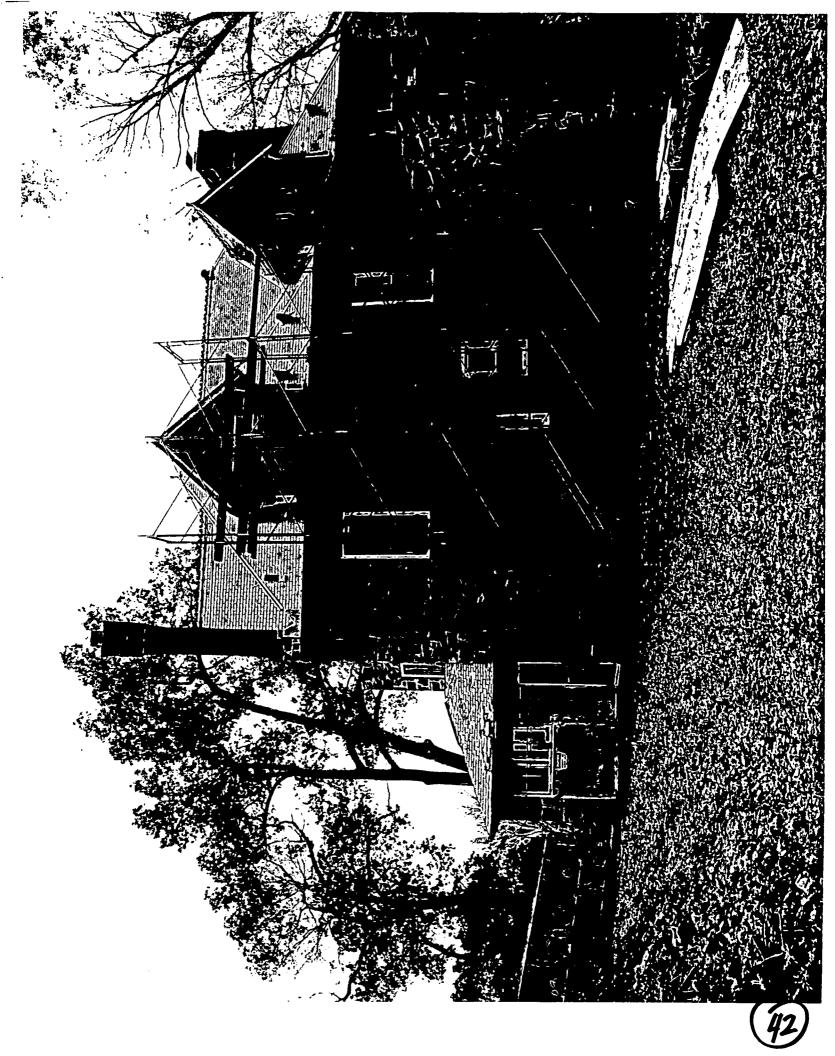


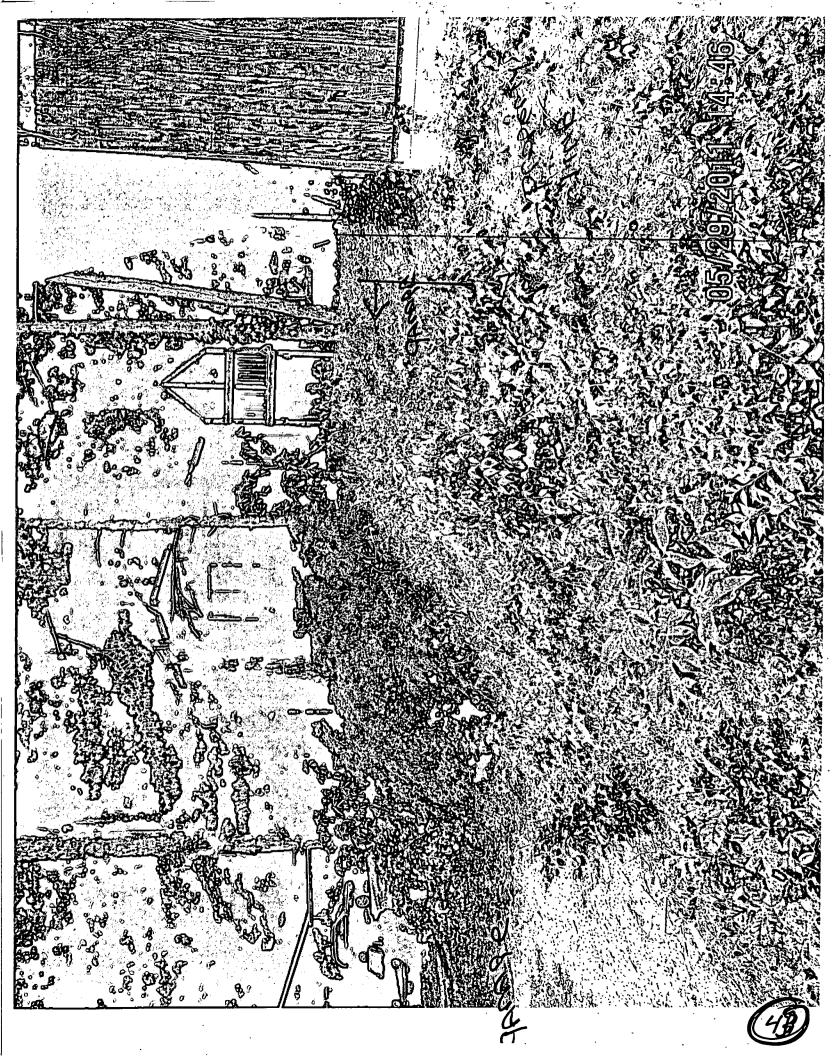
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