HPC Case # 37/03-10 Jos)
Takona Park Historic District



#### HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Isiah Leggett County Executive

Leslie Miles Chairperson

Date: February 1, 2012

#### **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 #583012, rear addition

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 November 15, 2011 meeting.

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:

Mark Freedman and Kristen Summers

Address:

7311 Baltimore Avenue, Takoma Park

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@mncppc-mc.org to schedule a follow-up site visit.





## HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION 301/563-3400

### APPLICATION FOR HISTORIC AREA WORK PERMIT

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#### MONTGOMERY COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

7311 Baltimore Avenue, Takoma Park Address:

Meeting Date:

11/15/2011

Resource:

Contributing Resource

Report Date:

11/8/2011

Takoma Park Historic District

**Public Notice:** 

11/1/2011

**Applicant:** 

Mark Freedman and Kristen Summers

(Amy Abrams, Agent)

Tax Credit:

N/A

Review:

HAWP

Staff:

Josh Silver

Case Number:

37/03-10JJJ (**REVISION**)

PROPOSAL:

Rear addition

#### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Commission approve the HAWP application.

#### ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

SIGNIFICANCE: Contributing Resource within the Takoma Park Historic District

STYLE:

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DATE:

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#### **BACKGROUND**

On December 15, 2010 the HPC reviewed and approved a HAWP application for construction of a twostory addition, new screen porch and deck at the rear of the house. The applicants are proposing revisions to their HPC approved plan as a cost cutting measure.

#### PROPOSAL

The applicants are proposing to construct a T-shaped addition that would extend across the majority of the rear elevation. The proposed addition is inset 1' from the left corner, and 2'- 6" from the right corner. The revised design consists of a gable extension that is flanked by a 2 story, shallow pitched roof addition on either side. The proposed habitable portion of the addition section is approximately 505 s.f., finished on three levels, for a net addition size of 1,515 s.f. The revised design is a reduction from the HPC approved design that added an approximately 714 s.f. addition with a total net space increase of 2,053 s.f.

Consistent with the HPC approved design this revision includes a 1 story screen porch and a new wooden deck with stairway to grade.

The proposed material treatments are consistent with the HPC approved plan. The most significant changes from the HPC approved plan include using architectural asphalt shingles roofing and 2/2 doublehung, simulated divided light, wooden windows in lieu of a combination of asphalt and flat seam metal

roofing and casement windows. The revised design keeps two small casement windows on the 1<sup>st</sup> story left side elevation.

#### APPLICABLE GUIDELINES

When reviewing alterations and new construction within the Takoma Park Historic District several documents are to be utilized as guidelines to assist the Commission in developing their decision. These documents include the historic preservation review guidelines in the approved and adopted amendment for the Takoma Park Historic District (Guidelines), 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.

#### Takoma Park Historic District Guidelines

Contributing Resources should receive a more lenient review than those structures that have been classified as Outstanding. This design review should emphasize the importance of the resource to the overall streetscape and its compatibility with existing patterns rather than focusing on a close scrutiny of architectural detailing. In general, however, changes to Contributing Resources should respect the predominant architectural style of the resource. As stated above, the design review emphasis will be restricted to changes that are at all visible from the public right-of-way, irrespective of landscaping or vegetation.

The Guidelines that pertain to this project are as follows:

- All exterior alterations, including those to architectural features and details, should be generally
  consistent with the predominant architectural style and period of the resource and should preserve
  the predominant architectural features of the resource; exact replication of existing details and
  features, is, however, not required;
- Major additions should, where feasible, be placed to the rear of the existing structures so that they are less visible from the public right-of-way; additions and alterations to the first floor at the front of a structure are discouraged but not automatically prohibited;
- While additions should be compatible, they are not required to be replicative of earlier architectural styles;
- Second story additions or expansions should be generally consistent with the predominant
  architectural style and period of the resource (although structures that have been historically
  single-story can be expanded) and should be appropriate to the surrounding streetscape in terms
  of scale and massing;
- Some non-original building materials may be acceptable on a case-by-case basis; artificial siding
  on areas visible from the public right-of-way is discouraged where such materials would replace
  or damage original building materials that are in good condition;
- Alterations to features that are not visible at all from the public right-of-way should be allowed as a matter of course;
- All changes and additions should respect existing environmental settings, landscaping, and patterns of open space.

#### Montgomery County Code; Chapter 24A

- (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 1 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:

- #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.
- #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 revised design and material specifications as submitted. The revised design is consistent with the HPC approved plan. The addition remains confined to the rear elevation and is differentiated from the historic massing by using a different siding material and having a lower ridge height. Furthermore, the size of the addition has been reduced, to help further diminish its visibility from the public right-of-way.

Staff supports using an all asphalt shingle roofing material and 2/2, simulated divided double-hung windows in lieu of using a combination of roofing materials and casement window treatments per the HPC approved plans. A single roofing material creates uniformity of material types on the addition section and does not compete with the metal shingles on the historic massing. Similarly, a 2/2, simulated divided light window treatment applied throughout the design (the only exception is the 1<sup>st</sup> story left side elevation, which includes two wooden casement windows), creates a more uniform window type in the addition section and is more in keeping with the style of the double-hung windows on the historic massing.

Staff finds the proposal as being consistent with Chapter 24A-8(b) (1) & (2) outlined above and recommends approval of the applicant's revised proposal.

#### STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Commission <u>approve</u> the HAWP application <u>with the condition</u> specified on Circle 1 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 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.



### HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION 301/563-3400

# APPLICATION FOR HISTORIC AREA WORK PERMIT

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☐ Move ☐ Install ☐ Wreck/Raza ☐ Solar ☐ Fireplace ☐ Woodburning Stove ☑ Single Family
☐ Revision ☐ Repair ☐ Revocable ☐ Fence/Wall (complete Section 4) ☐ Other:
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ADDENDUM TO HAWP APPLICATION
7311 Baltimore Avenue, Takoma Park, MD
July 7, 2010
REVISED
October 25, 2011

#### DESCRIPTION OF EXISTING STRUCTURE

The existing house is a two story + attic, wood framed structure built in 1908 (according to tax records). The steeply pitched, cross gabled roof and lack of ornamentation is a simplified, vernacular expression of Victorian style. The strongest feature is the base of the front gable end flying beyond the diagonal sides of the front bay. The plan is cruciform, with the main block of the house an elongated rectangle running parallel to the street. A large octagonal full height bay projects from the front, with a small front porch tucked into the southwest (right front) corner. A smaller and shallower full height bay projects from the front wall of the main block, to the north (left) of the octagonal bay. This bay is also capped by a reverse gabled roof, smaller in scale but similar in proportion to the roof over the octagonal bay.

A full height rectangular wing, aligned with the octagonal bay, projects 9 feet from the rear of the house. A small single story appendage is contained in the southeast (right rear, viewed from the street) corner. The habitable portion of the house has a footprint of approximately 880 square feet.

