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#### HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Isiah Leggett County Executive William Kirwan
Chairperson

Date: August 22, 2013

#### **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 #643959, construction of rear addition, enclosure of front porch,

construction of new carport 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</u> at the August 21, 2013 meeting.

Applicant:

Ross McNair

Address:

5417 Mohican Road, Bethesda





Edit 6/21/99

# HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION 301/563-3400

# APPLICATION FOR HISTORIC AREA WORK PERMIT

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Tax Account No.:	
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Address: 5115 molligh Ro Bother OA	ms 20816.
Contractor: Manair British	Phone No.: 321214-6389
Contractor Registration No.: L/2 65 45	
Agent for Owner: Daytime	Phone No.:
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☐ Move ☐ Install ☐ Wreck/Raze ☐ Solar ☐ Fireplace	☐ Woodburning Stove ☐ Single Family
☐ Revision ☐ Repair ☐ Revocable ☐ Fence/Wall (complet	e Section 4) 🔲 Other:
1B. Construction cost estimate: \$ 50,000	
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Signature of owner or authorized agent	Date
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Disapproved: Signature:	Date: 8/22/13
Application/Permit No.: (7 43959) Date Filed	3/ //3 Date Issued:

**SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR INSTRUCTIONS** 

#### MONTGOMERY COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

Address: 5417 Mohican Road, Bethesda Meeting Date: 8/21/13

Applicant:

Ross McNair

**Report Date:** 8/14/13

Resource:

Master Plan Site #35/29-2, R.A. Charles Castle

Public Notice: 8/7/13

Review:

**HAWP** 

Tax Credit:

Partial

Case Number: 35/29-13A

Staff:

Josh Silver

PROPOSAL: Construction of rear addition, enclosure of front porch, construction of new carport and

other alterations

#### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the HPC approve this HAWP application.

#### PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

SIGNIFICANCE:

Master Plan Site #35/29-2, R.A. Charles 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 residence was built the same year as the more elaborate and larger scale Baltzley Castle, (located on the adjacent property), yet was also built of locally quarried stone, continuing the theme of the envisioned Rhineland on the Potomac. Both residences were built to take advantage of a dramatic view of the Potomac River. With its multi- and diamond-pane windows, hipped roof polygonal wing, and turned porch posts, the Charles Castle is essentially a Queen Anne style house sheathed in stone. R.A. Charles, an employee of the Treasury Department, bought land from Edward Baltzley in February 1890 and built the house soon thereafter. The Manufacturer's Record of 1891 stated that Mindeleff designed a Glen Echo Heights house for Edwin Baltzley for \$7,000.

#### ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

The subject property is a three bay by one bay, two and half story stone "castle" that faces south (west), and much smaller than the adjacent Baltzley Castle at 5415 Mohican Road.

Constructed of bluestone, the house has a two story screened porch with a flat roof at the southeast corner of the south elevation. The enclosed second level is supported by three columns at the first level.

There is a screen porch on the north elevation that wraps around to the west elevation. Six columns support the half-hipped porch roof. A two story tower is located at the northwest corner of the west elevation with a conical roof.

There are 1/1, double-hung windows with stone lintels, and a variety of multi-paned transom or upper sashes above single light lower sashes. The south elevation has a hipped dormer window. The house has a hipped roof with red slate covering. There are two interior chimneys with corbelled caps.

#### **BACKGROUND**

The HPC held a 2<sup>nd</sup> preliminary consultation hearing in July 2013 where they considered a revised proposal with two different design options that involved a very different design from the 1<sup>st</sup> preliminary consultation. Both options A & B were in response to the HPC's feedback at the 1<sup>st</sup> preliminary consultation.

The revised proposal involved construction of a rear addition, carport, enclosure of the front entry porch with glazing, and selective demolition of a non-original porch feature and its rehabilitation, along with infill construction at the right (south) elevation. Also included was a hardscape plan for the property.

The HPC offered the following comments at the 2<sup>nd</sup> preliminary consultation hearing in response to the applicant's revised proposal:

- A majority of the HPC recommended design option B for the addition.
- Two commissioners stated the north and south elevation window groupings and proportions should be revised from a horizontal -to- vertical orientation to better reflect the windows on the historic massing.
- A majority of the HPC supported enclosing the front porch with glass if the glazing was either in plane with or located behind the existing turned wooden porch columns. Additional details for how the glazing would be installed and attached to the front façade were recommended.
- The proposed carport location and design could be approved if submitted as a HAWP.
- The proposed removal of the non-historic screen porch element, enclosure of the lower-level and rehabilitation of the 2<sup>nd</sup> story, flared, shingle feature could be approved if submitted as a HAWP.
- The hardscape plan as submitted could be approved if submitted as a HAWP.
- Commissioner Rodriguez was in general opposition to the proposed addition and enclosure of the front porch as proposed.
- Commissioners van Balgooy and Treseder were absent. [The full HPC meeting transcript begins on page \_\_\_\_\_].

#### **PROPOSAL**

In response to the HPC's direction at the 2<sup>nd</sup> preliminary consultation the applicant is returning to seek approval for option B having made revisions to the plans.

The applicant is proposing the following:

#### Rear addition:

• Construct a two-story, (18' x 20'), addition at the rear of the existing structure. The addition will connect to the primary structure via a glass and metal hyphen (9' x 11'4"). The proposed materials include a combination of flat roof stone and painted steel beams for the exterior, cooper seamed roofing and aluminum casement and fixed window sashes.

#### Front porch roof replacement and enclosure:

• Remove and replace a non-original asphalt roof with a seamed copper roof. Enclose the existing front porch by adding full view, fixed, reflective glass behind the original wooden porch columns. The existing porch columns and stone piers will be preserved. A porch glazing detail can be found on pages — of the staff report packet.

#### Right (south) elevation alterations:

• Remove a non-historic (c.1980s), one-story, shed roof screen porch extension. The existing wooden shingled, 2<sup>nd</sup> story flared massing with steep sloped roof will be preserved, new windows added, and the 1<sup>st</sup> story below (which currently is a screened porch) will be infilled to create a habitable interior space. The proposed infill is based on physical structural evidence on the interior and maintains the original porch footprint.

#### Construction of two car detached carport and cobblestone entry court:

• Construct a one-story, two-car, 24' x 24', detached, carport at the rear, right corner of the lot. The location complies with the county's setback requirements for accessory structures. Materials for the carport consist of a seamed copper roof and metal structural framing and posts consistent with the materials and details proposed for the addition section. A cobblestone entry court set in bluestone is proposed at the rear of the addition and in front of the proposed carport. The carport will be accessed via an existing driveway from Mohican Road.

#### Other alterations:

- Reset all loose stone work and repoint all mortar joints (No HAWP required)
- Rebuild front porch stone walls, remove and replace floor and roof framing, install new porch ceiling board, remove, strip and reinstall the existing wooden columns (No HAWP required)
- Strip, reglaze, and paint all existing wooden windows. Replace sash weights and chain as needed. Replace broken glass and rehabilitate existing window sashes, framing and trim as needed using salvaged lumber. (No HAWP required).

#### 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

#### Two story rear addition

Staff finds that the applicant's revised proposal as being consistent with Chapter 24A-8 (b) (1) & (2) and Standard #9. The proposed addition location at the rear will have negligible impact on original exterior materials that characterize the property. The proposed design is compatible in character with the resource type and style. The design takes its cues from the historic massing and differentiated through using a different window style and material.

Per the HPC's direction the applicant has selected option B for the proposed rear addition. The revised design responds to the majority opinion of the HPC as stated at the 2nd preliminary consultation hearing and now includes a revised fenestration pattern for the north and south elevation windows that consists of a fixed window flanked by operable casements. The hyphen design includes additional glazing and has been simplified to provide a more distinct visual separation between the historic massing and proposed addition. Staff finds the material treatments and exterior details as being compatible with the historic massing details.

#### Porch roof replacement and enclosure of existing front porch

Staff finds the replacement of the existing front porch roof with a copper roof as being consistent with Chapter 24A-8 (b) (1) & (2). The existing porch roof is not original to the house and therefore the proposal does not substantially alter an original exterior material. The use of a copper standing seam roofing

material is compatible in character with the resource type and style. The HPC supported the applicant's proposal to remove and replace the porch roof at both the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> preliminary consultations.

Staff finds the revised proposal to locate the fixed glass behind the existing turned wooden columns responds directly to the HPC's feedback at the 2<sup>nd</sup> preliminary consultation. The applicant has provided an updated drawing and written narrative to describe the installation process.

Staff finds enclosure of the existing front porch with fixed glass as being consistent with *Standards* # 1, 9 and 10 above. The proposal requires minimal change to distinctive materials and features and does not destroy historic materials that characterize the property, and if removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the property would be unimpaired.

Staff supports enclosing the arched entry way with half-light, outward swinging, painted wooden door at the left (north) elevation entry. Staff finds this alteration as having minimal impact to the resource and as being reversible [Standards #1, 9 and 10]. The applicant is proposing this alteration to increase the habitable area of the proposed front porch glass enclosure.

#### Right (south) elevation alterations

The HPC recommended no changes to the right elevation alterations at the 2<sup>nd</sup> preliminary consultation. The proposal for this feature has not changed.

#### Construction of two bay detached carport

The HPC recommended no changes to the carport design and location at the 2<sup>nd</sup> preliminary consultation. The proposal for this feature has not changed.

#### Cobblestone entry court and pathways

The HPC recommended no changes to the hardscape plan at the 2<sup>nd</sup> preliminary consultation. The proposed hardscape plan has not changed.

#### Other alterations:

Staff supports the proposed maintenance and rehabilitation projects identified in the proposal section. The applicant is encouraged to apply for a county historic perseveration tax credit for eligible expenses associated with the project.

#### **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; or

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 <u>joshua.silver@mncppc-mc.org</u> to schedule a follow-up site visit.



## RNTO: DEPARTMENT OF PERMITTING SERVICES 255 ROCKVILLE PIKE, 2nd FLOOR, ROCKVILLE, MD 20850 240/777-6370

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION 301/563-3400

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#### HAWP APPLICATION: MAILING ADDRESSES FOR NOTIFING

11/26/2012

**OWNER'S MAILING ADDRESS** 

HISTORIC SITE ADDRESS

J. Ross McNair 5415 Mohican Rd Bethesda Md 20816

5417 Mohican Rd Bethesda Md 20816

#### ADJACENT AND CONFRONTING PROPERTY OWNERS MAILING ADDRESSES

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Maureen Jeffreys and Michael Bergsman

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Matthew Byrne 5405 Mohican Rd Bethesda MD 20816 Stephen Seeber 5309 Mohican Rd Bethesda MD 20816