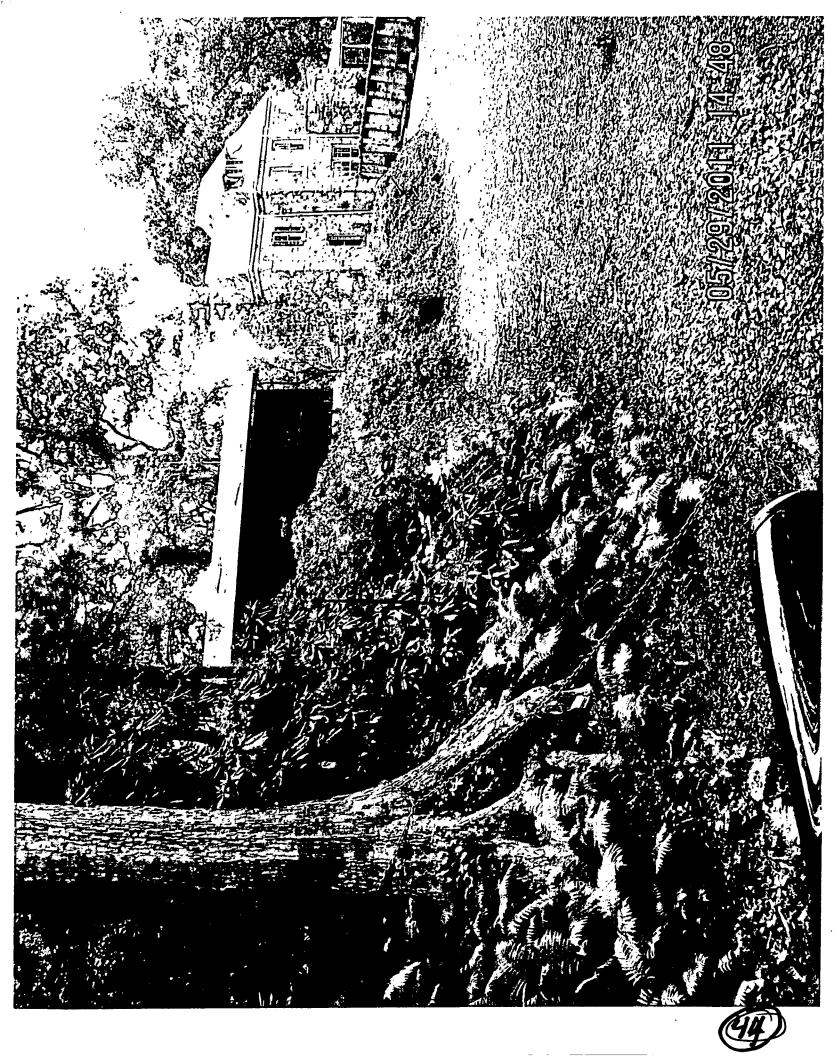
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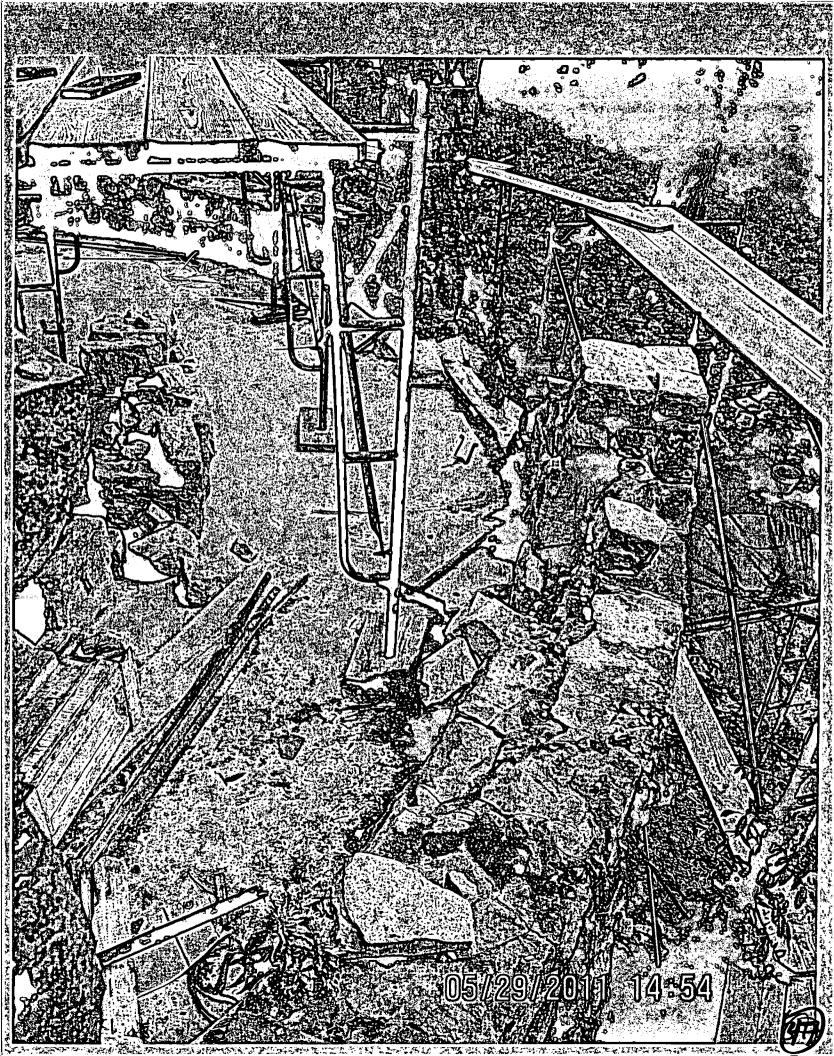