Much of the exterior of the house appears to be original (or very early) materials, including 2/2 double hung windows, and nominal 6" wide wood clapboards, milled to resemble weatherboards with 3" exposures. The roof is clad with metal shingles, and drained with half-round gutters and round section spouting.

The house is sited on a standard 50 foot wide by 150 feet deep city lot, amid an eclectic mix of house styles, and a wide variety of scale. An extensively remodeled and extended bungalow sits to its right; on the left is a much modified and extended vernacular house also dated at 1908. Within immediate view are two large recent houses in styles deriving from historic prototypes, and other early twentieth century homes with large additions. The front portion of the subject lot slopes gently down from south to north, but the rear drops more steeply, exposing almost the entirety of the rear wall of the brick basement.

#### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This proposal is a revision of a previous plan approved by the Historic Preservation Commission (HAWP # 537040). The Owners now seek approval of a significantly



smaller and less costly plan. However, the current proposal comprises many similar elements of the approved plan.

The proposal is to construct a T-shaped addition that would extend across the majority of the rear of the house, but inset 1' from the left rear corner, and 2'-6" from the right rear corner. It would extend past the existing rear bay approximately 13'-7". A covered porch and deck would project an additional 10'. The footprint of the habitable portion of the addition would be approximately 505 square feet, finished on three levels, for a net addition of 1515 square feet. Based on a topographic survey and consultation with zoning staff at Montgomery County Department of Permitting Services, and given the steep grade, it has been determined that it is otherwise permissible to build a two story addition over a substantially above grade basement on this property.

The addition would also include a screened porch at the left rear corner, and a deck with a stairway to grade.

The theme of the design is to complement the original complex gabled forms with new gabled forms. The main, central portion of the new roof projects from the existing rear bay at the same pitch, but at a reduced height to preserve the existing cruciform plan. The flanking wings of the addition, which recede 6'-8" from the projection of the central portion, will be roofed with low slope roofs, to reduce massing and distinguish them from the original roofs. Cement plank siding would further distinguish the original from the new. Wood casement windows would also contrast with the existing wood double hung units, with an aspect ratio to reference the original proportions. Existing windows in areas that will be enveloped by the addition will be salvaged and installed in the right elevation of the addition.

On the main level, the addition would house a family room, kitchen, and den, and a new stairway to the basement level. (The present stairway to the basement is exceptionally steep and narrow, and leads to an area with a very low ceiling.) The second floor would include a child's bedroom and a master bedroom suite, with provision for a home office. The basement would include a rec room, bathroom, and spare bedroom.

Permits have already been obtained for the removal of two trees in the area impacted by the addition. No other trees would be seriously impacted by construction. A tree preservation plan is already in process.

The habitable portion of the addition will project less than the neighboring houses on either side. Cladding, detailing, and fenestration would distinguish the addition, yet would be in character with the existing elements. We feel that the addition would compliment the house, and little if any visual impact on the public viewscape.

A further goal of the project is to build new space with the highest levels of energy efficiency, and to retrofit existing spaces and equipment, with the specific performance objective that the combined new and existing volumes will use no more net energy for heating and cooling than did the original space.

In conclusion, we feel that the addition will compliment the original house, as well as greatly increasing the utility of the home for its owners and their large, extended family. Therefore, we submit that the proposed project will have no negative impact and hopefully a positive impact on the historic district.

Area summary (not including attic, decks, porches, patios, etc):

Total existing habitable floor area, 1st and 2nd floors: 1710 SF

Existing basement and storage area: 880 SF

Area to be removed: 50 SF

Proposed habitable floor area of addition: 1515 SF

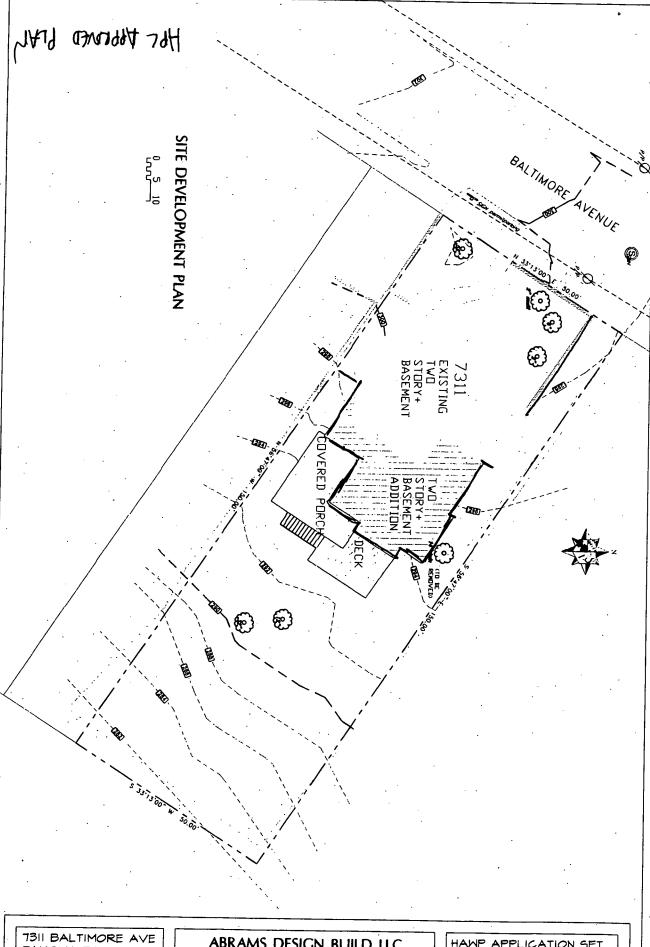
Total existing and proposed habitable floor area: 3225 SF