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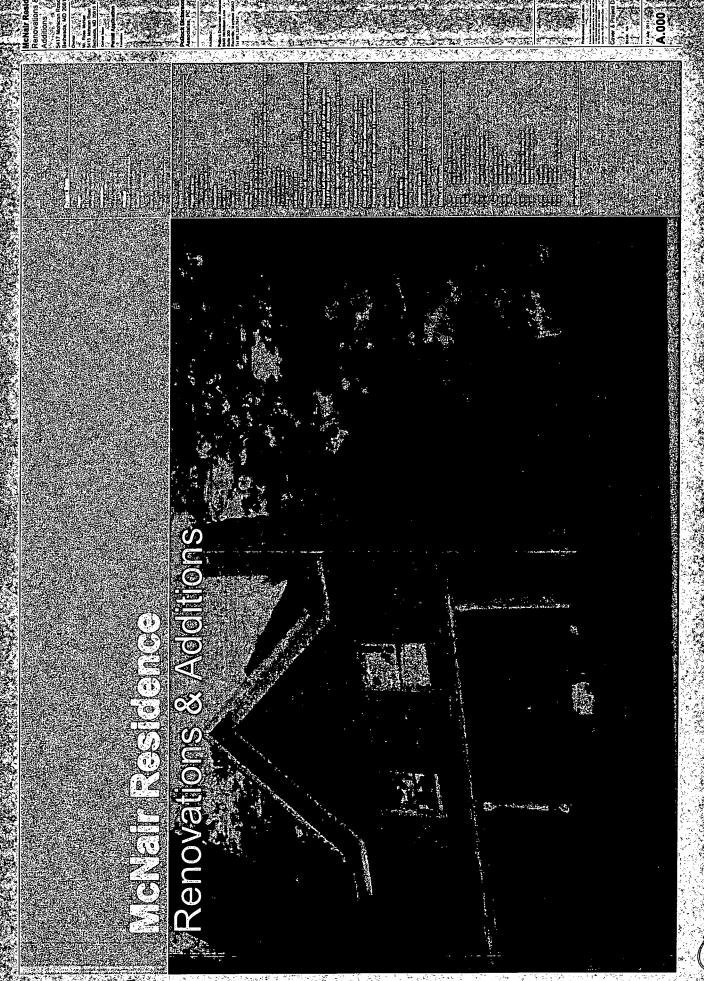
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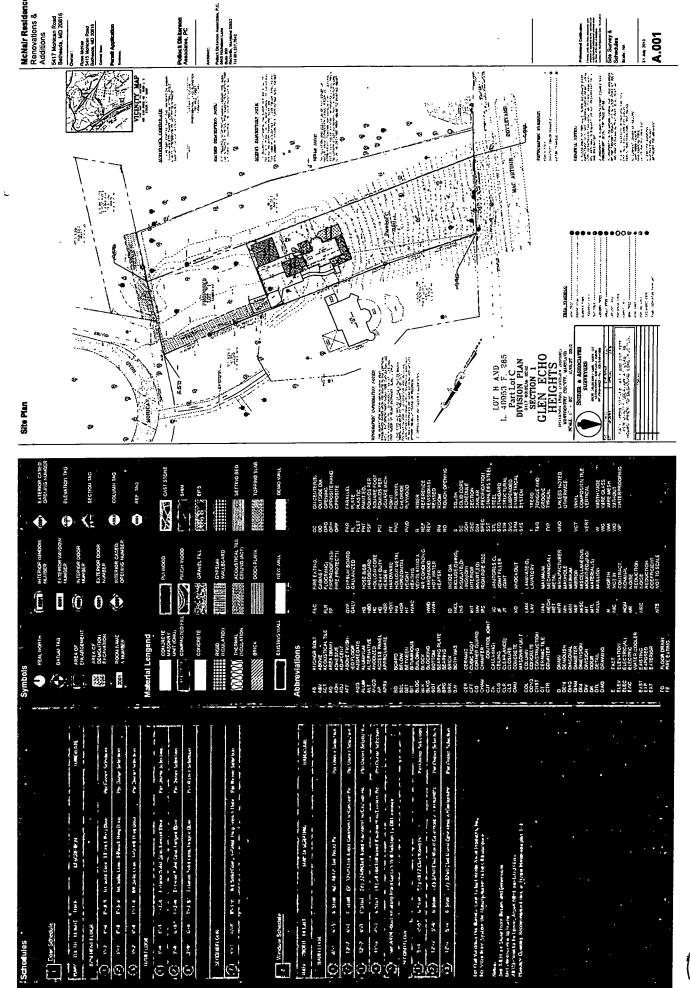
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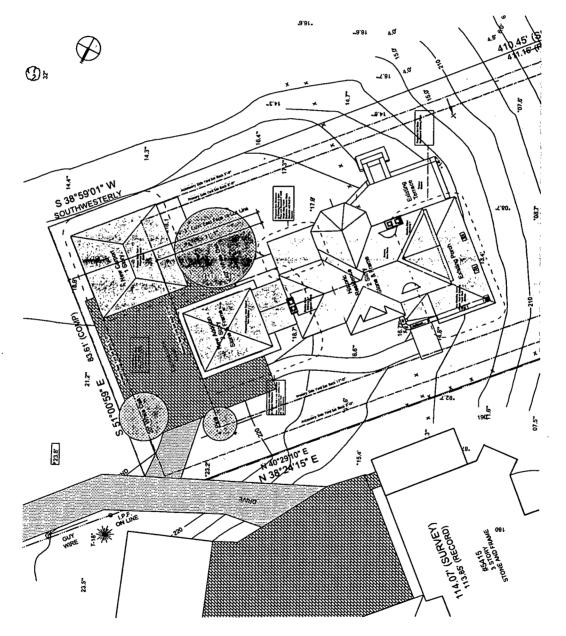
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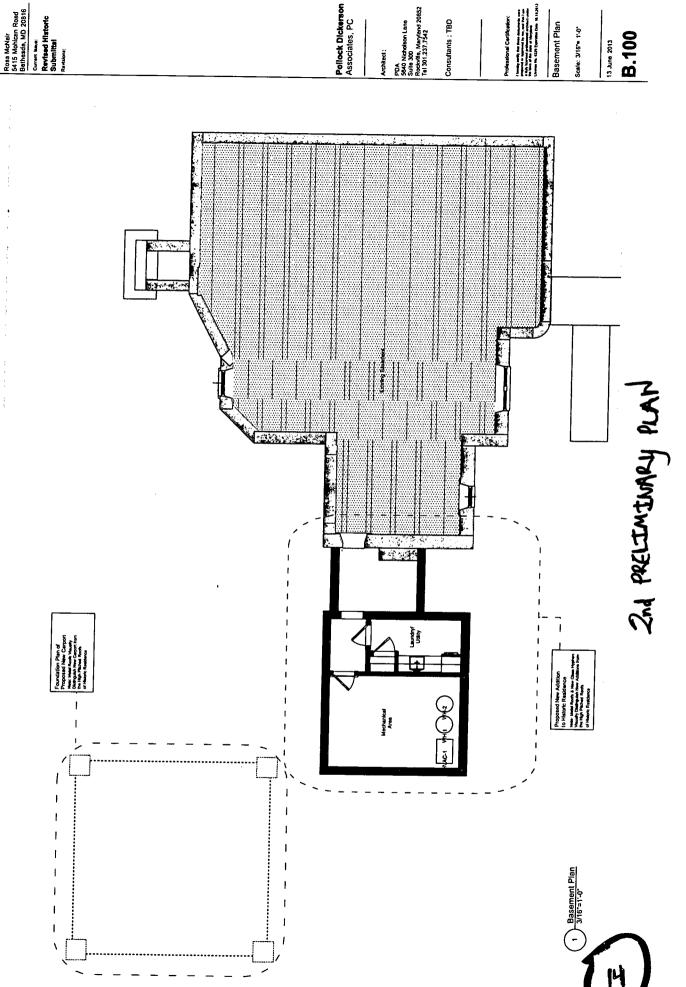
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## **Floor and Roof Plans**

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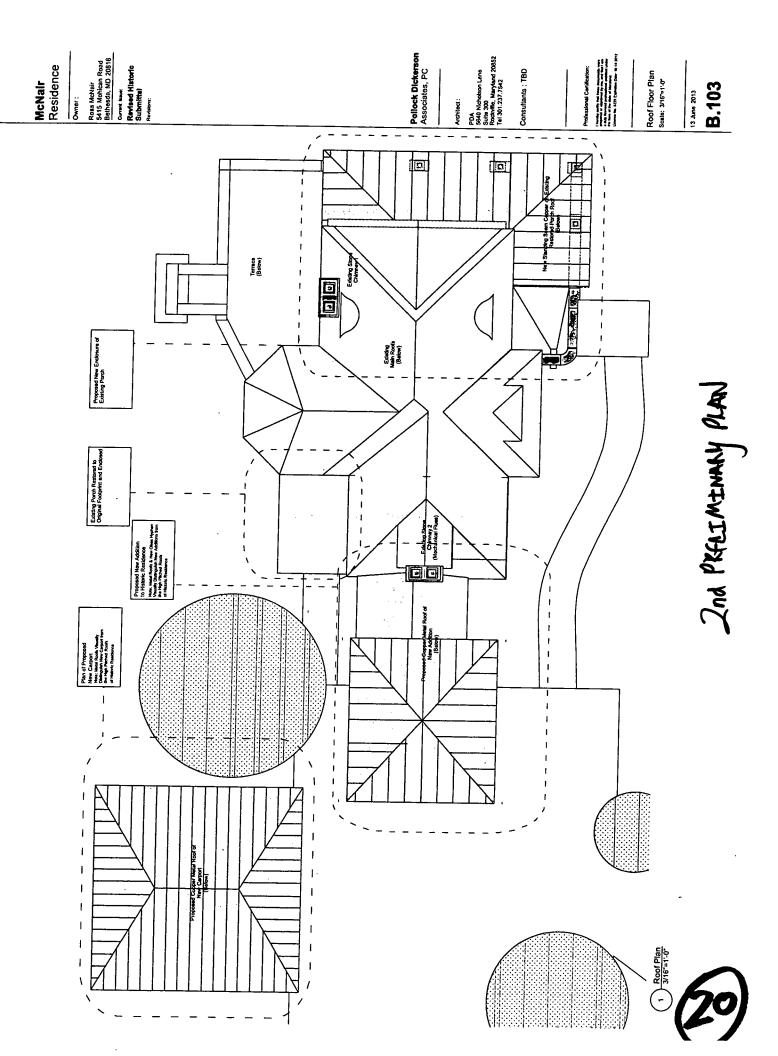
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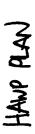
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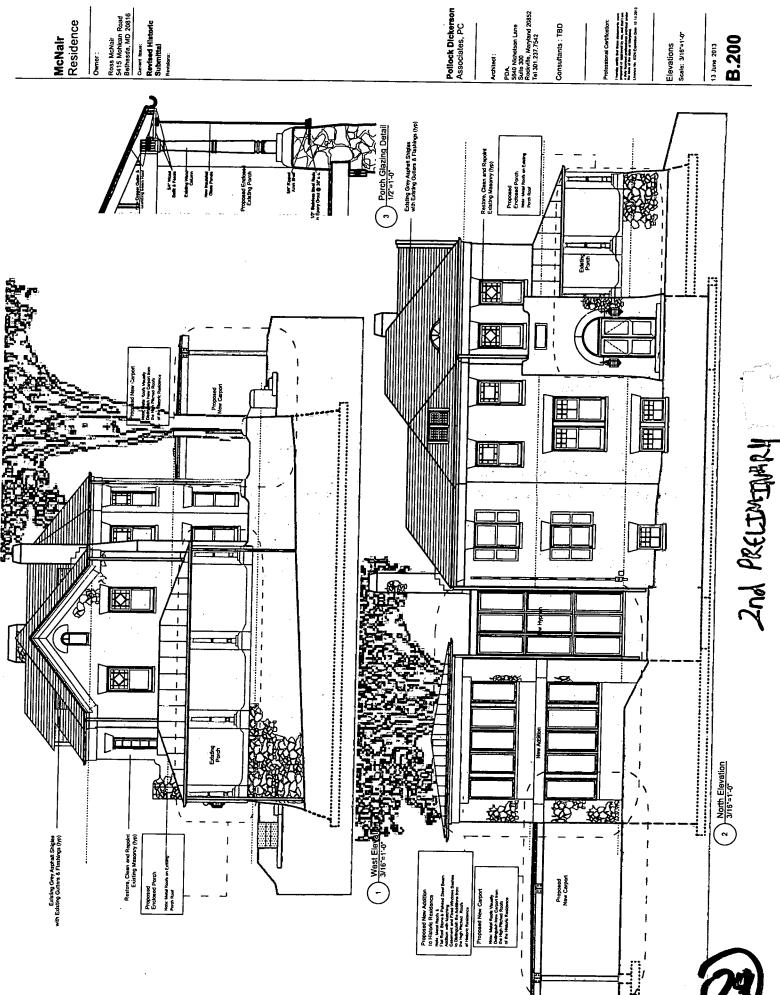
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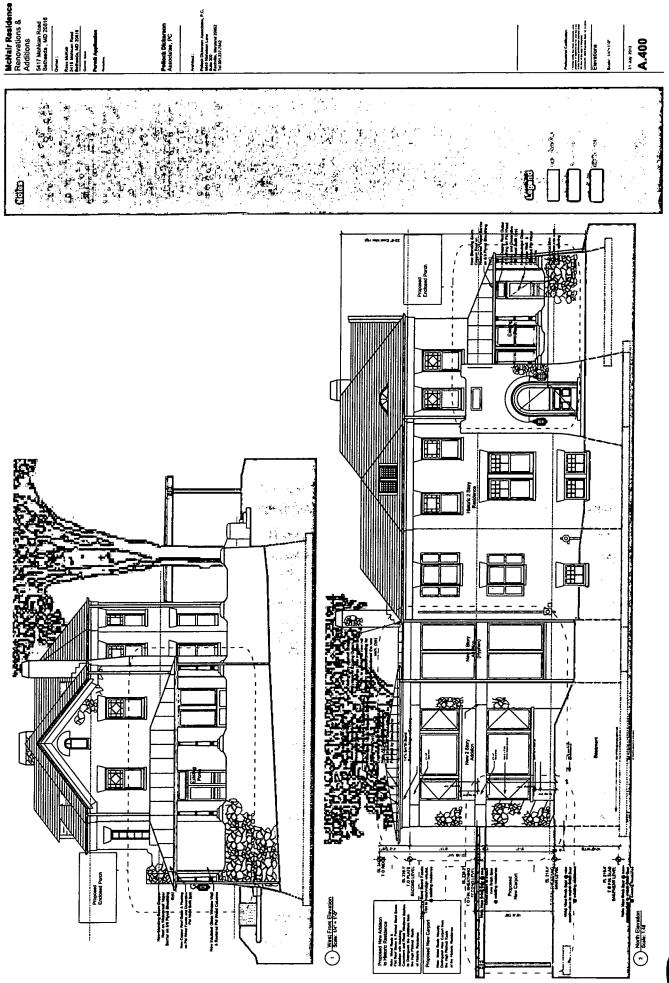