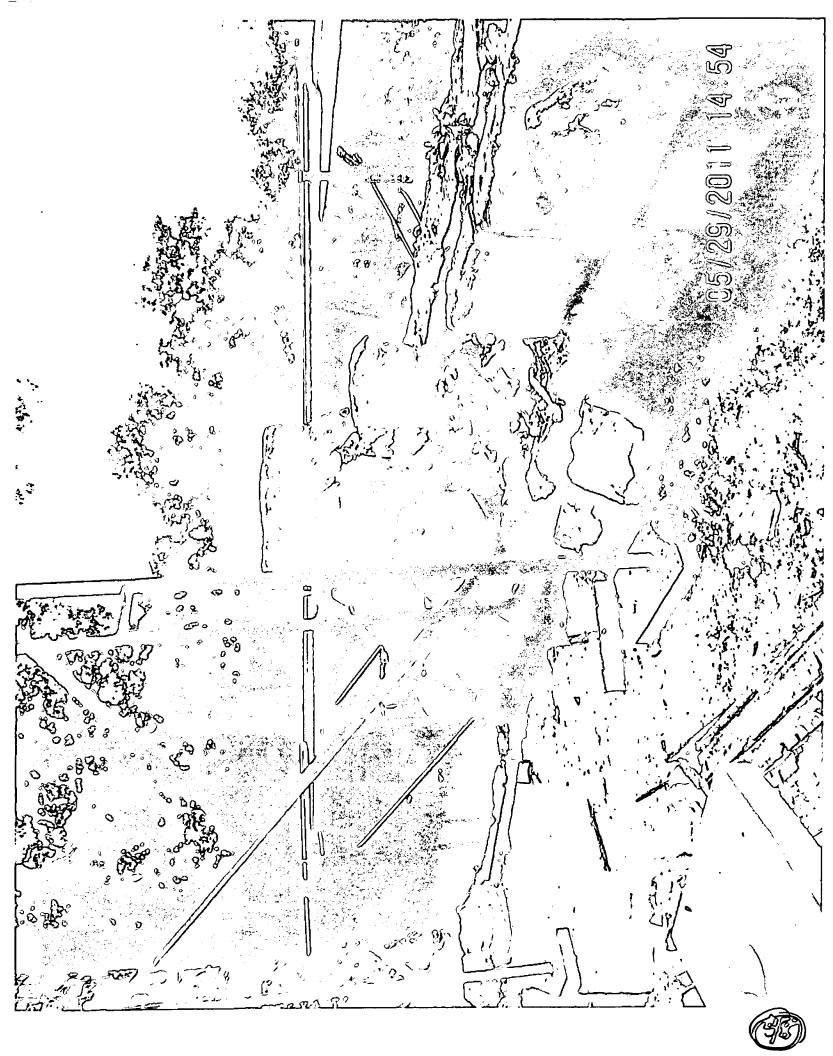


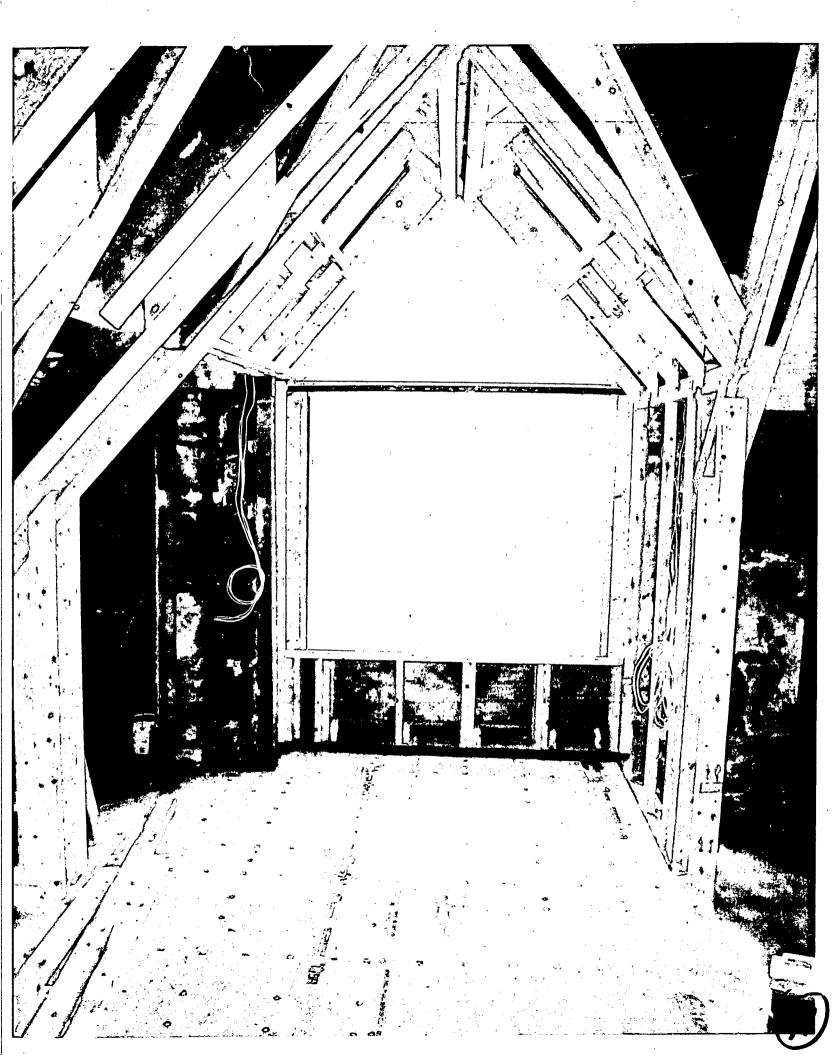


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20	Leslie Miles		
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1 that if there is an easement, it would not be on the plat,

- 2 it would be a -- it would look like your deed.
- 3 MR. KENNY: Okay.
- 4 MS. MILES: It would be text.
- 5 MR. KENNY: Okay, thank you.
- 6 MS. MILES: You're welcome.
- 7 MR. KENNY: Should I turn this off?
- 8 MS. MILES: Thank you.
- 9 Next we're going to consider a preliminary
- 10 consultation for 5415 Mohican Road, the Baltzley Castle. Do
- 11 we have a staff report?
- MR. SILVER: Yes, we do. I'm not going to go
- 13 through the background section of this. I think it's pretty
- 14 detailed in the staff report. If there is something that
- 15 some of you would like me to go through in the background
- 16 section, please ask me after the staff report. I'm going to
- 17 go right into the proposal section.
- So, everything that's in the proposal remains
- 19 largely the same in terms of the goals of the project;
- 20 number one being a kitchen addition, number two being the
- 21 installation of the glass in the front porch, the third item
- 22 is the replacement of the glass dormer, and construction of
- 23 a garage, which in this case, it's a two car detached garage
- 24 with a single car port, unlike before when it was a
- 25 significantly larger sized garage. Two additional items



- 1 that have been added to the proposal as this project
- 2 continues to get fleshed out by the applicant, are the
- 3 installation of the geothermal wells and the generation,
- 4 which are both shown on the Site Plan for the project.
- 5 Staff would like to just say, as the staff report
- 6 does say, is that they would just like to commend the
- 7 applicant's ongoing rehabilitation efforts at his site visit
- 8 on September 30th and was struck at the repointing job that
- 9 was done at the property, it was quite amazing; some of the
- 10 nicest that I've seen, and they continue to do, you know,
- 11 the HPC approved roof replacement which also looks quite
- 12 nice and some of the slates are being salvaged where
- 13 feasible, which was the applicant's intent and what the
- 14 information was conveyed to the Commission at that time.
- 15 I'm in support of the proposal as submitted at
- 16 this conceptual stage of the second preliminary stage; that
- 17 removal of the one story side addition is something that the
- 18 Commission had given the applicant the green light to at the
- 19 first preliminary to accommodate a more harmonious side
- 20 addition there versus trying to integrate the existing,
- 21 what's referred to in a designation as a lean-to addition,
- 22 with something that's new there.
- I don't really have any additional comments about
- 24 the side addition. I will just say that, you know, it is
- 25 sensitive to the site. I think it is consistent with the



- 1 guidelines. It certainly has a contemporary expression
- 2 which is sort, at one end, the preservation spectrum verses
- 3 the first preliminary that it was sort of somewhat
- 4 contemporary but a little bit too compatible, perhaps, with
- 5 the stone work that was proposed and so staff is generally
- 6 supportive of that two-story addition. We would like to see
- 7 some more details as the project goes on.
- 8 I remain supportive of the front porch,
- 9 installation of the non-reflective glass, and the openings.
- 10 The applicant has provided a detail of that installation
- 11 method, which I know the Commission had a number of
- 12 questions last time, and I think that he's got his head
- 13 wrapped around it better as well now. And, I think that it
- 14 still remains -- allows that front porch to be used as a
- 15 functional living space and is consistent with the Secretary
- 16 of Interior standards.
- 17 The glass dormer replacement, I'm not going to
- 18 comment on; that was given, I believe, a unanimous support
- 19 for its replacement there. It was determined that, yes, it
- 20 is damaged and it needed to be replaced, there was water
- 21 infiltration.
- I think the part of the project that has changed
- 23 the most, as well as the addition is the two car, one car
- 24 carport detached garage. There was some discussion last
- 25 time about how the -- there was an issue with the setback I