# HAWP APPLICATION: MAILING ADDRESSES FOR NOTIFING [Owner, Owner's Agent, Adjacent and Confronting Property Owners]

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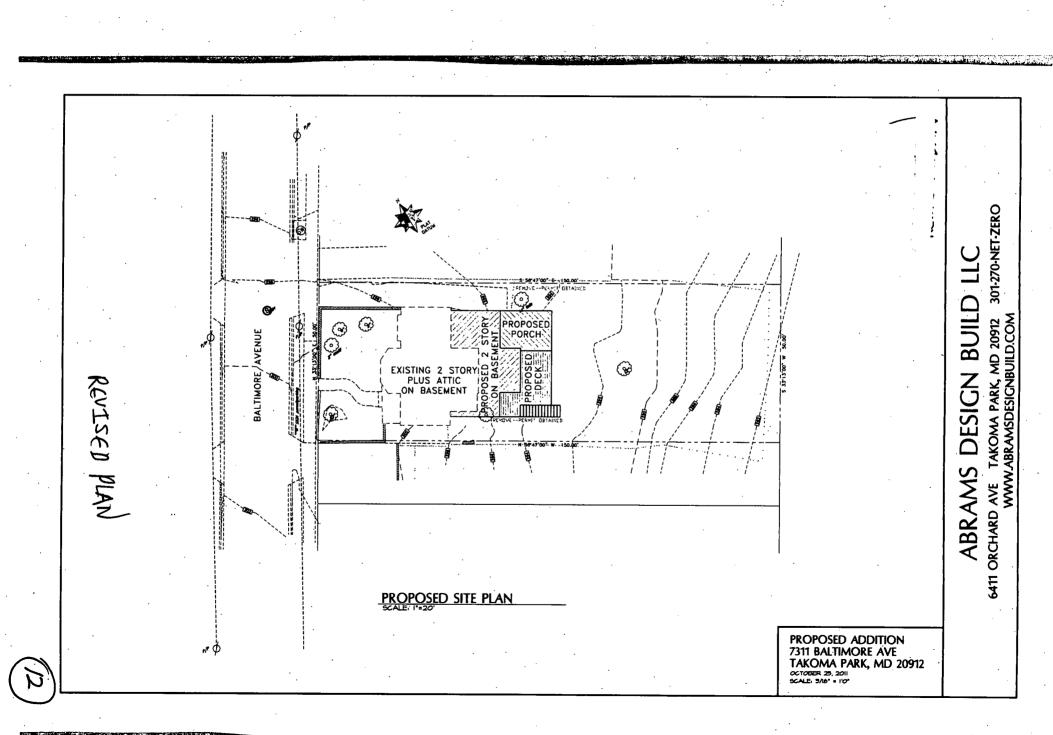
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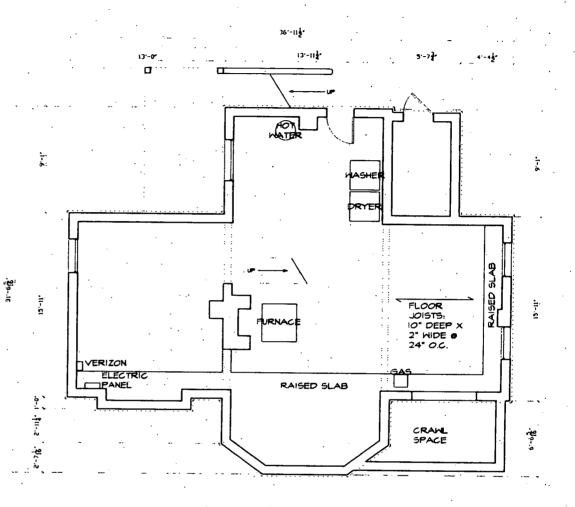




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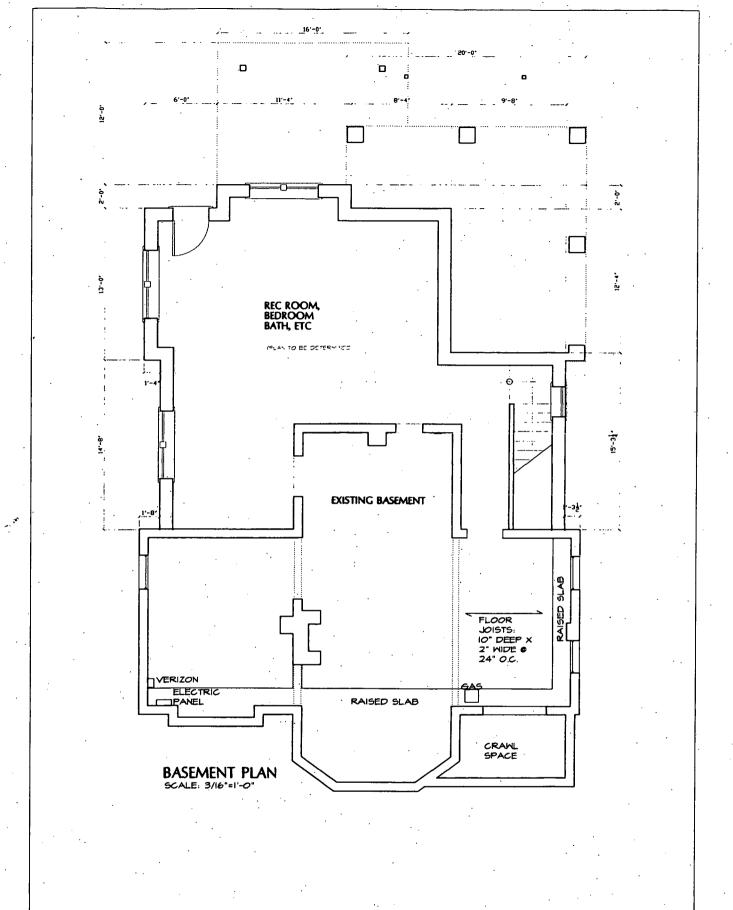
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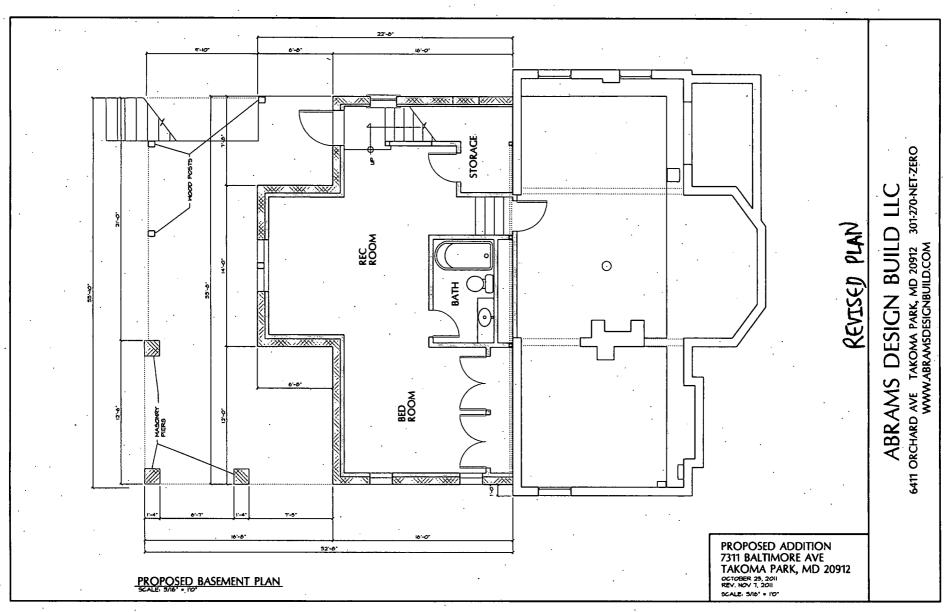