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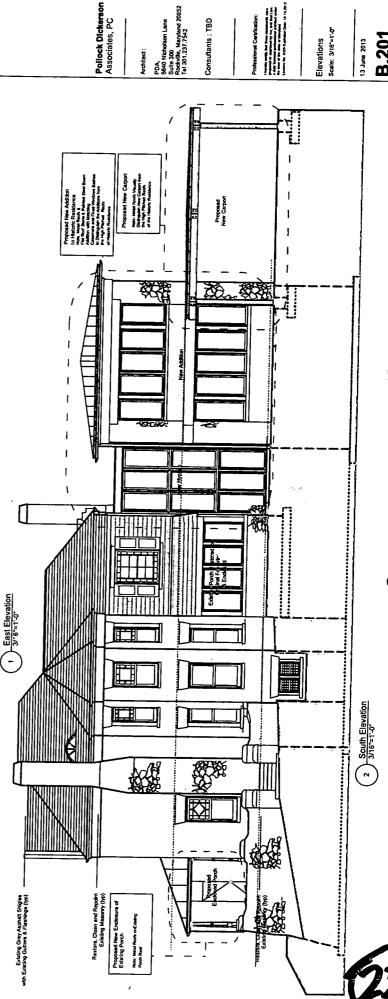




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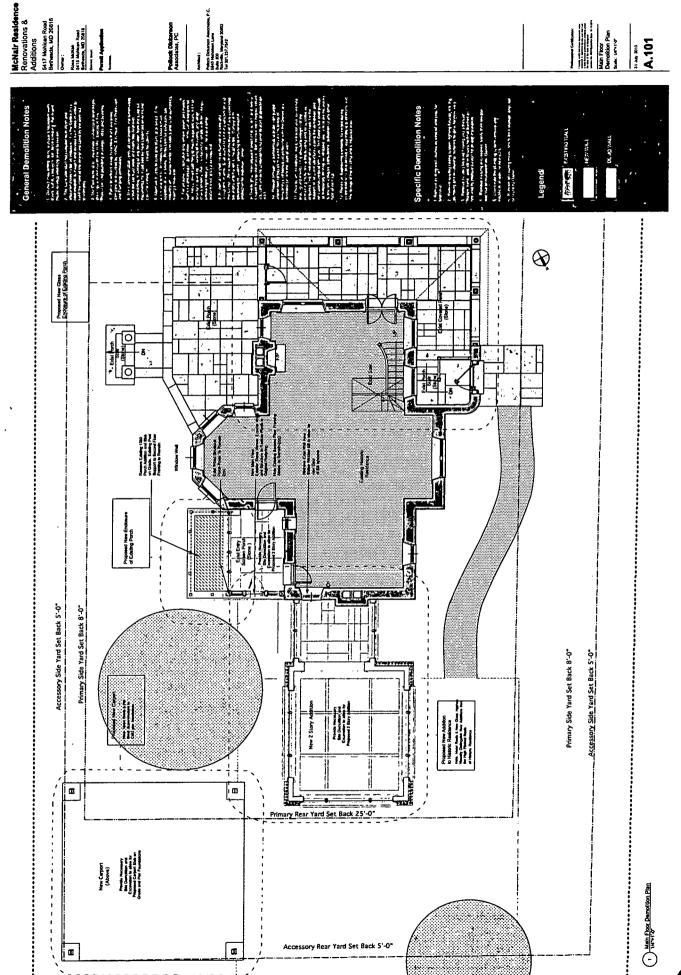
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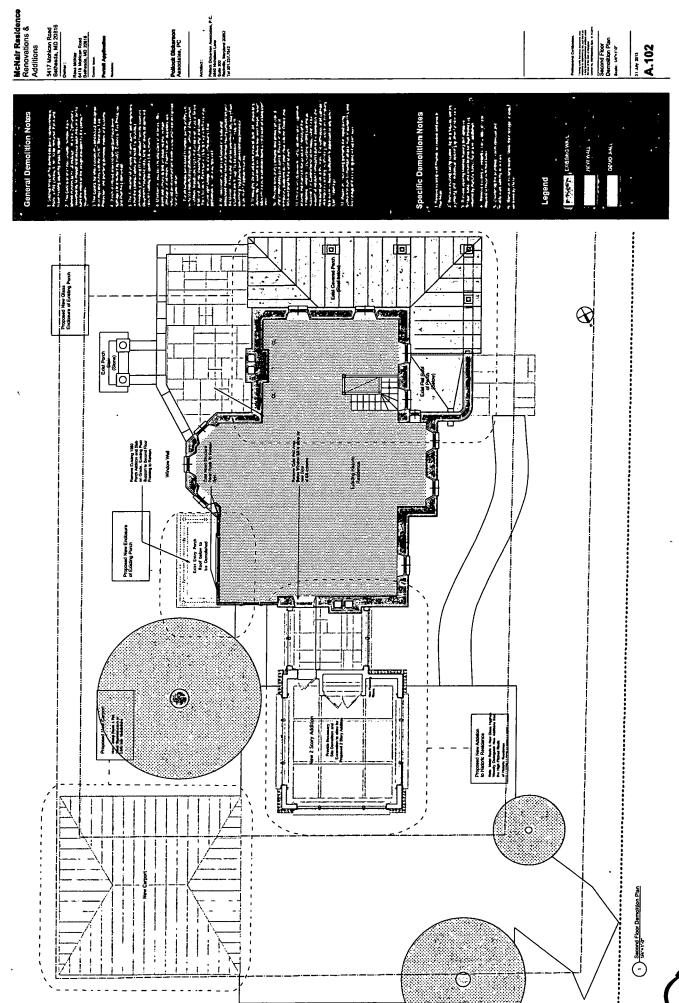


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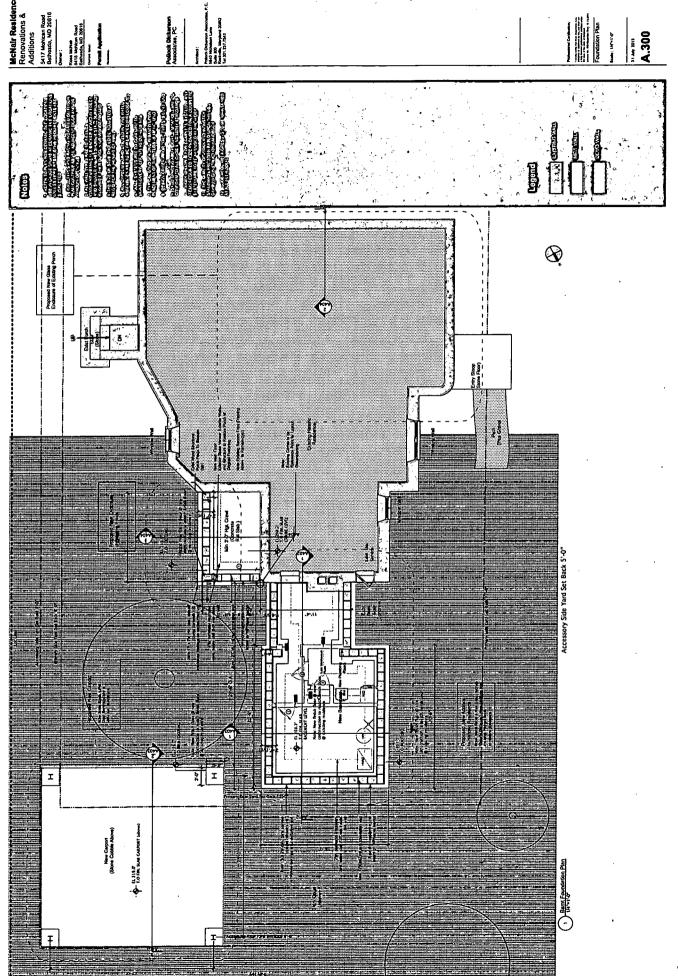


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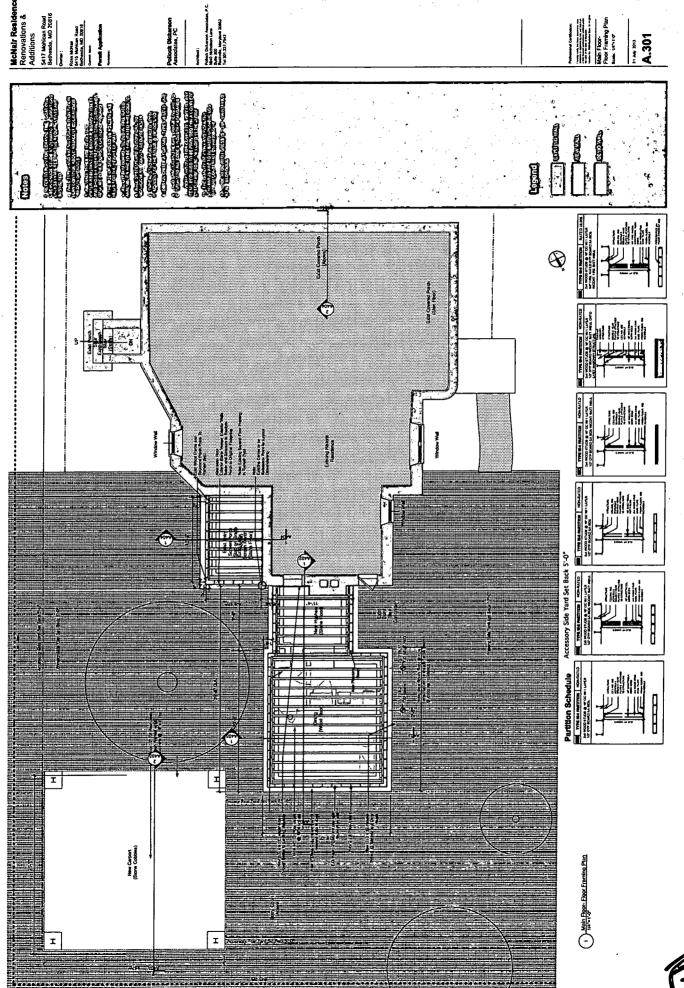