- 1 believe has been resolved. There was some issue with some
- 2 of the sight lines on the adjacent property. I think that
- 3 this design that is, you know, associates itself with the
- 4 side addition, which was also recommended by the Commission,
- 5 that the addition and the garage agree in terms of their
- 6 style is more successful in sort of conveying a lower
- 7 perceived scale that is lower.
- 8 And then lastly, the geothermal wells and
- 9 generator installation, I have no issues with those. I
- 10 think they'll have negligible impact on the setting. The
- 11 staff report has three items that the HPC should provide the
- 12 applicant on guidance with. One is the construction of the
- 13 two-story side addition, the front porch alteration, the
- 14 glass installation, and construction of the two car detached
- 15 garage with the carport. Staff is recommending that the
- 16 applicants make revisions to the plans based on the comments
- 17 tonight and return for a Historic Work Permit.
- 18 I'll quickly go through these slides. That's the
- 19 castle. These are slightly outdated. It looks a bit
- 20 different out there these days but nonetheless. That's the
- 21 lean-to addition that would be removed where the side
- 22 addition would go. The addition area, just to give a sense
- 23 of some of the grayed, knowing what the existing conditions
- 24 are there and how that addition will work in to this change
- 25 of topography. I know there was some discussion last time

- 1 about a garage. As you can see on the right photo, there's
- 2 that, I think its T1-11 plywood, but that gable garage
- 3 there, that's on the separate, not for discussion tonight.
- 4 Front porch conditions, I don't think I included
- 5 this photo the last time, but I hope you understand a little
- 6 bit about the construction that's there. Again, these are
- 7 from November of 2010, but still sort of the glass would be
- 8 going into that opening. Glass dormer, garage location,
- 9 that's the R.A. Charles property on the right of the photo
- 10 in the back on a separate lot. And, some progress photos;
- 11 there's that fine repointing job that I referred to and some
- 12 of the ongoing, the roof repairs. It's not a very close
- 13 shot but you can see some of that; and that's all I have.
- 14 MS. MILES: Thank you, Josh. Does anyone have any
- 15 questions for staff?
- Okay, Mr. McNair, would you like to make a
- 17 presentation or respond to questions?
- 18 MR. MCNAIR: Hi. What we've had to do was address
- 19 all of the comments from the last time. We've -- the
- 20 kitchen addition is a unified structure, flat roof. It is a
- 21 flat seam comparable -- I think there was some concern about
- 22 a standing seam and so what we got to do is a flat roof.
- 23 The -- I know that there was a lot of question on trying to
- 24 enclose this glass in this front porch. The way that we're
- 25 proposing to do that is take something that's like a five

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quarter by three and a half and with that thickness I'll be able to scallop the bottom edge so that it fits the stone 2 3 and then that'll give me a left side base and a right side and then we use a three quarter by three quarter stock feed, 4 put the glass in, and then have a set feed. So if it's -the method to adhere the glass is really very minimal. 6 Then when you come around to this side is where you have the 8 stairs, where you have the door that goes in. It's also 9 very simple structure that the glass will come around, then we'll use a tubular steel, something -- it's about an inch 10 and a half by six inches or inch and a half by eight inches, . 11 12 depending on what I need just to clear the stone because the 13 stone scallops out as it goes down, and then we would just 14 notch the steel so it conforms to the shape of the stone, 15 and then we'd have a three quarter by three quarter set feed 16 on that and then set the glass in. And then, that would 17 come across, have a fixed panel, and then the operating door 18 would have the five quarter by three and a half inch trim 19 that goes on the wall and then the operating door would attach to that. There'd be a threshold that you wouldn't be 20 21 able to see and a similar detail at the ceiling so that the door can close and be fairly airtight, but all of that would 22 23 be occurring behind -- there's kind of a, there's a drop --24 there's a drop beam that you really don't see right there

because that's all fallen down, so you wouldn't see the very

1 thin air gap, air ceiling method on that.

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- 2 The garage is a two -- is a two bay garage with a
- 3 separate open carport. It's all flat roof. I think the
- 4 design of the garage and the design of the kitchen tend to
- 5 blend in and not as pronounced. We pulled the kitchen
- 6 addition back from the squared part of the power.
- With the garage, the elevation from the finished
- 8 gravel to the top elevation on the -- where the slope is
- 9 nine foot, six inches. So, what we were trying to do with
- 10 the kitchen addition is have it so that it would align with
- 11 the crennelations on the front porch. There's a, there's a
- 12 main structure and then you have kind of like the teeth,
- 13 sort of the little, I'm not sure what you call them, but the
- 14 little teeth that come up.
- 15 MS. MILES: The ziggurat effect there?
- MR. MCNAIR: Excuse me?
- 17 MS. MILES: The ziggurat effect?
- MR. MCNAIR: Yes. So what we would try and do is
- 19 have it so that the kitchen addition aligned with the bottom
- 20 of that, which puts it about a foot, foot and a half below
- 21 the sill level of the windows. There was a comment to try
- 22 and have things match in scale with some of the existing
- 23 structure that was there with the (indiscernible). So, I
- 24 think we -- I think we've tried to present something that
- 25 ya'll would approve.

- 1 MS. MILES: Can I just ask you, I don't think you
- 2 identified yourself, actually, for the record if you don't
- 3 mind.
- 4 MR. MCNAIR: Oh, sorry, Ross McNair.
- 5 MS. MILES: Thank you. Can I just ask you a quick
- 6 question? I wasn't sure about this. It looks like not, but
- 7 in the proposed kitchen addition, are you proposing to cut
- 8 any holes into the existing stone?
- 9 MR. MCNAIR: No. There's an existing door that --
- 10 right now the lean to, as everybody keeps calling it,
- 11 there's a door that comes in here and then as soon as you
- 12 clear the fireplace then there's a door that goes into the
- 13 structure so it has a three foot wide door there now.
- 14 MR. SILVER: That's shown on the floor plan in
- 15 here.
- MS. MILES: I thought so but I wanted to be
- 17 completely sure. Okay. Does anyone else have any questions
- 18 for the applicant?
- 19 MR. TRESEDER: I have a question for him regarding
- 20 the garage. You have the design where the carport with
- 21 slight separation from the main structure. Was that in
- 22 response to the Commission's request or was that something
- 23 that you sort of came up? It looks like you might have
- 24 responded to a staff or commission request.
- MR. MCNAIR: It follows what the code requirements

1 are. You have to have one structure if you're going to be

- 2 within five feet of the property line needs to be 24 feet.
- 3 So, if you separate it by one inch, six inches, eight
- 4 inches, a foot, then you can have two structures.
- 5 MR. TRESEDER: Okay, so you're responding to the
- 6 zoning issues, not the comments we made?
- 7 MR. SILVER: Commissioner Treseder, I think with
- 8 the applicant's desire to have a slightly larger garage when
- 9 he was here for the first preliminary consultation, there
- 10 was some loose discussion about ways to still kind of get
- 11 the space needs that he was after but make it a little bit
- 12 smaller or more opened. So, a little bit of both, to answer
- 13 your question.
- MR. TRESEDER: Thanks.
- MS. MILES: No other questions for the applicant?
- 16 Thank you.
- MR. RODRIGUEZ: Yes, let me try to understand all
- 18 he said about the glass. You said that the glass is going
- 19 to be put on a mount and that it's going to be attached to
- 20 the backside of the pillars. Is that what I understood?
- 21 It's like a C-channel that gets attached to the backside of
- 22 the stone, the pillars or --
- MR. MCNAIR: The -- we're talking about the --
- 24 MR. RODRIGUEZ: The porch, the round porch
- 25 enclosure.