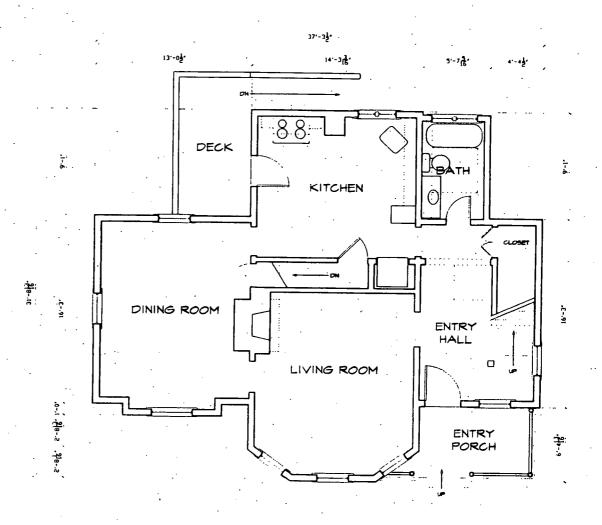
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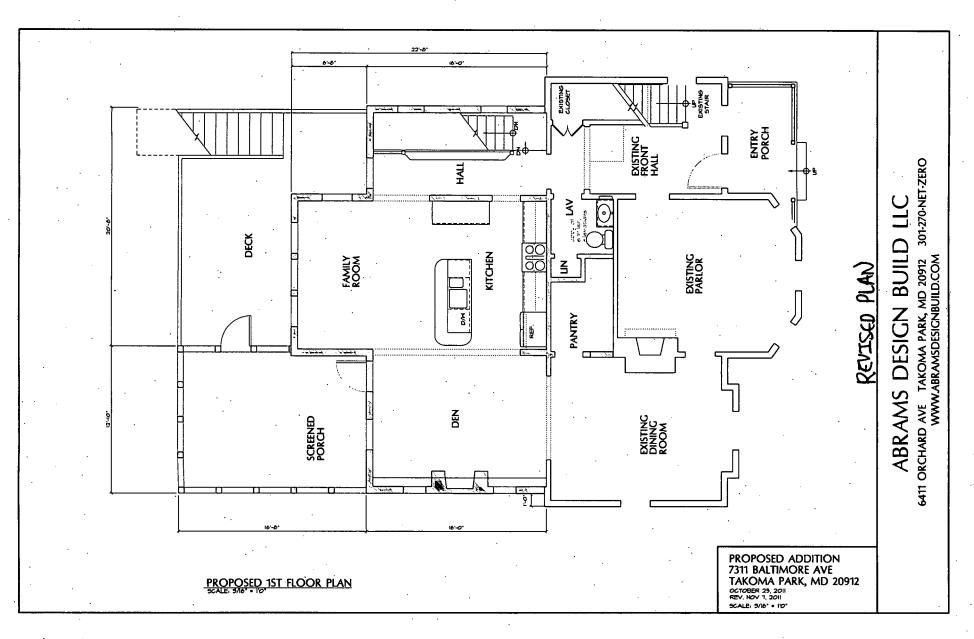
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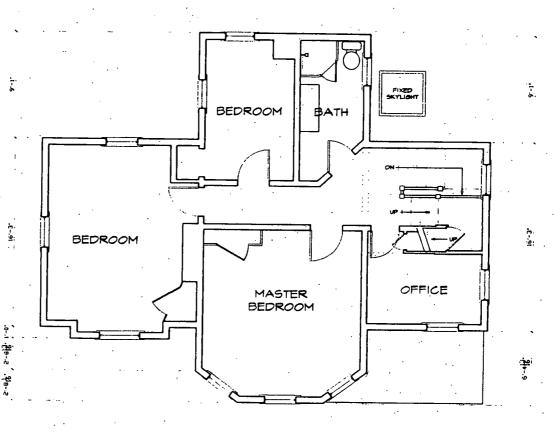
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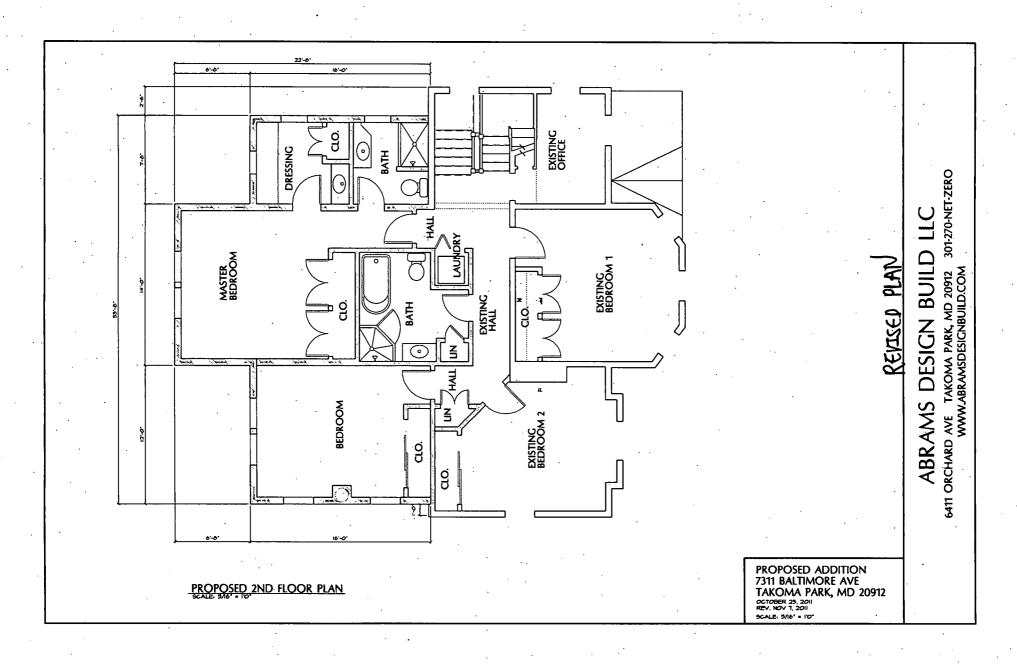
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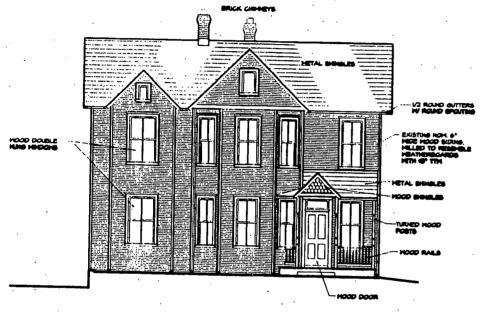
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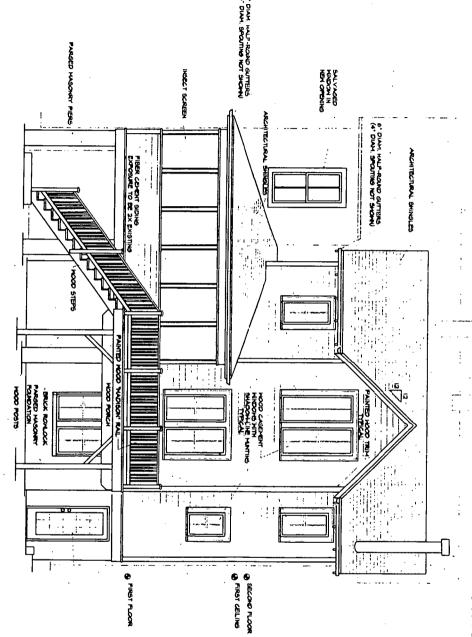