# **Framing and Cross Section Plans**

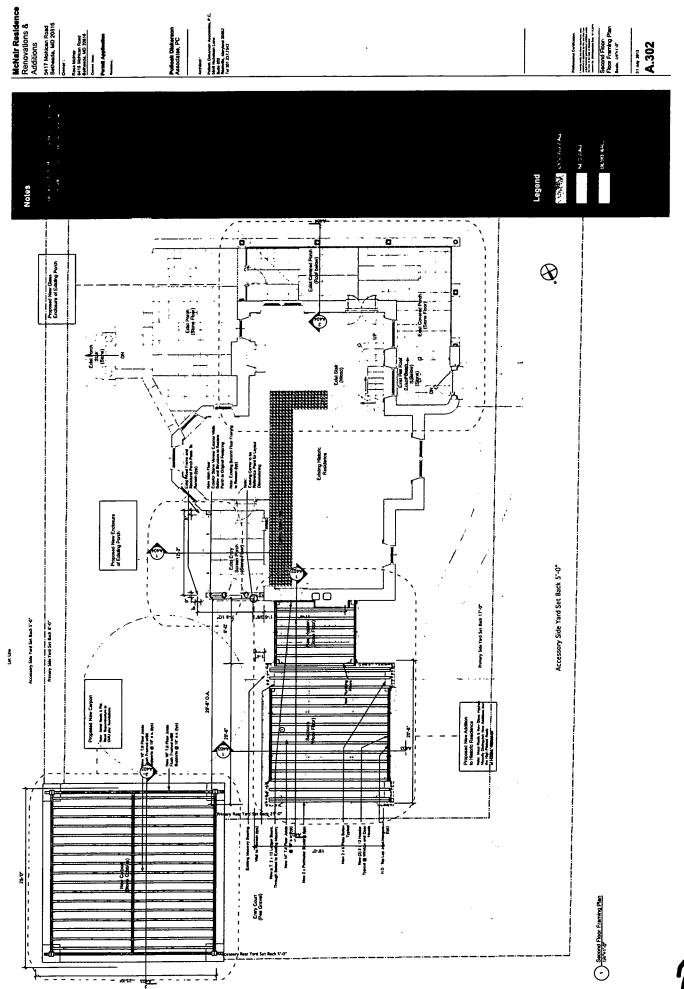




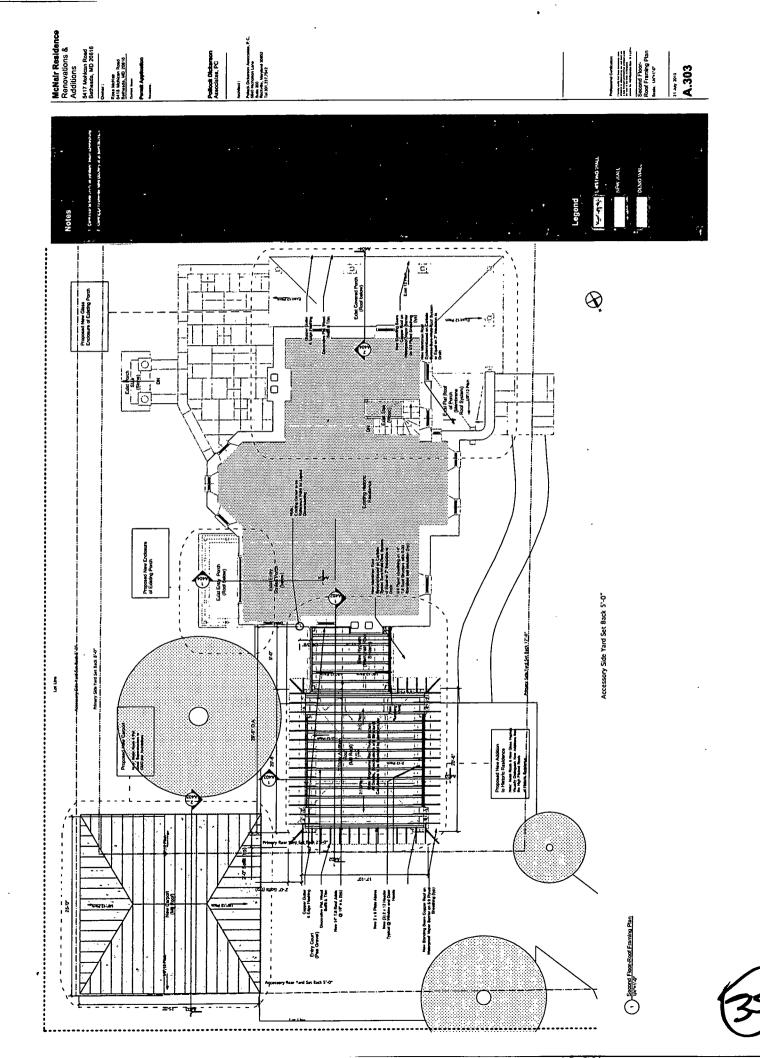
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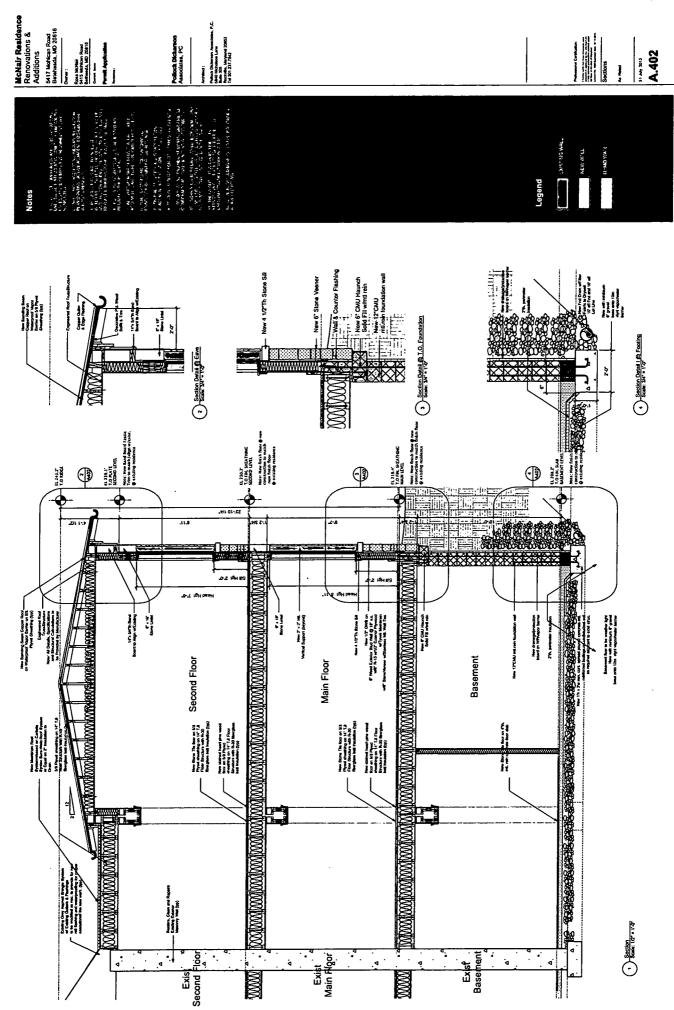


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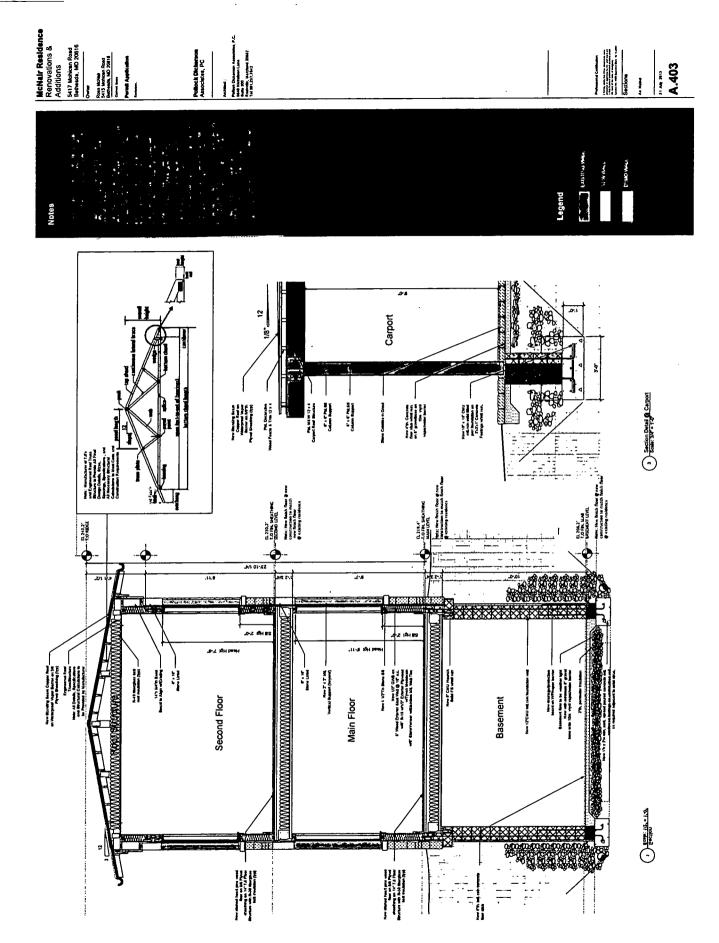




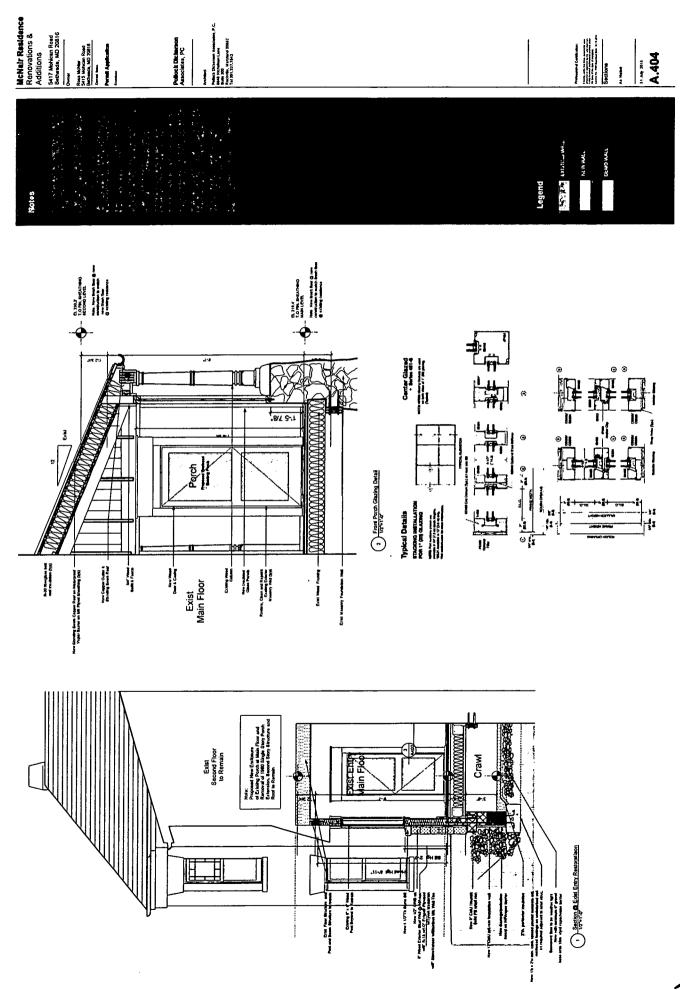


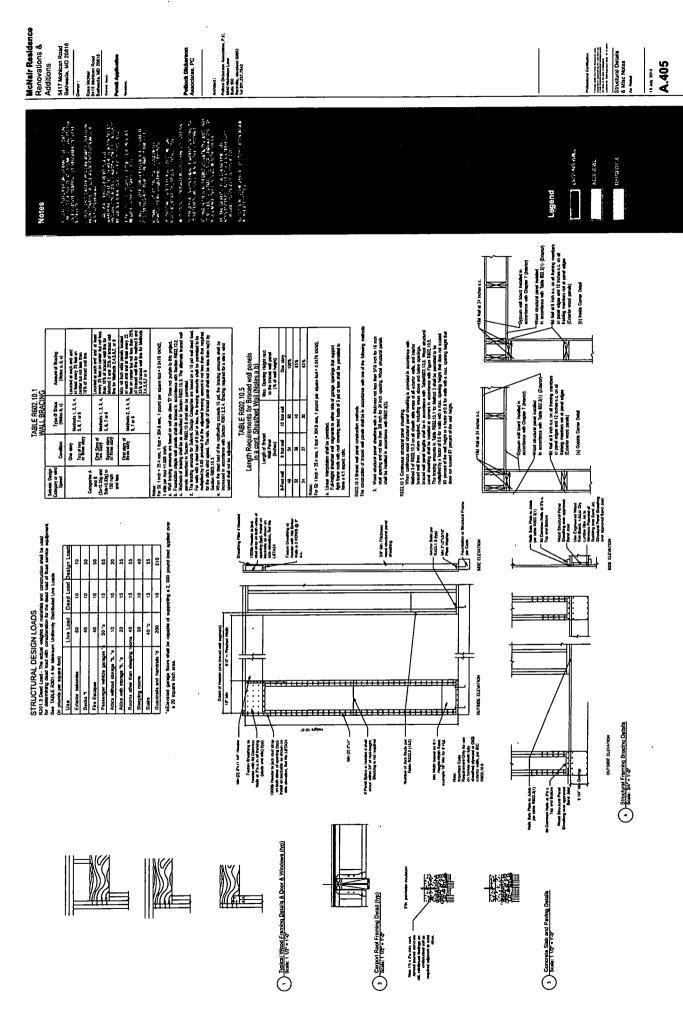












### Silver, Joshua

From:

Ross < rossmcnair1@gmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, August 13, 2013 10:00 AM

To:

Silver, Joshua

Subject:

5417 Mohican Rd -- Charles Castle

**Attachments:** 

A404-2 Front Porch Glazing Det Rev\_12Aug13.pdf

Hi Josh

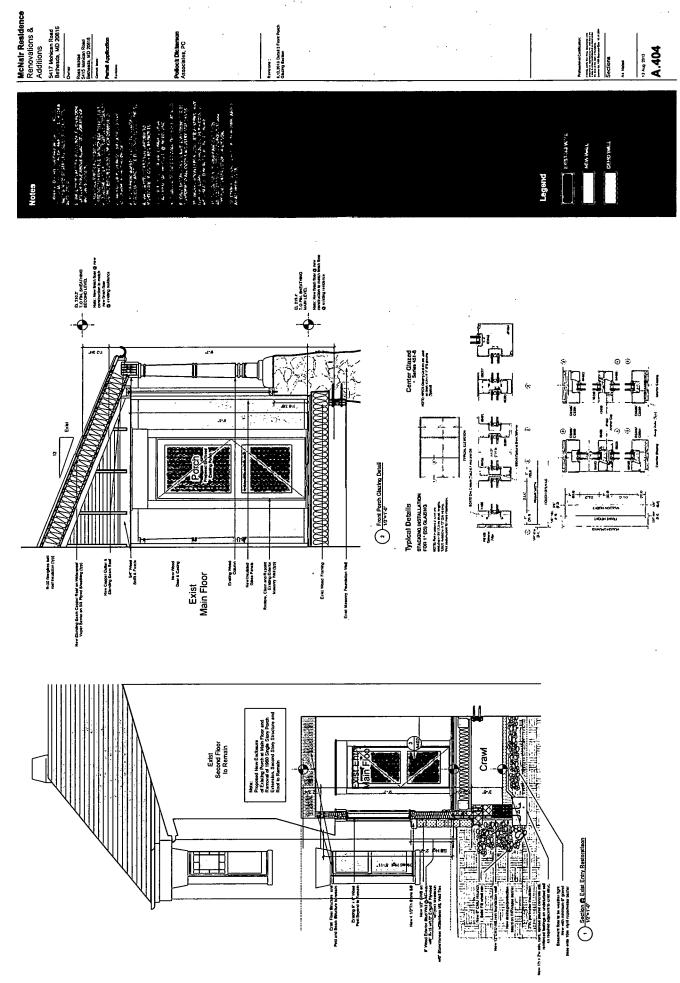
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We can submit the manufacturer's engineered shop drawings to Staff once they are prepared. We need the concept approved by the HPC to proceed.

Call with any questions Ross

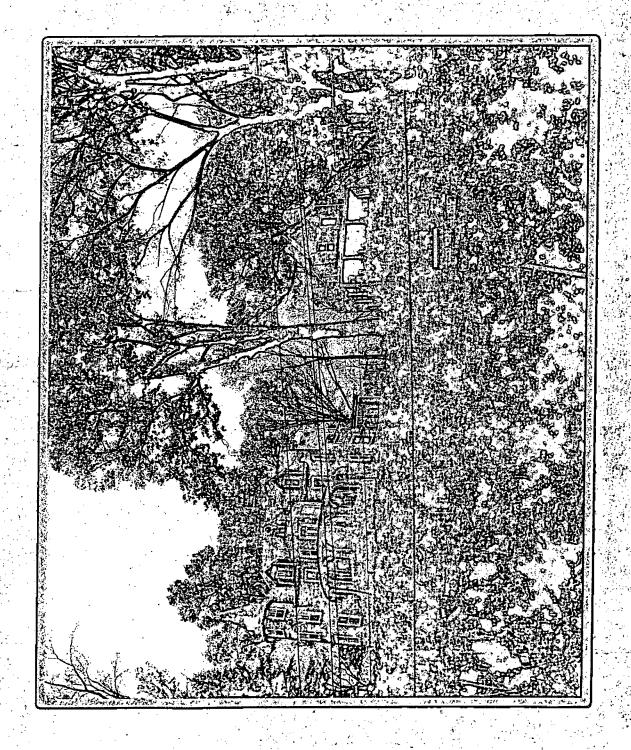




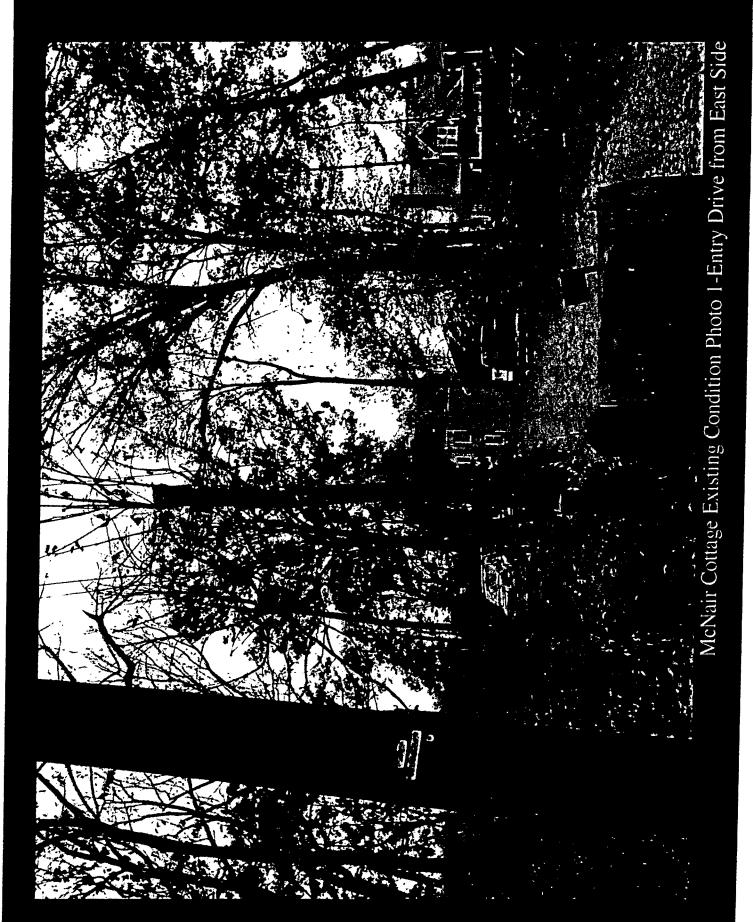
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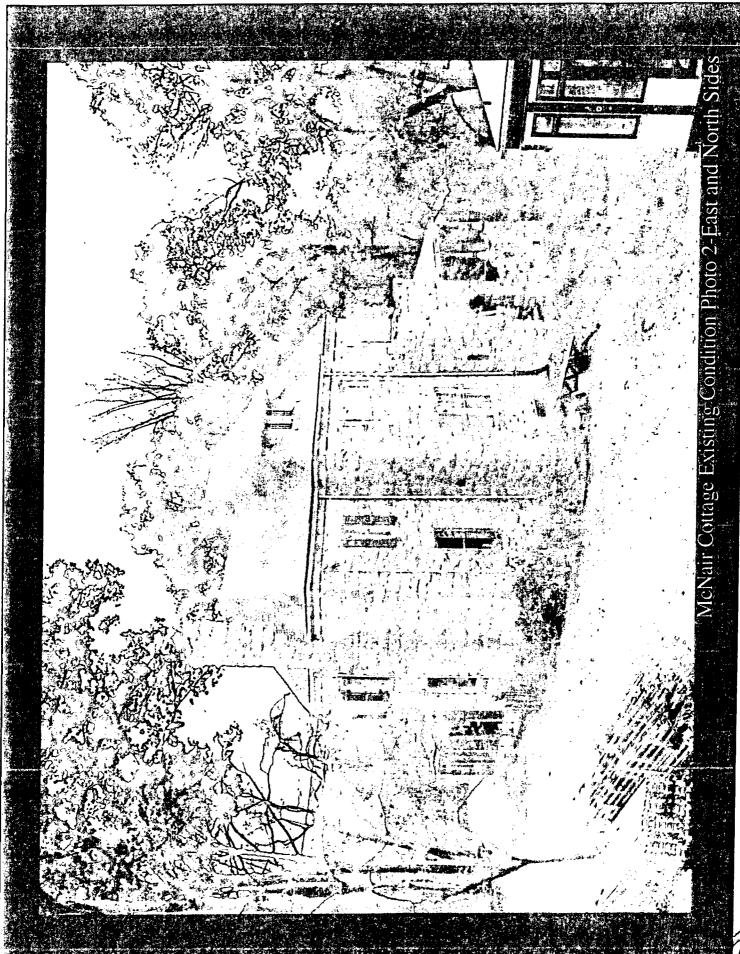
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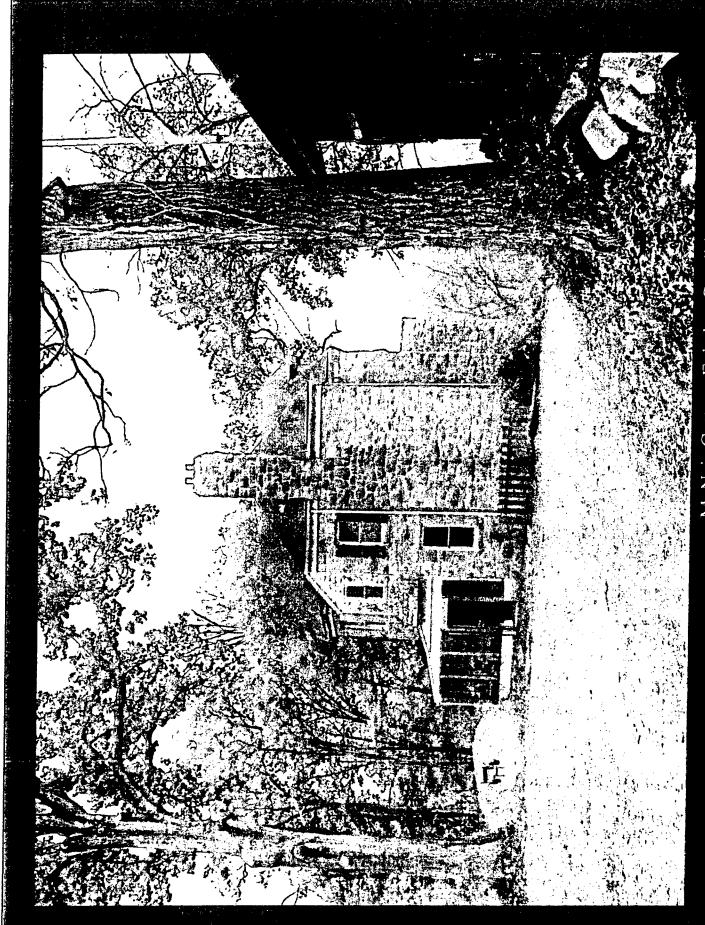