- 1 MR. MCNAIR: Where the -- well, what I have to do
- 2 in order -- where the door panel goes is I have to come off
- 3 the low wall of the stone wall. So --
- 4 MR. RODRIGUEZ: And I understand the door. What I
- 5 am asking is the other three panels that enclosed, how are
- 6 they attached to the masonry?
- 7 MR. MCNAIR: Oh, that five quarter by three and a
- 8 half inch?
- 9 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Uh-huh.
- 10 MR. MCNAIR: I -- we can attach it with some
- 11 screws. I can attach it with --
- MR. SILVER: May I interrupt? I'm sorry. On Page
- 13 25, there is a dimension for a PVC glazing frame,
- 14 Commissioner Rodriguez, I would refer to that if that's what
- 15 you're -- I think what you're asking is how is this glass
- 16 going to sit in these openings, am I understanding you
- 17 correctly?
- MR. RODRIGUEZ: Yeah, I'm more curious about how
- 19 the five quarters by four inch PVC glazing frames gets
- 20 attached to the masonry.
- 21 MR. MCNAIR: We can attach it with screws. We can
- 22 attach it with a silicon sealant.
- MR. RODRIGUEZ: Thank you.
- MS. MILES: Any other questions for the applicant?
- MR. TRESEDER: I guess I have one more question.

- 1 On Circle 23 you have given us an isometric of the system
- 2 you're proposing for the addition and I just wonder, what
- 3 you're proposing, is this a historical system with fixed
- 4 glazing panels, is that what this represents?
- 5 MR. MCNAIR: No. I've gone to a company called
- 6 Bent Glass. They're just going to provide the bent glass
- 7 and the nine-sixteenth safety glass. It gets mounted into a
- 8 frame that we're building onsite.
- 9 MR. TRESEDER: No, I'm sorry, I'm talking about
- 10 something else now. I'm past the curved glass. I'm looking
- 11 at your isometric of the section for needs of the kitchen,
- 12 not the porch.
- MR. MCNAIR: Okay.
- MR. TRESEDER: Okay? And what you've given us
- 15 looks a lot like a store front system and I was just
- 16 wondering, is that what you're proposing or is it going to
- 17 built up out of wood and glass?
- 18 MR. MCNAIR: The structuring is going to be a
- 19 conventionally framed addition with the -- and as an
- 20 architectural feature there's a C channel that gets put at
- 21 the top above the windows or right at the roof line.
- MR. TRESEDER: I see that, Uh-huh.
- MR. MCNAIR: So that's just an applied see
- 24 channel.
- MR. TRESEDER: Okay. But the glazing system you

1 show is just going to be built up out of millwork or some

- 2 sort?
- 3 MR. MCNAIR: Correct.
- 4 MR. TRESEDER: Okay, and will all those panels be
- 5 transparent or some planning to be opaque?
- 6 MR. MCNAIR: The lower ones at the kitchen
- 7 cabinets would be -- have opaque.
- 8 MR. MCNAIR: Okay, thank you.
- 9 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Last question, sorry. So the
- 10 structure for the addition is a post and beam structure,
- 11 like there is wooden poles that it gets infilled with these
- 12 frames?
- MR. MCNAIR: Correct.
- 14 MS. MILES: If there are no other questions, I'm
- 15 going to ask for comments and thoughts on the proposal and
- 16 we'll start at my left. Commissioner Jessen, do you have
- 17 any thoughts?
- 18 MR. JESSEN: I do. I'd like to thank you. I
- 19 think you've done a really good job at responding to
- 20 comments, particularly to the things that I was focused on
- 21 before which was really the addition and the garage. You
- 22 mentioned that the top of the kitchen addition would fall in
- 23 line with the bottom of the crenellation, the teeth if you
- 24 will, I think that's very important that it doesn't rise
- 25 above that, okay, and, you know, the roof line that you have

- 1 drawn here is very thin. Are you confident that you can
- 2 achieve that thin profile?
- 3 MR. MCNAIR: Yes. The span is 13 feet.
- 4 MR. JESSEN: Uh-huh.
- 5 MR. MCNAIR: So that would probably -- it'd
- 6 probably be about ten inches.
- 7 MR. JESSEN: Uh-huh. I think that this is much
- 8 more successful than the previous submission and I think
- 9 that you've done a really good job at responding to that, so
- 10 thank you.
- 11 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Yeah, I agree. I think the
- 12 process are more successful and, for me, I want to see the
- 13 details because in reality for me the stucco approach
- 14 depends on the details and there are the little details that
- 15 have to do with how you build it and there are other details
- 16 on how you place things and how you size elements while you
- 17 compare that against the main facade of the existing house.
- 18 So I have basically two major comments that would be my
- 19 recommendation to you.
- 20 The first one is that I think that the addition
- 21 shouldn't extend beyond the bump out on -- do you have the
- 22 plans in our permit?
- MR. MCNAIR: I don't.
- MR. RODRIGUEZ: Okay, so I'm going to have to use
- 25 my print and Circle 14. There is this bump out shown in the

- 1 plan that is about, I would say probably, two feet, 18
- 2 inches from the face of the house. I don't think the
- 3 addition should go beyond that point. This shown in Circle
- 4 14 so leave it. So I was reacting to information that is in
- 5 this drawing. I don't know it is correct because when I
- 6 compare to these to the picture, I see that there is a
- 7 discrepancy in them. In general, I would recommend that the
- 8 addition go all the way to the face of the existing house,
- 9 that would be my first recommendation.
- 10 The second recommendation has to do when I look at
- 11 elevation, you have put it in Circle 20, I start noticing
- 12 the addition is getting extremely close to the corner of the
- 13 tower and I think you need to push back from the corner of
- 14 the tower and leave the corner of the tower to express
- 15 itself. So this element gets placed slightly off the edge
- 16 of the house, it's slightly off of the corner of the tower,
- 17 and I think that's an important element because that will
- 18 help to define the scale of this.
- 19 My second comment regarding this addition has to
- 20 do with, and this would be my recommendation, I think it's
- 21 very sensible to look at the crenellation, but I think that
- 22 the line created by the back porch groove is a lot more
- 23 stronger line and I think they hide where the addition
- 24 should only be above the line of the roof of the porch, and
- 25 I'm talking about the round porch. I think that is, for me

- '1 along this line from the barometric expression of these.
- 2 elements because if anyway the crenellation reads more as a
- 3 volume than as a line.
- I think you have gained and made a lot progress
- 5 with the garage. I think your approach with the garage is a
- 6 lot more successful in terms of the scale and the massing
- 7 and that is going to depend on the details of how the edge
- 8 of the roof is detailed and how these elements start
- 9 expressing.
- I do have a lot of concerns about the enclosure of.
- 11 the round porch and the concern has to do with the
- 12 protection of the historic fabric. When you put extensive
- 13 glass of that size in a facade that is facing west, that's
- 14 facing the river, and you have the stronger winds coming
- 15 from that side, you're going to have a lot of pressure on
- 16 the glass and that's going to be transferred to something,
- 17 and it's that attachment what can really create a series of
- 18 problems in the masonry and how will that -- because you are
- 19 increasing the surface and you're going to have pressure.
- 20 I'm sure that there is code issues that you will have to
- 21 resolve, how that gets attached, because the code determines
- 22 attachments for elements on their -- pressure, wood
- 23 pressure, and I think that is something that I haven't been
- 24 able to read clearly in the drawings that have been
- 25 submitted. Those would be my comments.