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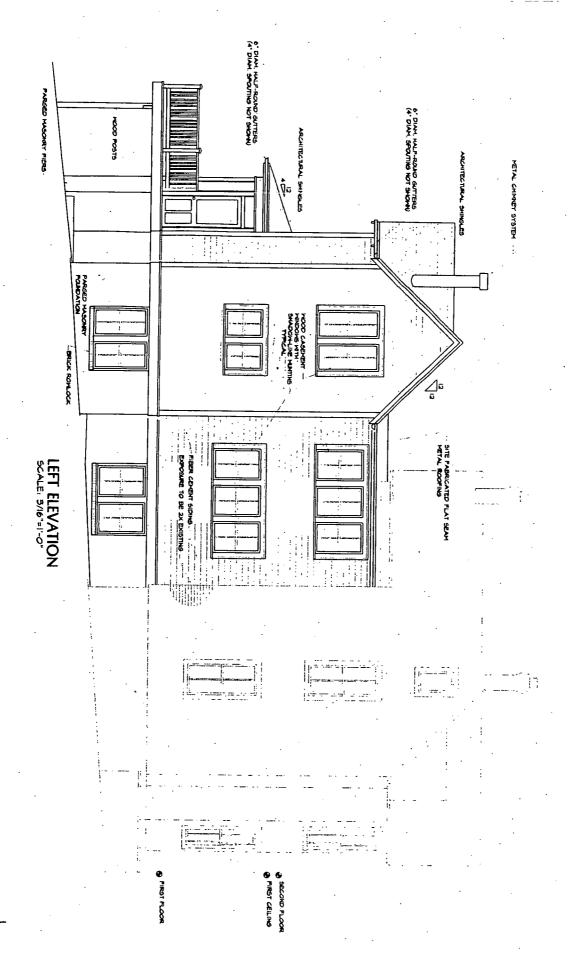
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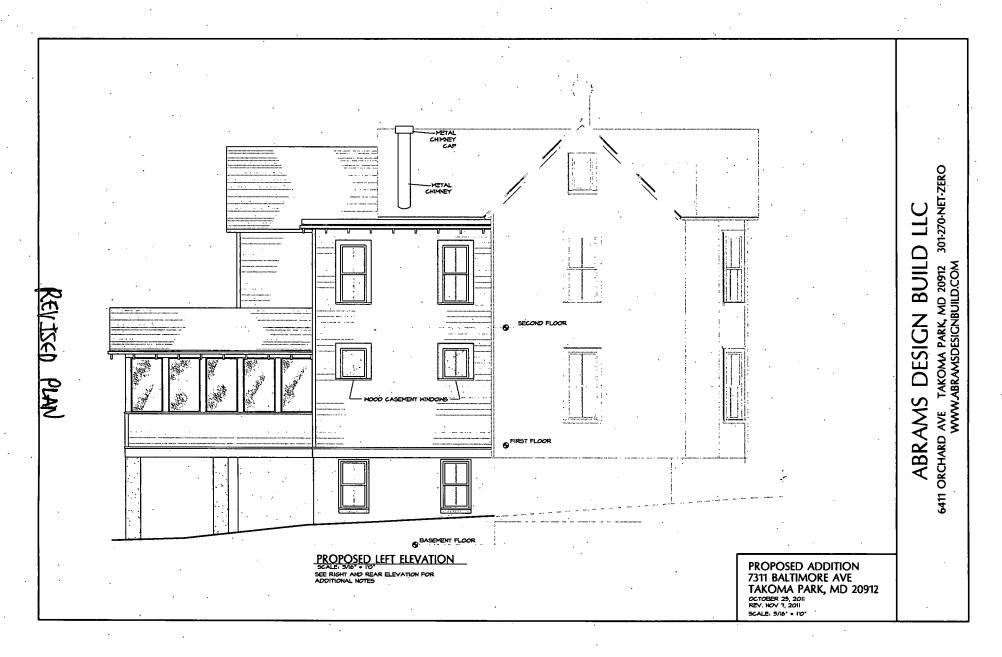




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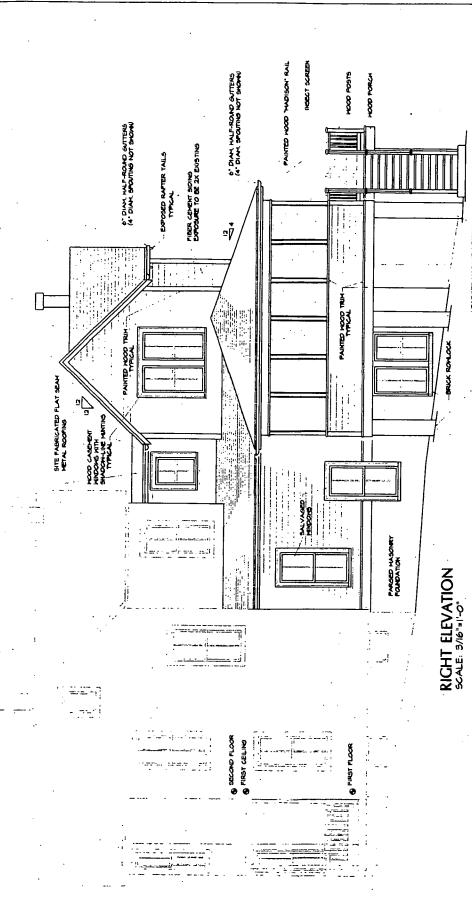
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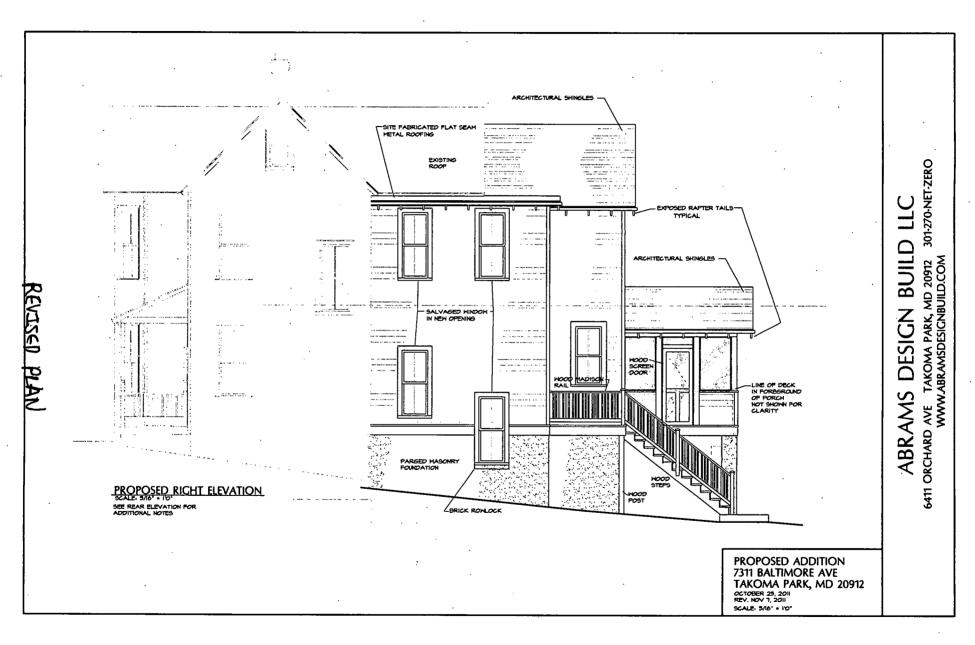
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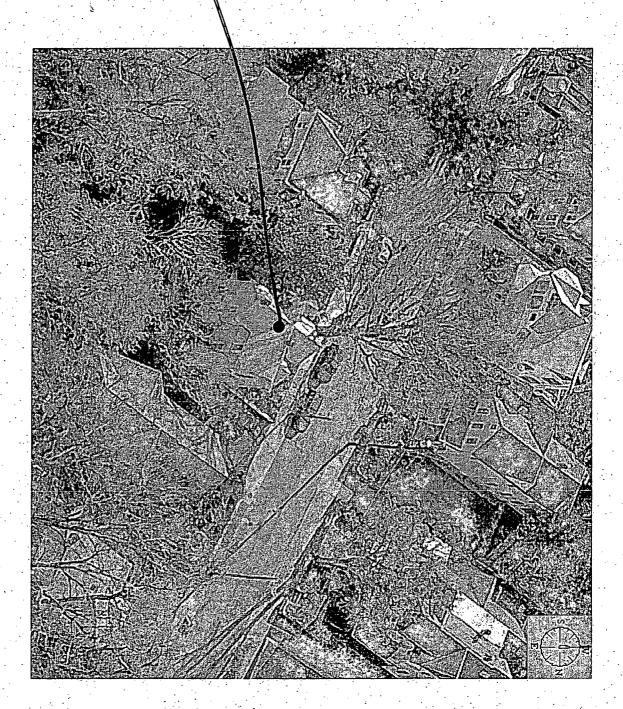