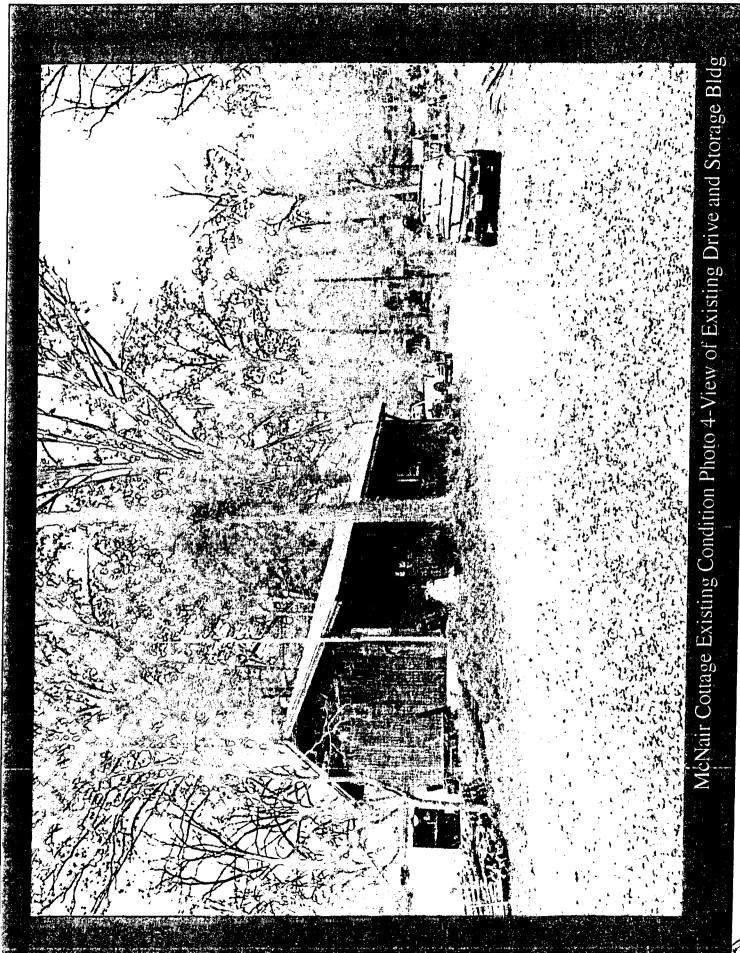




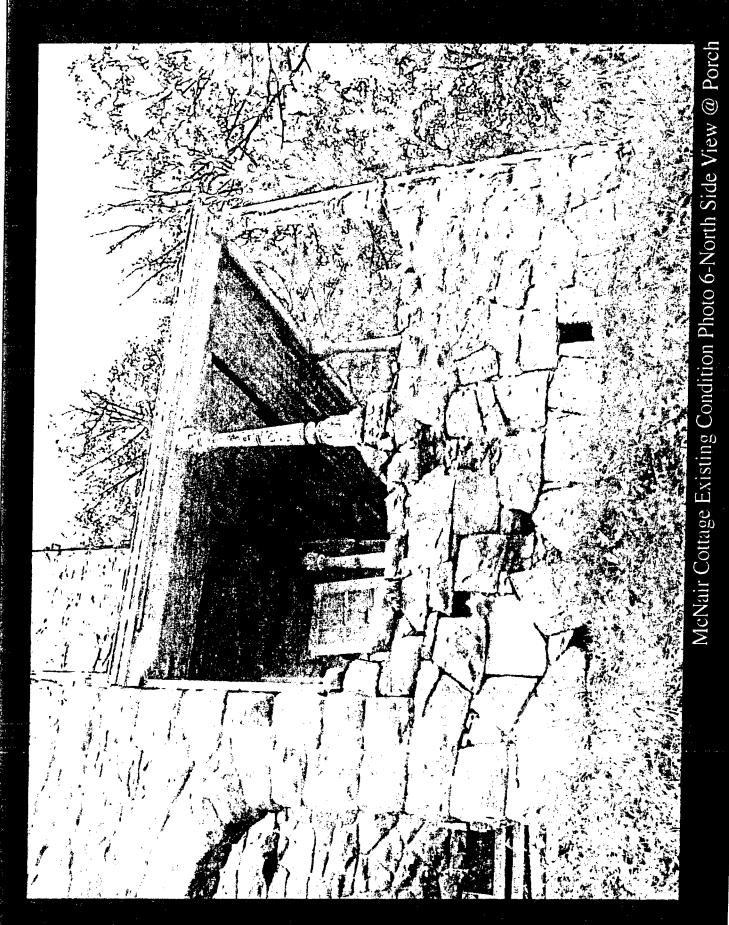


McNair Cottage Existing Condition Photo 3- East Side













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you guys, make sure you're still awake over there. But the intent remains the same, to construct a rear addition, increase the habitable space of sort of the front section of this building, as well as rather than a garage, there's now a carport in a similar location and there certainly is more details that have been flushed out, both with the exterior, but also I do recall some criticism of that there was not enough information about floor plans and some of those details that has been provided, as well as some more information about hardscape which you guys are all experts at talking this evening.

So there are two options. They have some similarities in terms of, you know, the size is certainly similar and I'm mostly talking about the addition and not the carport. That's sort of a done deal in terms of its size and location. But the addition sizes are the same. A lot of the details are the same for the most part. I mean there are some, there, the biggest thing I see of a change would be sort of the glazing aspects of the addition and which you'll be able to sort of select one that you all feel is more compatible with the character of the resource.

But what I want to point out is I want to go to the background section. This will be particularly beneficial for the newer commissioners and those who maybe weren't here at the first preliminary consultation and what

the applicant has done to respond to those things. So as I said, okay, it was January when the applicant was here.

I've already outlined what he was here for. And, again, that remains the same, so I'm not going to really go into great length in the proposal section.

But one of the things that was, the Commission had a concern with was adding a roof and enclosing this, what is now historically as this open right side or that's to the right of the covered porch and to the left of the tower.

That's no longer being proposed at all. So good news, we don't need to talk about that tonight because we talked quite a bit about that after reading the transcript through.

In lieu of that, and was recommended by the Commission, the applicant is now proposing to enclose the section of the front porch and then part of its return towards the left as it goes towards the rear of the house to create this habitable space. There is a detail of that in the plans for those commissioners that were not here and those new commissioners. The house to the left that you see there with the red slate roof is also owned by the applicant. He's done a great restoration job of that, has started the one on the R. A. Charles, which we're looking at here.

And as part of that restoration effort, he added an addition to that house that was, gone through the

preliminary consultation I believe twice, maybe once, and then came in through a Historic Area Work Permit. I don't have photos of that, but I'm adding that what's important here is that he has successfully enclosed the front porch that was an open porch in the front of the house to the left, which is a much more grand resource, despite the fact that R. A. Charles, this resource has lots of character, no question about it. It's indisputable that the house to the left has more character.

And so the HPC has approved enclosing a porch. I want to be clear to the new commissioners on that, that that is in keeping with, the Commission found that that is in keeping with the Secretary of the Interior's standards and I feel that that's the same case here. It's a little bit of a different way of enclosing this porch because it's a different resource, different columns, different challenges, so I would imagine that select commissioners, I won't look at them, I know who they're going to be, will want to talk a little bit about those details. But, anyhow, that aspect remains. That's a significant change from what was there before.

There is no longer a roof replacement. The roof is in the condition, and I don't think the applicant would say that it was otherwise before, but to budget, among other things, is investing in other aspects of this building

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rather than roof replacement. So that's been taken off the
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    table as well. And I think that sort of covers the main
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   things. Obviously, the addition is what we're here to talk
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    and I feel that he has responded very well and I think my
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    4 to the staff discussion. And I'm going to actually ask
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   background? Does anybody need any clarification on that
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            No? Commissioner Barnes, yes?
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    covered sort of right behind the tree --
              MR. SILVER: This right here? Yes.
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             MS. BARNES: -- is what will be enclosed?
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MR. SILVER: Correct. And before this --

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MR. SILVER: -- where I'm pointing was what was proposed at a roof here --

MS. BARNES: Right.

MR. SILVER: -- and then enclose this?

MS. BARNES: And that's not happening? 1 2 MR. SILVER: Correct. MS. BARNES: But then you said this porch behind 3 4 the tree would be enclosed and it would also --5 MR. SILVER: What I had said is that it's going to return -- it's a tough angle to get a photo on. Let me see 6 if I can find one for you here. Actually -- okay. See this 7 8 right here? 9 MS. BARNES: Where the door is? 10 MR. SILVER: Yes, exactly. That's going to be enclosed in there to create this habitable space. 11 12 MS. BARNES: Okay. Thank you. 13 MR. SILVER: But it would be the door opening with a double door and transom as being proposed, okay? 14 15 MS. BARNES: Thank you. 16 MR. SILVER: You're welcome. So, again, on page 4 17 of the staff report, I find that the applicant's revised 18 proposal for both design Options A and B, I have a preferred option, but I'll leave that to the Commission to decide, 19 20 responds to the HPC's feedback at the first preliminary 21 consultation. The addition is now located entirely at the 22 rear and is connected to the primary structure by a glazed 23 hyphen and does not substantially alter historic features that are important to defining the character of the site. 24 25 That was a major concern at the first preliminary

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consultation, aside from adding the roof and enclosing the porch, just some of the impacts to the tower features and those things and I, again, I don't see that this does that with either option.

The massing and the scale of the addition are now lower in set and are smaller, and is compatible in character with the resource. The use of metal structural features, extensive glazing, and some stone both compliment and express differentiation between the addition and primary structure. In response, though, to the HPC's feedback, the applicant did investigate locating the addition further toward the right rear of the property. There was some discussion about, or quite a bit of discussion rather about the predominance of this rear elevation. This house, if you've read the transcript, sort of was, has two sort of primary facades. Certainly, I would -- my opinion or my perspective is the front that faces MacArthur is the primary facade, but this is certainly a facade that is important and one which you interact with. That was discussed.

So he did investigate at pushing something more. The staff puts us to the right, which is correct, but looking at this photo it would be toward the left. And as indicated on his site plan, there is a rather large, white oak tree that is there, so locating an addition there is not, well, I say it's not possible. It's possible, but it

would certainly have a major impact to require removal of the tree, rather not an impact.

The applicant would like to preserve that tree. I also laid out a few guidelines from the, design guidelines for historic sites and districts in Montgomery County and I feel that the addition, both Option A and B, are consistent with those guidelines in terms of scale with respect to incompatibility with the primary structure.

Moving down on page 5 to the porch and roof replacement, enclosure of the existing porch, I find the replacement of the existing front porch roof with copper is being consistent with Chapter 24 A, B, 1 and 2. The existing porch roof is not an original to the house and, therefore, the proposal does not substantially alter an original exterior material. That's Chapter 24 A, B, 1. The use of copper standing seam roofing material is compatible in character with the resource. The HPC did support the applicant's proposal at the first preliminary to remove and replace the porch roof with a red slate. The applicant has revised this to use copper.

The staff finds the enclosure of the existing front porch with fixed glass is being consistent with standards 1 and 9 which are on page 4. It talks about differentiation, compatibility, as well as removal of features and the preservation of essential form and

integrity. And I think based on that installation method, that would, that is possible. And so I would support that alteration.

There is a detail, again, of that glass glazing there. I also support enclosing the arched entry with a full light, outward swinging doors and transom above. I think that the Commission could offer some feedback that would be helpful to the applicant on whether or not it's a double door or a single door or some other type of door. If, in fact, the Commission does support that alteration, I think that would be a helpful thing, hint, hint.

I also, you know, I would support the removal of the non-historic porch infill below. That has not changed. The transcript is clear. The Commission supported that the first time. I'm going to bring you around to that corner here. It's to the right in the picture here and there's some details of that. We went through this at the first one. He wants to get rid of the screen porch, which is not original. He wants to restore the flared roof section if you're looking at the photo on the right on the screen right now which we talked about. It's whether or not it's original, but it does appear that below that, and the applicant can confirm this for us, last time, again, in the transcript that there is some original structural features there that would support the idea that it was part of, a

historic part of the house, original or not, but certainly historic and I don't, personally don't think we need to discuss that unless there's a major issue with that. So that remains, that remains the same.

I don't have any issue at all with the carport.

In fact, I think it's a great solution. Rather than adding more in structure to this, to this property, it's transparent. It's on posts. I think it's great. And the HPC approved, I guess I would call it a, if I remember correctly, a 2 1/2 car garage on the adjacent property which is a much larger house if you recall for those that were here which I think has come out quite nicely. But, again, this is a smaller house, less grand. A carport, I think, is completely appropriate. Also, talking with the applicant, the tree drops lots of nuts and things like that. So to park a couple cars under there, it would probably be nice to have some sort of cover.

In the cobblestone entry court and pathways, this

-- so what the driveway that's there now will be used to
access the property. That was discussed the last time too.

I believe Commissioner Treseder, who is not here, had some
questions about that. But the applicant has also outlined
that they would like to sort of in the site plan use a
cobblestone entry court to create a, you know, more
permanent type surface. And then there is a series of

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maintenance and rehabilitation projects that are all tax-2 credit eligible and I know that Mr. McNair will, when the 3 time is right, be applying for the tax credit for those. 4 So I've outlined the five points that you also saw 5 on page 1. So guidance on these -- Option A, Option B for the addition, material treatments and details, that would be 6 7 really specific, I would say, to, you know, the additions of course, but also looking at the enclosure at the front which is Item 3, carport and the cobblestone court entryway. And 10 I sort of flipped through the photos. There's aerials which are kind of hard to see, but give me some questions or not. 11 12 MR. CORATOLA: Josh, could you go back to that 13 east elevation area, the, where the applicant is removing 14 that screened porch on the left-hand side? 15 MR. SILVER: Yes. 16 MR. CORATOLA: And then reconstructing the upper section? 17 18 MR. SILVER: Correct. It's being expanded, right, like a 19 MR. CORATOLA: foot or so? 20 21 MR. SILVER: Oh, what's below it? You mean where he's -- I don't think the upper --22

MR. SILVER: Which page are you on, Commissioner

elevation show a different roof line.