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1 MR. MCNAIR: Can I address that? One of the
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- 2 reasons that that front porch failed as badly as it did, I
- 3 mean, we had to take it down and rebuild it; is that the
- 4 water was able to get in on both sides of it and then it
- 5 just deteriorated. By putting in the glass then we're going
- 6 to make it more of a water tight structure and then also by
- 7 having the glass on a curve, then that's going to help with
- 8 the deflection of the wind. It's not a big flat expense but
- 9 it follows the shape of the porch and that is a curve to it.
- 10 MR. RODRIGUEZ: I understand but the glass is
- 11 supported by the masonry and the pressure that the wind
- 12 serves over the glass is going to be transferred to the
- 13 masonry and what my recommend is you have to consult and be
- 14 sure that that detail is done properly. Otherwise, all the
- 15 reconstruction of the porch that you're going to do is going
- 16 to be cracked over time once all this pressure goes back to
- 17 the masonry because those pilasters weren't designed to have
- 18 all these loads that you are adding now. I'm no
- 19 construction engineer but one of our Commissioners is an
- 20 engineer and he probably can explain a little better than
- 21 I'm doing at this moment; but I think it's an issue that I
- 22 will definitely recommend you consider carefully because
- 23 it's a detail that can in the long term effect the stability
- 24 of the structure.
- 25 MR. MCNAIR: Okay.



- 1 MS. WHITNEY: Mr. McNair, I am supportive of this
- 2 application in the proposed stage that it is right now.
- 3 Thank you for meeting our comments and our recommendations
- 4 as closely as you did. I certainly appreciate that and I
- 5 appreciate all the work that went into it. I have actually
- 6 no commentary other than what staff has told you and I'm
- 7 quite supportive of the application and the proposal and I'm
- 8 looking forward to seeing a HAWP.
- 9 MS. HEILER: Yes, I agree that I think you've
- 10 responded admirably to all of the suggestions. I think this
- is a much more approvable application. \ I would like to
- 12 repeat Commissioner Rodriguez's suggestion about aligning,
- 13 the roof of the kitchen with the roof of the round porch. I
- 14 think that is, I haven't thought of it, but it does seem
- 15 like it would make a small change to your design but will
- 16 probably make it more consistent. I have no problems at all
- 17. with the design of the garage.
- 18 MR. KIRWAN: I too want to thank you for listening
- 19 at the last preliminary and really responding with a .lot of
- 20 what we said. I echo a lot of what Commissioner Rodriguez
- 21 has said in regards to the offset of the addition from the
- 22 corners of the building in the front and from the square
- 23 tower piece, the side. I certainly got hung up with your
- 24 wall section detail and the appliqué of the steel channels
- 25 and what possibly might be vertical steel square pipe

- 1 columns supporting those channels, and I sort of turn to the
- 2 Secretary of Interior Standard number 9 about material
- 3 compatibility with the resource. And, I looked at other
- 4 things on this building such as the way this building sits
- 5 on a very heavy, solid stone base that allows the grade to
- 6 sort of roll against it as it needs to and that base has
- 7 sort of smaller punched openings relative to the larger
- 8 openings above, and I think the addition will be much more
- 9! successful if you introduce some of those stone elements in
- 10 to the addition. For instance, the basement level, the
- 11 addition, was a stone base for that addition with punched
- 12 windows in it. And then possibly this steel but I would
- 13 almost rather see stone piers sort of, you know, framing the
- 14 large glass openings of that addition as opposed to the
- 15 steel applied to the wood structure.
- 16 So, yeah, I think when you go back to what you
- 17 showed us at the first preliminary, you had some of those
- 18 elements, you had the stone base, you had more stone on the
- 19 first story; and I think what I would like to see is a
- 20 slight blending of these two ideas. I think there's sort of
- 21 a contemporary approach and a flat roof that you've taken
- 22 the addition to now, I think, is very successful, but I
- 23 think there's a little bit of the elements of that first
- 24 preliminary addition that would really help make this much
- 25 better and make it more compatible with the resource.



Again, this is a very important structure and I think the addition, as Commissioner Rodriguez well said, the 2 devil's going to be in the details with us on a lot of these 3 things and I think those are the kind of details I'll be looking for in the final HAWP for the project. You know, I 5 think when you look at that side addition you get this sort 6 of awkward stepping as the hill slips against the basement level of the addition. You get whatever that material is 9 that's sort of stepping, creating that foundational wall that the grade can lean up to, you know, that's just an 10 awkward detail and I think, again, I think a stone base 11 would really help the addition sort of resolve the grading 12 13 issues around it and make it work better with the resource. MR. KIRWAN: I think the comments made about the 14 curved glass and the attachment to the piers on the front 15 porch are very good. I think, as Mr. Rodriguez said, you 16 know, that's going to be an important connection. A lot of 17 the stress of the wind loads is going to be right on that 18 19 joint. 20 You're also going to have to attach, whatever that frame material is, is going to have to be scribed at these 21 very sort of rough, irregular stone piers; so I suspect in 22 the end there's going to be a much larger piece than five 23 quarter inch that's going to need to resolve all that 24 irregularity of the stone and give you good attachment to 25

- 1 the stone piers. So, I think in the end, that's probably
- 2 going to be a heavier frame material, both to respond to the
- 3 structural requirements, but also just to respond to the
- 4 fact that you're attaching these rough stone piers. So, I
- 5 think it's a very important detail to look at when we see
- 6 this next time.
- 7 The garage, I think, has come a long way. I think
- 8 if you take some of these ideas and begin to modify the
- 9 details of the side addition, those details should carry
- 10 into the garage so that those two structures are compatible.
- 11 So, you know, if you end up with stone piers instead of the
- 12 steel appliqué, that might be a good element to bring into
- 13 the garage. If you stick with the steel appliqué sitting on
- 14 top of a stone base, maybe there's a stone base to the
- 15 garage that the steel than sits on. So, again, as you work
- 16 towards the addition in solving these issues, I would then
- 17 carry that into the garage, sort of as you've done begun to
- 18 do already; I think that's the best appropriate way to
- 19 handle the garage. That's it.
- 20 MR. MCNAIR: Can I ask for clarification? So you
- 21 would like to see the foundation -- so if this is going to
- 22 be poured concrete to apply the stone to the poured concrete
- 23 so that what -- because what -- I thought the last time
- 24 there was a -- I thought I was being directed to move away
- 25 from stone and not have any stone on the addition trying to