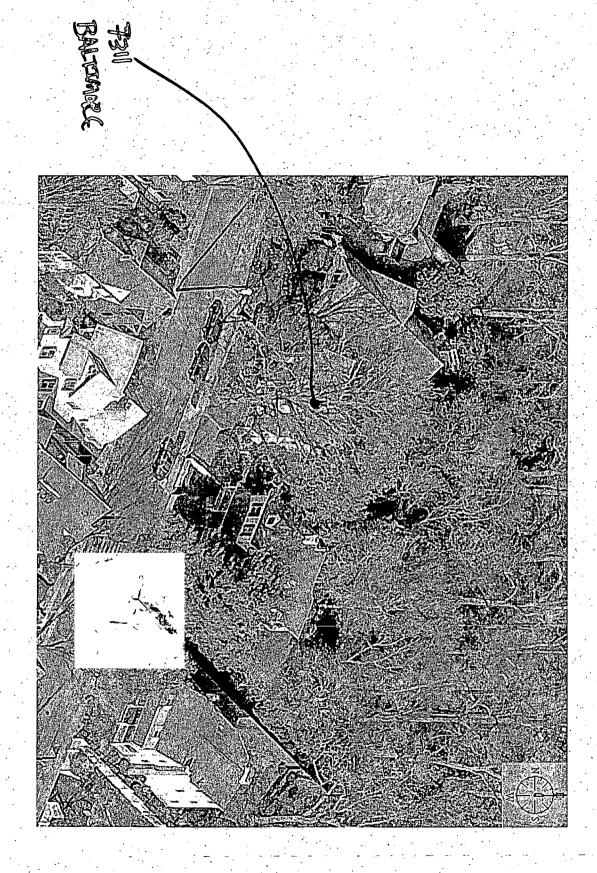




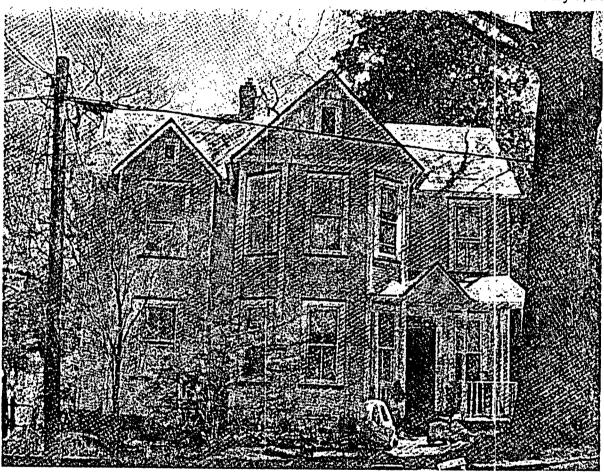
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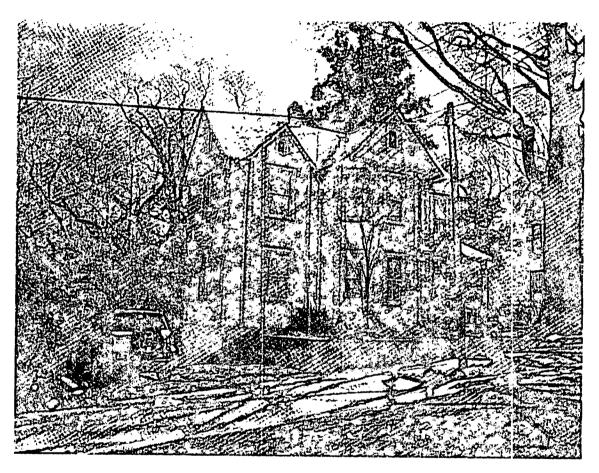


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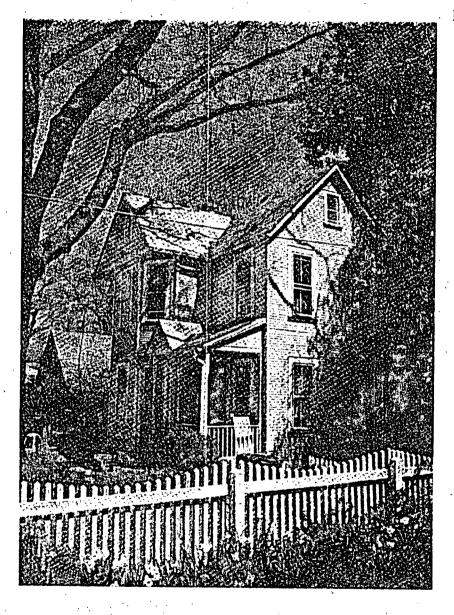
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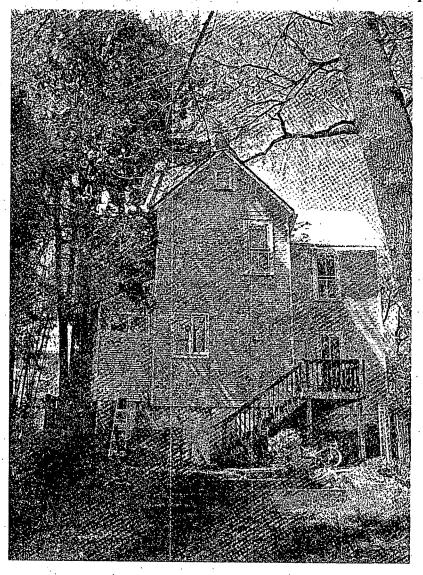