MR. CORATOLA: Because I'm looking at the, the

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             MR. CORATOLA: Circle 22.
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             MR. CORATOLA:
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             MR. SILVER: Oh, the, okay. I see what --
             MR. CORATOLA: Am I looking at that correctly?
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             MR. SILVER: That's the roof below it I think.
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             MR. CORATOLA: Yea, the roof, the roof line --
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             MR. SILVER: Yes.
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              MR. CORATOLA: -- changed and the window got
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   wider, which looks like there's --
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              MR. SILVER: Yes.
              MR. CORATOLA: -- a little bit of work.
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             MR. SILVER: Yes, that's correct. I do agree with
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   you there and, you know, we sort of talked about those
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   windows. I'm going to go up a slide or maybe two, sorry.
   Those paired windows, I'm looking at the left photo there --
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             MR. CORATOLA: Yes.
              MR. SILVER: -- you know, that some level of
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   alteration could occur there because we weren't -- as
   discussed in the transcript, there was some fuzziness --
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              MR. CORATOLA: Yes, I just --
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             MR. SILVER: -- in terms of whether or not it was,
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   how intact that feature was.
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MR. CORATOLA: Yes, I just wanted to make sure I

was looking at it correctly. 2 MR. SILVER: Yes. 3 MR. CORATOLA: Thanks. MR. KIRWAN: Any other questions? 4 (No audible response.) 5 6 MR. KIRWAN: I have one, a couple. Josh, just a Given the guidelines that govern our review of this 7 resource, and this is in reference to the enclosure of the porch, when we, when, if we were to approve the enclosure as 9 proposed and the existing porch columns become interior to 10 the building, would we no longer have any controls over 11 12 those porch columns because those become interior elements 13 of the house? That's a fair question. You know, in 14 MR. SILVER: 15 the past when we've reviewed projects for like, you know, porches or, you know, we've taken calls for porches, you. 16 17 know, things that are on the inside, you know, it has become 18 a porch and, right, you would lose that control or 19 jurisdiction over that. 20 It becomes a part of the interior MR. KIRWAN: 21 condition, part of the house --MR. SILVER: Yes, that's a good observation. 22 -- which you usually lose? 23 MR. KIRWAN: That's right. 24 MR. SILVER: 25 Lose our control over that. MR. KIRWAN:

MR. SILVER: That's right.

MR. KIRWAN: My question is it looks like from the detail, well, from the -- if you go back to the photograph, that angled view of that facade right there, there doesn't appear to be any soffit or overhang around the entablature of the porch. It looks like there's a gutter --

MR. SILVER: Uh-huh.

MR. KIRWAN: -- and that's the extent of it. The detail clearly shows a much deeper soffit which is going to be required to receive the exterior glaze panel. Deepening that soffit will, in turn, probably cause a chain reaction of having to rebuild or overlay a structure on top of that existing porch roof. So the porch roof will be changed in a sense. It will be, material will be added to it to achieve that soffit, is that, was that identified at all or was the understanding that there was no change to the --

MR. SILVER: I don't want to put words in anybody's mouth. I think that's a great question and Mr. McNair would be able to answer that best. I think that's a great observation on both accounts. I can't, I honestly can't answer. Well, I can answer that. No, we didn't discuss that at any point, no.

MR. KIRWAN: All right. So no further questions?

All right. Give our applicant seven minutes to provide some testimony. Go ahead.

MR. MCNAIR: Hi, Ross McNair. So we designed the house trying to separate the addition from the historic resource. We used a light glass hyphen. It's got a lower roof line than the addition in the main house.

on the other side. I think if you go to the site plan you'll see that because of the location of the 40-inch white oak, there's really no way to put the addition over there. We also changed the carport that everybody had given us approval on, I guess. But what we decided to do is to do four pier footers and then use a steel design that wraps around and just keep a nice, light structure, but it also has minimal impact on the tree. The cobblestone court sets in a bluestone dust, so it absorbs all the water that comes down, so that also has minimal impact on the walnut, the oak and the dogwood.

We think that the option A with the corner windows really differentiates the addition from the existing house sufficiently so that when you look at it, it's clear that it is a new addition. So then to try and make it compatible with both Charles and Baltzley, what we've done is try and find the stone that matches the stone of the original house and then have windows that have the same sort of character that we use next door at Baltzley and also the steel highlights that we used at Baltzley because you're going to

1	see, you see the addition on, the kitchen addition on
2	Baltzley is here and the addition is here, so you're going
3	to be seeing both of these. So to have some similarity
4	between the two additions I thought would aide in things
5	being compatible. So I think that, what I'll probably do is
6	surrender some of my time so we can address some of the
7	questions that come up.
8	MR. KIRWAN: Thank you. Any questions for the
9	applicant?
10	MR. CORATOLA: Mr. McNair, the, where you're
11	enclosing the original front entrance to the porch with the
12	double doors, what's the width of that opening, do you know?
13	MR. MCNAIR: It's 4 foot, 10 inches.
14	MR. CORATOLA: Okay.
15	MR. CORATOLA: And at the east elevation where
16	that screened porch is going away and you're enclosing it,
17	is that a screen enclosure or is that a glass enclosure
18	we're looking at on the first floor level?
19	MR. MCNAIR: What is it now or what is it
20	proposed?
21	MR. CORATOLA: What will it be?
22	MR. MCNAIR: It would be enclosed.
23	MR. CORATOLA: As a glass room or a screened
24	porch?
25	MR. MCNAIR: A glassed-in room.

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MR. CORATOLA: Okay. Thanks.

MR. KIRWAN: Questions?

MR. RODRIGUEZ: Yes. Can you talk a little more about this enclosure of the porch because I notice what Commissioner Kirwan discussed already, that to do what you're proposing, you realize that you are going to have to change the structure of the roof and that changes the line on how the porch relates to the house which is a very critical detail when you see the columns on the edge of the house, how they work, the columns, the gutter, this little soffit between the columns and the fascia that, all those elements are integrated and they are part of the whole detail that goes from the column to the lot. So can you explain exactly what you're trying to do because I really have concerns about bringing pieces of glass that not only enclose the porch outwards of this perimeter at this moment, but also that they are, seem to be hanging in the air with no connection to any -- and it's a little strange to me and I want to understand what is it exactly what you're trying to do?

MR. MCNAIR: These are turned columns, so it's going to be difficult to use the column as something that would receive the glass. I think the columns would stand out more if they were left alone. We could scallop some wood into them and set the glass back, but I was thinking

that what you all would prefer is if I put the glass on the outside and then is there -- is there a better view of the back of the house?

MR. SILVER: Like a photo-like view or -- I don't have --

MR. MCNAIR: Photo.

MR. SILVER: I don't have any -- those are the plans that I have, but --

MR. MCNAIR: Okay. Well, if we could go back one?

MR. SILVER: Yes.

MR. MCNAIR: So you see where the columns come down? So there's one stone that sets on and then that sets on either two or one larger stone. So what the idea was was to have one panel of glass that was the width of both of those stones, so that you have a panel that's like 2-foot wide and then you have a flat section and then you have another 2-foot and then a flat section and another 2-foot. So we could use a flat section so that those columns would telegraph through.

And what I saw -- a detail that we've used a lot is we've had stainless steel pins where we can drill that into the mortar and then have a bottom shelf that receives that. So that's what the support for the glass is. And then it would come up and then be picked up at the eave line.

MR. RODRIGUEZ: I understand that part, the part I don't understand is, for example, you used all the glass and you are enclosing the porch, so I assume you want to enclose all the sides, otherwise, you cannot condition the space with this the idea. Then there is a point where the glass goes from this phase that we are seeing in the photograph, crosses the wall to close the side of the porch basically where you had a turn in the roof.

MR. MCNAIR: The sides over here?

MR. RODRIGUEZ: Exactly. So there is a whole detail of the glass crossing the wall, where it goes, how to support it, that's what I'm trying to understand. I understand what you did in the previous house and I understand the idea, but I'm just trying to figure out why it has to be so upwards and if there was any, I don't know, desire to do something else or what it was driving at. I understand the technicality that I don't know if you can see all the technical problems that I can foresee when you need to turn the glass 90 degrees to close the side of the porch.

MR. KIRWAN: And what about that soffit? Does it have to be rebuilt as the detail shows to --

MR. MCNAIR: We don't have to do anything to the main roof framing, so I was just going to pad out that soffit to receive that glass.

MR. KIRWAN: Well, that will drop the entablature

original?

then that's existing? I mean if you extend that existing roof plane down, right, and out to give you an overhang 2 where there is no overhang, that will create -- you'll be, 3 again, to enclose the entablature that's there? 4 5 MR. MCNAIR: That, the existing fascia alignments 6 would remain, so it would just go out the inch or inch and a 7 half that we need. MR. KIRWAN: You're showing the detail about a 8 9 foot or more of overhang and that's not consistent with what 10 you're describing. MR. MCNAIR: Okay. I can revise the detail. 11 MR. KIRWAN: Because to replace the glass as where 12 you're putting it is going to require, I think, the soffit 13 as you're showing in the detail or something close to it, so 14 I think that's something that needs to be looked at, but I 15 would probably listen to more comments about the glazing of 16 that porch before we have to deal with that issue. 17 18 other questions? Yes. MR. CARROLL: Mr. McNair, what do you know about 19 the columns on the porch? Are they original to the house or 20 21 do you have any way of knowing that? 22 MR. MCNAIR: I don't. 23 MR. KIRWAN: Is that the assumption they are

25 MR. MCNAIR: I mean they're definitely older. I

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              MR. CARROLL: It's not something that was studied
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   researched these extensively and, unfortunately, us as well
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             MR. MCNAIR: We're not proposing to replace them,
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MR. RODRIGUEZ: Yes, but just in, by the picture we have in front of us, you can see the eave line around the house, around the tower. Those elements more or less from the picture where I can see the geometry is very close and follows the columns. So I assume that the columns are rear to the house.

MR. KIRWAN: Any other questions?

(No audible response.)

MR. KIRWAN: All right. Well, let's begin our -we'll give you some comments and feedback on your
application, or on your preliminary which you've submitted.
I'll go ahead and start tonight just to give my colleagues a
break.

I'll start with the addition. I think Option B is my preferred option in this case. I think Option A is a little too, I mean you described it as being, as differentiating, but I think it differentiates too much. I think it creates something that is too much contrast to the existing resource given the importance of this resource. So what I like about Option B is sort of the simplicity of the windows, it doesn't have all that steel, all those steel elements that I think worked well and that on your smaller scale addition that at Baltzley, but I think in this case it would be very overwhelming duplicated on two stories like it

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My only main concern with the addition itself is on the north and south elevations the grouping of windows becomes very horizontal in their orientation which I think actually takes away from the original resource. The original resource tends to have vertically proportioned elements on it, both in the massing of the building parts, but also in the window proportions too. But the grouping of these windows begins to create this sort of ribbon effect. And, you know, my suggestion would be -- and somehow the effect is not as significant on the east elevation where you have four windows grouped together. So what I would actually suggest is you take that four window grouping and just use it again on the north and south elevations. will give you slightly wider stone corner piers on those north and south elevations which actually I would think won't be a bad thing given the amount of stone plane that there is on the existing resource.

Another comment just on the site plan, the parking structure, I think the parking structure seems fine. It seems very tight when you look at how a car is going to back out, especially the car that's closest to the tree, the white oak. You know, you might end up with corner bollards on that addition, so I would encourage you to try to get the addition. You can't move the garage further back on the

site to try to push, shift the addition, maybe reduce the width of the glass height and to give yourself a little more breathing room as cars pull in and out of the garage.

enclosure of the porch. As I questioned staff, I think my biggest concern there is that, you know, even though it might not be you who would ever change those existing porch columns, it takes away — those porch columns then, we're effectively throwing them away as well because we would no longer have any purview over their protection. So I would encourage you to explore an enclosure method that is either, you know, is either in line with the columns, easy to describe, you know, potentially a piece of wood trim that follows the contours of the column to receive the glass or doing the similar detail that you're doing in the exterior to the interior of the porch, you know, more like you did at Baltzley.

And I think that also will help address the very well pointed out concerns that Commissioner Rodriguez had about how that glass is going to turn the corner. I think that would be a very distracting detail. But I can't even get there because I think it's really inappropriate to bring those columns inboard into the structure. Again, I think related to that too, my gut feeling is it's going to have a chain reaction with that roof structure as I've already

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described. So, again, I think that's an non-starter for me. 1 2 I think that covers my issues. So I'll open it up 3 to whoever wants to speak next. 4 MR. MCNAIR: But --5 MR. KIRWAN: Yes. 6 MR. MCNAIR: So you're not saying we can't enclose 7 the porch, you don't want the glass over the column? 8 MR. KIRWAN: That's right. 9 MR. MCNAIR: So you want the glass to meet the 10 columns or be behind the columns? MR. KIRWAN: That's right. Yes, I don't have any 11 12 problem with the enclosure of the porch or the changes to 13 the porch. I think generally all these things that we're being asked to look at tonight, I'm not that concerned 14 15 about. I would be a little -- at one point I did not make -16 - I'm a little concerned about what the material is that's 17 the spandrel material below the windows in Option A. 18 would be helpful when you come back to define that more clearly whether that's stone or whether that's a stucco 19 material or something else. You know, again, if you, if you 20 21 hear from others that Option B is the one that should be 22 pursued. 23 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Okay. I would like to go next if

nobody complains. I wasn't here the first preliminary

hearing, so I look at this at a completely new process for

me, but I read through the records as fast as I could and I'm trying to understand the background.