- 1 have it so that it's dissimilar. But --
- 2 MR. KIRWAN: We may have said that. I wouldn't
- 3 have felt that way. I mean I think a stone veneer addition
- 4 is very compatible with a stone low bearing main building, I
- 5 mean, I think you can make those two ideas work and I think
- 6 actually the material compatibility really helps, as I
- 7 mentioned in the standard number nine. I mean, I think that
- 8 material compatibility helps with a very contemporary
- 9 addition using some of the material that's on the main
- 10 building and bringing that into the addition helps when the
- 11 stylist response is so different in the addition to the main
- 12 building.
- MR. MCNAIR: Okay, so this lean to that's here has
- 14 two stone piers --
- 15 MR. KIRWAN: That's right.
- MR. MCNAIR: -- with kind of a stone base to it.
- 17 Would you want to see the two on the far left and the far
- 18 right those being stone piers?
- MR. KIRWAN: That's possible.
- MR. MCNAIR: And have any exposed material be
- 21 stone material in wall material?
- MR. KIRWAN: Well, I think there can be a
- 23 combination of wood trim in between stone piers.
- MR. MCNAIR: Okay, so --
- 25 MR. SILVER: Mr. McNair, I'll go ahead and ask, I

- 1 think I can help you answer that question but Commissioner
- 2 Kirwan is representing his, you know, opinion on this and
- 3 you still have three other Commissioners to hear from and
- 4 perhaps if there seems to be some tenor that is moving in
- 5 that direction, you can find out from the fellow
- 6 Commissioners very quickly.
- 7 MS. MILES: I'm just going to suggest that we go
- 8 around the rest of the dais and then everybody respond to
- 9 Commissioner Kirwan's suggestion and I am also going to ask
- 10 -- I'm assuming that none of you have any issues with the
- 11 geothermal or the generator so I assume that's not posing
- 12 problems. All right, if you don't mind, we'll just go
- 13 through and let everybody comment and then respond to
- 14 Commissioner Kirwan.
- MR. TRESEDER: What I like about what you've done
- 16 with this is you've made the proportions of the glass, even
- 17 though it's a great contemporary glass curtain wall effect,
- 18 you picked up the proportions of the windows so in subtle
- 19 ways you are actually, you know, referring to the house.
- 20 commend you for that.
- 21 I don't like the way this thing joins the house.
- 22 (It's very abrupt the way it joins the house and I think I ;
- 23- agree with Commissioner Rodriguez about that. CI would
- 24 suggest that perhaps one solution you might investigate-is
- 25 some kind of small connector hyphen where this joins the

- 1 house to have it flow a little free of it; that might help
- 2 resolve some of the issues that I have and I think
- 3 Commissioner Rodriguez has as to how this things come right
- 4 to the corner of the existing house. Of course, I'm looking
- 5 at the picture, that's what the existing porch does too, but
- 6 I think this scheme would be approved with investigation of
- 7 how it meets the stone house and have some interest in
- 8 resolution of that.
- 9 Other than that, I think the kitchen addition is
- 10 satisfactory and the garage addition, I really appreciate
- 11 the way it picks up the design themes of the addition. I
- 12 think it's very unfortunate that you do have to separate off
- 13 the roof of the carport for zoning reasons because obviously
- 14 the composition would work much better if it were all
- 15 continuous. Other than that, I approve the design.
- 16 MR. SWIFT: I wasn't present at the initial
- 17 preliminary so I'm seeing this for the first time but I do
- 18 think it's a fairly successful attempt already. I do agree
- 19 with Commissioners that have noted the need to move the
- 20 kitchen walls off of the corners. In particular, I'm
- 21 looking at Circle 20 where the roof line extends beyond the
- 22 corner by a foot or two, and I don't think that works. I
- 23 think the roof line needs to stay inboard of the corner by
- 24 at least a couple inches and I think if you move that wall
- 25 in proportionally the way Commissioner Rodriguez mentioned,



- 1 one foot, six, I think that accomplishes it, but I don't
- 2 think it works to have the roof extending beyond that corner
- 3 line.
- 4 Personally, I kind of like the lightness of the
- 5 wood and steel structure. It takes away its impact on the,
- 6 you know, the heavy castle like structure, existing
- 7 structure. I'm also open to incorporating some stone to
- 8 tying it in. I guess either of those, again, with the
- 9 correct details, would probably work for me.
- 10 And I'll address a bit the anchorage of the glass
- 11 curtain wall to the masonry. I don't think on a global
- 12 basis you'd have a problem determining that the stone piers
- 13 could support some additional wind load from the glass. I
- 14 do think, again, it's a detail issue of making that
- 15 connection where you're very close to the corner of the pier
- 16 and, you know, one thing we want to make sure is that this
- 17 is a reversible addition, there's no permanent damage. Part
- 18 of that I think your anchors are probably going to be in
- 19 irregular spacing and target the mortar joints so that you
- 20 avoid cracking a stone with cracks that would propagate out.
- I think some sort of screw, pre-drilled, would work for
- 22 that. I'm not sure what your variation, you know, how much
- 23 thickness you have to make up with that glazing. I am not
- 24 sure if you'll be able to make that work or if you'll need
- 25 to move to something more like steel to make the structure

- 1 work, but that leaves you the problem of filling in the gap.
- 2 But, my main comment there is that the key is to avoid
- 3 damaging the corner of that pier with the anchorage. You
- 4 may need some consultation on getting that detail right, but
- 5 it seems close.
- 6 MS. MILES: Before I make my comments, does
- 7 anybody want to respond to Commissioner Kirwan's suggestion?
- 8 MS. WHITNEY: I have a comment. We actually did
- 9 discuss it in the last preliminary. It's in the transcript
- 10 on Pages 29 and 30 and there were questions from
- 11 Commissioners Treseder and Miles regarding whether you could
- 12 quarrying additional stone for the addition or reusing stone
- 13 from either a retaining wall or a column, so that actually
- 14 was discussed that you were going to use stone for the
- 15 addition.
- 16 MS. MILES: No other questions. I just want to
- 17 say that was because he was proposing using it. It didn't
- 18 mean that I wanted him to or didn't, it was because I was
- 19 just responding to the proposal; but I'll save my comments
- 20 to when I speak.
- 21 Does anybody else have any response to
- 22 Commissioner Kirwan?
- 23 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Yeah. For me, it's more a matter
- 24 of cohesion of really comprehensive and being able to go
- 25 through the process so it's design exercise and it's a