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View of West corner of house





Current view from backyard



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## MONTGOMERY COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

Address:

7311 Baltimore Avenue, Takoma Park

**Meeting Date:** 

12/15/2010

Resource:

Contributing Resource

**Report Date:** 

12/8/2010

Takoma Park Historic District

**Public Notice:** 

12/1/2010

**Applicant:** 

Mark Freedman and Kristen Summers

(Amy Abrams, Agent)

Tax Credit:

N/A

Review:

HAWP

Staff:

Josh Silver

Case Number:

37/03-10JJJ

**PROPOSAL:** 

Rear addition and tree removal

## STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Commission approve the HAWP application with one condition:

1. The applicants will contact the City of Takoma Park, Arborist to determine if a tree protection plan is required for the project. If a tree protection plan is required, it must be implemented prior to commencing work at the property.

## ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

SIGNIFICANCE:

Contributing Resource within the Takoma Park Historic District

STYLE:

Queen Anne

DATE:

c1890-1900

### **BACKGROUND**

On June 23, 2010 the HPC held a Preliminary Consultation hearing for construction of a rear addition at the subject property. The HPC recommended the applicant make revisions to the proposed design and return for a 2<sup>nd</sup> Preliminary Consultation.

- 1. The revised design is consistent with the predominant architectural style and massing of the primary resource
- 2. The design is successful in preserving the cruciform plan of the house and includes appropriate materials consistent with the resource.
- 3. A 12:12 pitch for the transverse roof of the addition was recommended to match the existing roof pitch of the house and proposed rear bay
- 4. A masonry building component (pier/foundation) was recommended for the proposed rear bay

5. Additional attention should be given toward the alignment/positioning of the addition in relationship to the existing cruciform plan.

### **PROPOSAL**

The proposed massing and design is consistent with the plans presented by the applicant at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Preliminary Consultation, which the HPC supported.

The applicants are proposing to construct a two-story addition over a full basement at the rear of the house.

The proposed design extends across the majority of the rear elevation and beyond the existing rear bay approximately 18' into the rear yard. The proposed design includes a 2 story bay over a full foundation that extends an additional 2'8" into the rear yard. The proposed addition increases the habitable portion of the house 714 square feet (building footprint); the current habitable portion of the house is approximately 880 square feet (building footprint). A 2 story reduced area of approximately 593 square feet is proposed for the left side rear elevation that serves as a connection between the 2<sup>nd</sup> level of the historic massing and living area of the proposed addition. The proposed addition will be inset 1'8" on both sides of the historic massing and lower than the ridgeline of the primary structure and original gable roof bay at the rear of the house.

The proposed design also includes the construction of a 1 story, hipped roof screened porch located at the southwest corner and a new wooden deck and stairway to grade.

Material treatments include a combination of architectural asphalt shingles and flat seam metal roofing, fiber cement siding, 2/2 muntin profile, simulated divided light wooden casement windows, a wooden door, parged CMU foundation, and a wooden deck with stairs to grade.

The applicant is also requesting approval for the removal of two trees.

#### APPLICABLE GUIDELINES

When reviewing alterations and new construction within the Takoma Park Historic District several documents are to be utilized as guidelines to assist the Commission in developing their decision. These documents include the historic preservation review guidelines in the approved and adopted amendment for the Takoma Park Historic District (Guidelines), 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.

#### Takoma Park Historic District Guidelines

Contributing Resources should receive a more lenient review than those structures that have been classified as Outstanding. This design review should emphasize the importance of the resource to the overall streetscape and its compatibility with existing patterns rather than focusing on a close scrutiny of architectural detailing. In general, however, changes to Contributing Resources should respect the predominant architectural style of the resource. As stated above, the design review emphasis will be restricted to changes that are at all visible from the public right-of-way, irrespective of landscaping or vegetation.

The Guidelines that pertain to this project are as follows:

- All exterior alterations, including those to architectural features and details, should be generally
  consistent with the predominant architectural style and period of the resource and should preserve
  the predominant architectural features of the resource; exact replication of existing details and
  features, is, however, not required;
- Major additions should, where feasible, be placed to the rear of the existing structures so that they
  are less visible from the public right-of-way; additions and alterations to the first floor at the front
  of a structure are discouraged but not automatically prohibited;
- While additions should be compatible, they are not required to be replicative of earlier architectural styles;
- Second story additions or expansions should be generally consistent with the predominant
  architectural style and period of the resource (although structures that have been historically
  single-story can be expanded) and should be appropriate to the surrounding streetscape in terms of
  scale and massing;
- Some non-original building materials may be acceptable on a case-by-case basis; artificial siding
  on areas visible from the public right-of-way is discouraged where such materials would replace or
  damage original building materials that are in good condition;
- Alterations to features that are not visible at all from the public right-of-way should be allowed as a matter of course;
- All changes and additions should respect existing environmental settings, landscaping, and patterns of open space.

## Montgomery County Code; Chapter 24A

- (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 1 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:

- #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.
- #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 proposed design and material specifications as submitted. The revised design is consistent with what the HPC supported at the 1<sup>st</sup> Preliminary Consultation and responds directly to the feedback the applicants received from the HPC at the 2nd Preliminary Consultation.

The roof pitches and alignment of the addition have been simplified for consistency and compatibility with historic massing. The revised design introduces a 12:12 roof pitch for the transverse roof and the eave lines of the new roofs have been adjusted to the same horizontal datum to enable better alignment between the roof forms of the addition. A full masonry foundation has been added to the rear bay in lieu of a cantilevered bay on wooden posts.

Staff supports the proposed tree removal and recommends that the applicant consult with the City of Takoma Park, Arborist to determine an appropriate course of action for their removal and to determine if a tree protection plan is required for the proposed undertaking.

#### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the Commission <u>approve</u> the HAWP application <u>with the condition</u> specified on Circle 1 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 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.



## HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION 301/563-3400

# APPLICATION FOR HISTORIC AREA WORK PERMIT

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## ADDENDUM TO HAWP APPLICATION 7311 Baltimore Avenue, Takoma Park, MD November 24, 2010

## DESCRIPTION OF EXISTING STRUCTURE

The existing house is a two story + attic, wood framed structure built in 1908 (according to tax records). The steeply pitched, cross gabled roof and lack of ornamentation is a simplified, vernacular expression of Victorian style. The strongest feature is the base of the front gable end flying beyond the diagonal sides of the front bay. The plan is cruciform, with the main block of the house an elongated rectangle running parallel to the street. A large octagonal full height bay projects from the front, with a small front porch tucked into the southwest (right front) corner. A smaller and shallower full height bay projects from the front wall of the main block, to the north (left) of the octagonal bay. This bay is also capped by a reverse gabled roof, smaller in scale but similar in proportion to the roof over the octagonal bay.