I am really concerned with trying to understand why these two properties are a master plan properties.

These are very interesting pieces of architecture and historic architecture that corresponds to a very particular time of the development of this, of the, area in D.C. And they have all these kind of images that when I look at them are very, this romantic architectural, 1918, '17, 1900's. The previous building that we reviewed had these very vertical proportions and this building plays along those lines of the vertical proportions, buildings that were somewhat designed to be seen from far below and far away.

And I have a concern that enclosing the porch with the way you're proposing it is deviating from that, which I think is one of the characters, definitive characters that define these and it's a definitive change to the element of the house. And I think it's not resolved. It's not the way to do it. I don't have any problem to come in with an idea how to enclose the porch, but the technicalities have to be resolved and they can, with the detail that we have in front of us, I think it's the way the property or the reserves will be affected is too high to allow that or to support that as a permit.

There is a point that I want to make is I think

the issue aside in plan, it is going the wrong way. It should be much narrower in the front and much deeper on, that put it very closer to the tree bed. When you look at these and the positioning, and on the site plan I think it is definitely the wrong thing.

I have really concerns on the treatment in general. I think it is either one thing or the other. It's either a completely modern addition and then becomes the glass house like Billy Johnson's glass house, or it's something that is more toned down and becomes more, follows more closely the clues. I have problems when I look at these, the proportions of the roof, the little overhangs of the roof, the way -- even the same shape of the roof in these elements. These are absolutely distracting and doesn't offer any quality to the house. It's not a good, compatible element there. And I just find that it's very poorly designed is my impression.

So I will definitely be very concerned with approving an addition that I think is wrong to place it in the side and I don't think that the design is developed well enough to show clearly the detail that I would expect with something that is going to be so visible because this is, the other part is if we approve this, this is going to be extremely visible and we are changing definitely the way that we perceive the house and how the house sits in the

landscape and how the house is seen from far away.

MR. CORATOLA: I'm going to hop on Commissioner's Kirwan's comments. I agree with the direction in Option B, the direction you're going with that. And I'll hop on with, the window proportions. Those are a key component to making this work well so that they, like Commissioner Kirwan said, it reads less horizontal and more proportionally to what's with the house.

The other piece I would add on to is to connect the hyphen, make it read more glass; so maybe simplifying the amount of mullions they have, the mulls between the units so it reads more transparent. And then look at that, where the roof line hits that. That horizontal band might need to pop up a couple more inches or something like that. It seems to hit just off slightly.

And I agree with the front porch comment.

Enclosing it, I think it's fine. I think the concept of the all glass panels I think would work well in this, but I would bring them to the inside so that those columns read.

And how you're breaking them up where you have the narrow section behind the column and the wide panel, I think for me, works fine because that wide, the wide, narrow, wide will accentuate those columns that are there. But I think the detail, in order to make those details work and in order to make it read as a glass box in that porch, it would need

to be on the inside. And as Commissioner Rodriguez said, resolving that turn back to the house with your glass doors to the exterior I think would work better if the glass panels were mounted on the inside.

And then I'll just tap onto what Josh was referring to, the enclosure to the original arched entrance to the porch. You know, I think that, with a 4-foot opening either having a single 4-foot door or a double door, I think the double door proportionally works better, you know. You're reading more vertical on an entrance which is compatible with the windows on the main house. The double-hung windows are a more vertical than horizontal type unit and you're accentuating that with the doors. I would study the panel-style that you have, maybe it's more glass than, you know, two over two, but you know the double-door scenario, what you have there, I think is working well. And that's all I have to add.

MR. KIRWAN: Mr. Firestone.

MR. CORATOLA: And let me just add, I think the carport design works well. You know, I think having it open, having this steel structure that you've got going on, I think, you know, it says what it is. It's a modern convenience, modern use and you're accentuating that modern use with the modern columns.

MR. FIRESTONE: I really don't have anything much

to add. I concur with the previous comments about the bringing the glass in on the porch to keep the columns outside and I also prefer Option B for the rear.

MR. CARROLL: I'm going to go ahead and concur with my fellow commissioners, that I think Option B is better. It's a little cleaner. And I would also agree that the, having the glass on the outside I think would really drastically change the way the house looks, particularly from down MacArthur Boulevard. I think looking up you want to see those columns. And the only reason I asked if they were original is if they were replacement columns, they could be routed for a channel for glass. If they were original, I guess I wouldn't do that, but certainly I'd like to see it behind the, either, like you said, in line with or behind them so you can read those columns from down on MacArthur and you really see the house the way it was intended to be, to be seen.

And then it's just a really picky detail, but on the north elevation on B, you put a round window on the drawings in the bathroom in the back and there's something about that, that header over the window that looks like a fypon bracket stuck on the house with the keystone in it and everything.

MR. MCNAIR: What are we talking about?

MR. CARROLL: It's the north elevation. On my

sheet it's page 39. Is that an old design?

MS. BARNES: I think that's OBE.

MR. CARROLL: Oh, okay. All right. Then ignore my last comment. But I would think Option B and with the glass inboard a little bit, I think the house would maintain a lot more of its character, but I appreciate the work you're doing on it, so thank you.

MS. HEILER: Like almost everyone, I also echo Commissioner's Kirwan's suggestions. I did have one question. The way that you enclosed the porch on Baltzley, can you describe that and why if it's not just, was too expensive, why you couldn't use something that was somewhat similar? That just seemed like the ideal way to enclose the porch.

MR. MCNAIR: Baltzley has 18 by 18 inch stone columns, so there it was real easy to take a C-channel and bolt the C-channel to the column and then pad that out and then have a set bead and a stop bead to receive glass.

These wood columns -- maybe what we could do is scallop some sort of piece of metal so that it's thin. It goes in and then it comes out and then there's a clip that could receive the glass.

I was thinking that it would, you know, my having the 2-foot panels and 4-foot panels and 2-foot panels, it would really show up everything that was there. So I can't

use the same detail, but I can give some more thought to the, how to do this, how to attach the glass.

MS. HEILER: I'm not saying it has to be that way, but that preserved those columns so that they remain the defining characteristic of the front of that house. And somehow I'm doing something that minimizes the look of glass and maximizes the look of the columns set on stone. It seems like the best we could hope for.

MR. MCNAIR: Okay.

MS. BARNES: Well, Mr. McNair, I admire your patience for working through all of this and I appreciate the work you've done as I frequently drive along MacArthur Boulevard and look up at the two houses and have always been kind of curious about them. I have to say that some of the concerns about the glass on the porch seems to me slightly superfluous having spent a lot of time along the Rhine, I could envision this just being a terrace with no covering at all rather like it is on the side where the chimney is, open.

I would support your plan to enclose it. I do have a question that Commissioner Rodriguez raised about how you get to the end and what you do with the glass and whether you would have a door onto the open terrace on the side, in front of this chimney wall. But I think if everybody is excited about the columns being inside makes

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sense, but I would be very curious to know if those columns and that roof really are not something that came a little bit later.

And in terms of your proposal in the back, I would be supportive of B as many of the other commissioners are.

And I wish you all of the best of luck with this and I'm also pleased that you're concerned about that big oak tree.

MR. KIRWAN: Well, I think you heard sort of general concurrence to a preference of Option B with some questions about details and things like that, concerning that, and I think you generally heard that most of use were supportive of either bringing the porch glass in line with the columns or inboard. Commissioner Barnes may have been indicating that she was okay with them being outboard, but seemed to defer -- okay, so you did defer to that suggestion. That's fine.

And I think although the other elements, I didn't hear a lot of opposition to the -- I mean I heard some suggestions, but it seems like everything else is good to go. So I, we look forward to seeing you come back.

MR. SILVER: Mr. Chair, may I just real quick? I don't want to summarize your summary, but we need a little bit more detail or perhaps a lot more detail with the front porch was of great emphasis and then I was hearing fenestration and a little bit -- for the addition,

fenestration treatments, organization, orientation and a 1 2 little bit more detail about the materials for that 3 addition, is that accurate? MR. KIRWAN: That's right. 4 5 MR. SILVER: Okay. And in -- also I ask --6 MR. KIRWAN: I, let me just to recognize that 7 there was one commissioner who was opposed to either option. 8 In order to --9 MR. SILVER: Thank you for that. And I'd like to 10 poll the Commission in terms of the next step for Mr. 11 McNair, whether or not is a third preliminary consultation 12 necessary or is it ready to go to a Historic Area Work 13 Permit if, you know, the details for the front porch -- I 14 mean I feel confident in dealing with the back, the addition 15 and those details. I've worked with him many times already and we'll get those, I think, just about right or close 16 17 enough for those that supported Option B. But what is the 18 Commission's, what's the tenor of the Commission with that? 19 MR. KIRWAN: Well, I'll -- I mean I can only speak 20 for myself, but I feel comfortable if the applicant is 21 responding to the comments that were made --22 MR. SILVER: Okay. 23 -- that it can come back for a HAWP. MR. KIRWAN: Does anybody differ from that? 24

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MR. CORATOLA:

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MR. SILVER: Okay. Great.
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             MR. CORATOLA: -- you guys have been doing a good
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   job together, so --
             MR. SILVER: Yes. Okay. Thank you for that.
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             MR. KIRWAN: Thank you very much. I appreciate
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   Commissioner Barnes mentioned.
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             Next item on our agenda is minutes. Do we have
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   available yet.
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             UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I'm so sorry. I've been
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   here since the beginning of the meeting and everything went
   really fast. I didn't, I got confused on what to do and --
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             MR. KIRWAN: We're very -- your case was
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1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: It's approved, yes, I know. 2 MR. KIRWAN: Okay. UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So the reason why I came is 3 because the owners don't live here, so they asked me to 4 attend the meeting and I have a set of drawings --5 6 MR. WHIPPLE: Sir, we'll talk with you out in the 7 lobby and help you out there. 8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. 9 MR. WHIPPPLE: Okay? 10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. All right. 11 sorry. Thank you. 12 Thank you. MR. KIRWAN: 1.3 MS. BARNES: I'm sorry you had to wait. 14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: No, I'll be there. 15 MR. KIRWAN: Okay. Thank you. So we have no minutes. Are there any Commission items? 16 17 MR. KIRWAN: Any staff items? MR. WHIPPLE: Two very briefly given the hour. 18 19 just want to report that there was a Long Branch Public 20 Hearing last night and the Commission presented testimony in 21 support of designating the Flower Theater and on Monday the Government Operations Committee held a work session on the 22 23 tax credit bill. They were not able to take action because 24 there were only two members present and one of them was

wanting to recuse himself because he lives in the Historic

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District. They will poll the third member. She's a cosponsor, so I suspect that she will be ready to favorably recommend it. The bill also picked up the Council president and so, as a co-sponsor, and so it now has five co-sponsors. It needs six votes to pass, but I suspect hopefully out of the remaining members we can get at least that many votes for passage. It should be back before the full Council very soon. I don't have a date for you yet, but I'm hopeful that it will be quick.

MR. KIRWAN: And what's the timetable on the

Flower Avenue, Sir? And I think there was a tour today?

MR. WHIPPLE: There was a tour today and there
will be a Council Committee work session, the Fed Committee
work session will be in about two weeks, followed by a
second work session about two weeks after that.

MR. KIRWAN: Thank you. Anything else?

MR. CORATOLA: I had a question, a couple questions for Scott. A couple meetings ago we talked about getting together with the different LAPs and the Board of Appeals, just sort of a meet and greet kind of discussion. Are we moving in any direction with any of those or what?

MR. WHIPPLE: Not yet, no.

MR. KIRWAN: All right. If that's it, then we are adjourned.

(Whereupon, at 10:36 p.m., the meeting was

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- Concerns with proposed front porch glass enclosure method. Concerns included potential impacts to the front porch roof soffit and entablature.
- Majority supported enclosure of the front porch if the glass were either set behind or co-planar with the existing wooden porch columns. Specific focus should be given to the detail of where the glass meets the front elevation of the house.
- One commissioners stated opposition to the front porch enclosure and addition as proposed.
- Majority of the Commission supported Option B as the preferred design for the addition.
- Majority supported enclosing the left elevation tower entrance with doors and transom above. One commissioner recommended studying the double-door panel dimension more closely.
- Additional simplification and transparency were discussed for the hyphen i.e., less banding.
- Change addition window proportions from a horizontal to more vertical orientation. Specifically the north and south elevations were discussed.
- Consensus the carport as proposed would be approved if submitted as a HAWP.
- No issues with proposed hardscape.