- 1 design exercise that means that you want this element to be
- 2 unitary, to read the same, and read as to an addition to the
- 3 house. So, that's the problem, how you do it and how you do
- 4 it in a way that's compatible, that is respectful, and that
- 5 reads some clues of the house in terms of its mass that the
- 6 (indiscernible) being approach could be very successful, but
- 7 again, a lot depends on the detail. I read, for example,
- 8 the Secretary of the Interior Standards in a way a little
- 9 different. I won't try to mimic the stone that is there.
- 10 If I had to introduce a material like that then I will go to
- 11 a completely different joinery to show that the material is
- 12 new, that the material has been brought and there is an
- 13 ddition to the house that is not original, it's not part of
- 14 that.
- But, that has to be done in the spirit of the
- 16 project. It has to be, when you look at the proportions,
- 17 when you look at the house, when you start selecting your
- 18 materials, you have to be able to make this a cohesive
- 19 element that is all complete by itself, and the details
- 20 express that clearly, so that would be my point.
- 21 MR. JESSEN: I would just add that I think it's a
- 22 < valid comment and something to consider and I' would be
- 23 opposed to introducing some stone. I also support this
- 24 design. I think that it stands as its own contemporary
- 25 addition to the building without trying to mimic,

- 1 necessarily, but this clue, perhaps, a hint of the stone
- 2 applied could be a good idea. Ties it in. But, I would
- 3 just caution not to go too far. Personally, I wouldn't like
- 4 to see stone pillars back in here because similar to what it
- 5 had before, although what you had before was really two
- 6 additions side by side and very, very articulated. I like
- 7 how kind of clean and simple this is. I think maybe a hint
- 8 of the stone maybe at the base, maybe addressing that step
- 9 down condition that was pointed out before would be a good
- 10 idea. Perhaps, there's a small base of stone around this
- 11 piece. But, I do like how it stands alone, it's not trying
- 12 to completely mimic and I think you're bringing proportions
- 13 of the windows, for example, into this from the house. So,
- 14 there is a relationship piece. And, I also agree that if you
- 15 do explore that, those design concepts should also apply to
- 16 the garage.
- Those are my comments.
- 18 MS. MILES: Okay. Well, my comments more
- 19 generally, first of all, I absolutely think you've come a
- 20 very long way and I greatly appreciate that you've been, in
- 21 my opinion, very responsive to the comments that we made at
- 22 our last preliminary. I am going to align myself with
- 23 Commissioner Rodriguez's comments, particularly, related to
- 24 aligning the roof line of the addition with the round porch
- 25 and ensuring that the addition does not encroach on the

- 1 tower or on the edge of the structure. I think those are
- 2 both extremely important points.
- I don't have any strong feelings, one way or the
- 4 other, if you wanted to come back with some stone elements,
- 5 but what I was saying at the last preliminary I would echo
- 6 which is that I would not want to see a different stone
- 7 unless it could be the same in age and in character as the
- 8 stone that's on the house. I think it would be quite
- 9 jarring to see a different stone and if you can't mimic it,
- 10 or can't essentially duplicate it, I would really prefer
- 11 that it not be attempted.
- 12 I think that the addition looks quite
- 13 differentiated and yet harmonious. I agree that the
- 14 proportions of the windows go a long way towards achieving
- 15 that and I think it's a handsome addition and I think it's a
- 16 distinctive and interesting one.
- 17 As far as the garage goes, yes, it's definitely
- 18 improved a great deal and I agree that it should mimic the
- 19 addition. I would also caution -- there were some
- 20 perspective drawings provided by your neighbor at the last
- 21 preliminary and I think it would be useful, it would be,
- 22 from my perspective, useful to see those perspectives with
- 23 the new proposal to see to what degree this garage is going
- 24 to impact on the site and on your neighbors. So, I would
- 25 urge you to create and provide some data like that for your

- 1 next preliminary or for your HAWP, whatever you do next.
- 2 And, I would absolutely caution that I could not
- 3 support something that would make any holes in the stone
- 4 walls. So, if you make any alterations, I could not support
- 5 that. And I gather that nobody's opposing the glass. It
- 6 would only be a matter of ensuring that it does not damage
- 7 the historic fabric in any way and that it be entirely
- 8 reversible and not engineering issues either and I gather
- 9 that the geothermal and the generator are not a problem. I
- 10 think otherwise you've got some pretty strong support for
- 11 your proposal, either as is or slightly modified. Okay? Do
- 12 you have any questions?
- 13 MR. SILVER: Staff has a question.
- MS. MILES: Yes.
- 15 MR. SILVER: The staff recommended that he return
- 16 for a Historic Work Permit. Could you let staff know what
- 17 the Commission's position is on that please?
- 18 MS. MILES: Does anyone oppose having a HAWP at
- 19 the next stage?
- I think we feel you're quite close and we would
- 21 like to see it go back once.
- 22 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Yeah, but -- well, can I add
- 23 something?
- MS. MILES: Yes, please.
- MR. RODRIGUEZ: I think it would be very important

- 1 for us to see the details and when I see details, the
- 2 construction details of how you intend to do some of these
- 3 things like the glass. Some of these details that really
- 4 tell us a story on what you're trying to do.
- 5 MS. MILES: Absolutely. So, that's your
- 6 direction, staff. Any other questions from anyone?
- 7 MR. SILVER: Thank you.
- 8 MS. MILES: You're welcome. Any other questions
- 9 from anyone?
- 10 Okay, thank you very much.
- MR. MCNAIR: Good, thank you.
- MS. MILES: Okay, next we have minutes, wow, way
- 13 back to June. We have corrected minutes for June 25th?
- MS. FOTHERGILL: I don't have any and I guess I
- 15 need to know is there something that staff can be doing or
- 16 do we need to resend them? July 13th you can cross off,
- 17 those have been approved; but the others, June 22nd I
- 18 believe is Paul, July 27th Sandy, August 17th Jorge --
- 19 what's that?
- Well, so that's what we need to know. So Kevin
- 21 hasn't sent you reminder emails or anything?
- MS. MILES: No, I haven't got the minutes and I
- 23 haven't gotten any of your notes.
- MS. FOTHERGILL: Okay.
- MR. SWIFT: I don't have that excuse. I believe_I

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Re: Fixture credit for 5415 Baltzley Rd

Dear Mr Tapia

My wife and I are in the process of restoring an historic home at 5415 Mohican Rd Bethesda MD, known as the Batlzley Castle. This structure was falling down and we received approval from the Historic commission for structural, stone and roof repairs. In order to repair the damaged floor joist we have had to remove most of the existing bathrooms. My Plumber is applying for his permit and we are being assessed SDC charges on 3 of the 5 existing bathrooms.

My architect has signed and sealed the as built drawings showing the locations of the 5 existing bathrooms - see attached drawings.

We have worked extensively with Montgomery County Planning Departments Historic Preservation department. Joshua Silver -Senior Planner has been to the house several times and will also verify this home had 5 bathrooms

Attached are the architectural drawing as builts, the plumbing fixture count existing & new, photos of the 5 bathrooms and the plumbing permit application.

Please contact me c 301-219-0380 if you have any questions

Sincerely

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