A full height rectangular wing, aligned with the octagonal bay, projects 9 feet from the rear of the house. A small single story appendage is contained in the southeast (right rear, viewed from the street) corner. The habitable portion of the house has a footprint of approximately 880 square feet.

Much of the exterior of the house appears to be original (or very early) materials, including 2/2 double hung windows, and nominal 6" wide wood clapboards, milled to resemble weatherboards with 3" exposures. The roof is clad with metal shingles, and drained with half-round gutters and round section spouting.

The house is sited on a standard 50 foot wide by 150 feet deep city lot, amid an eclectic mix of house styles, and a wide variety of scale. An extensively remodeled and extended bungalow sits to its right; on the left is a much modified and extended vernacular house also dated at 1908. Within immediate view are two large recent houses in styles deriving from historic prototypes, and other early twentieth century homes with large additions. The front portion of the subject lot slopes gently down from south to north, but the rear drops more steeply, exposing almost the entirety of the rear wall of the brick basement.

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposal is to construct an addition that would extend across the majority of the rear of the house, but inset one foot, eight inches from each rear corner. It would extend past the existing rear bay approximately 18 feet, plus a two story bay extending an additional two feet, eight inches. The footprint of the habitable portion of the addition would be



approximately 714 square feet. The main floor area of the addition would be 740 square feet, and the area of the addition on the second floor would reduce to 593 square feet. There would be a habitable walkout basement below the main floor. Based on a topographic survey and consultation with zoning staff at Montgomery County Department of Permitting Services, and given the steep grade, it has been determined that it is otherwise permissible to build a two story addition over a substantially above grade basement on this property.

The addition would also include a screened porch at the southwest corner, and a deck with a stairway to grade.

The theme of the design is to complement the original complex gabled forms with new gabled forms. The main portion of the new roof would have reduced pitch, to distinguish it from the original construction, and to establish a hierarchy of spaces. Cement plank siding would further distinguish the original from the new. Wood casement windows would also contrast with the existing wood double hung units; however the 2/2 glazing configuration and slender aspect ratio would reference the original style and proportions.

The main portion of the addition is connected to the original construction by a flat roofed hyphen, again to distinguish old and new, and to preserve to the greatest extent possible the original cruciform plan. This solution preserves in its entirety the rear gable and all other portions of the original roof.

On the main level, the addition would house a family room, with areas for play and study; also casual dining area which will do double duty as a library, and a new stairway to the basement level. (The present stairway to the basement is exceptionally steep and narrow, and leads to an area with a very low ceiling.) The second floor would include a child's bedroom and a master bedroom suite, with provision for a home office. The basement would include a rec room, bathroom, and spare bedroom.

On the site, one large tree (a magnolia, which is less than three feet away from the existing house) needs to be removed, whether the addition is built or not. Also, a mulberry tree near the north property line would need to be heavily pruned or removed. (to be determined during the Tree Protection Planning process). No other trees would be seriously impacted by construction. Standard precautions for other trees on site would be taken.

The addition, though large, would project much less than the neighboring house on the left, which would still project approximately 16' beyond the proposed addition. The proposed addition would project only approximately 2' beyond the back line of the neighboring house on the right. Cladding, detailing, and fenestration would distinguish the addition, yet would be in character with the existing elements. We feel that the addition would compliment the house, and little if any visual impact on the public viewscape.

A further goal of the project is to build new space with the highest levels of energy efficiency, and to retrofit existing spaces and equipment, with the specific performance objective that the combined new and existing volumes will use no more net energy for heating and cooling than did the original space.

In conclusion, we feel that the addition will compliment the original house, as well as greatly increasing the utility of the home for its owners and their large, extended family. Therefore, we submit that the proposed project will have no negative impact and hopefully a positive impact on the historic district.

Area summary (not including attic, decks, porches, patios, etc):

Total existing habitable floor area, 1st and 2nd floors: 1710 SF

Existing basement and storage area: 880 SF

Area to be removed: 50 SF

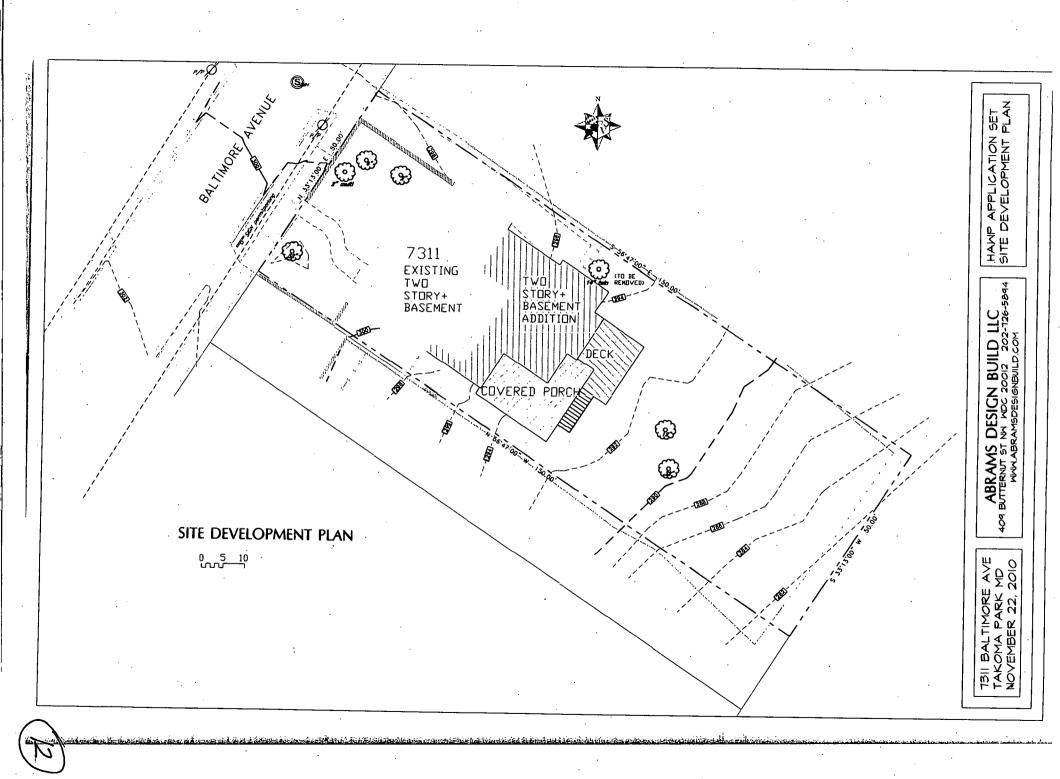
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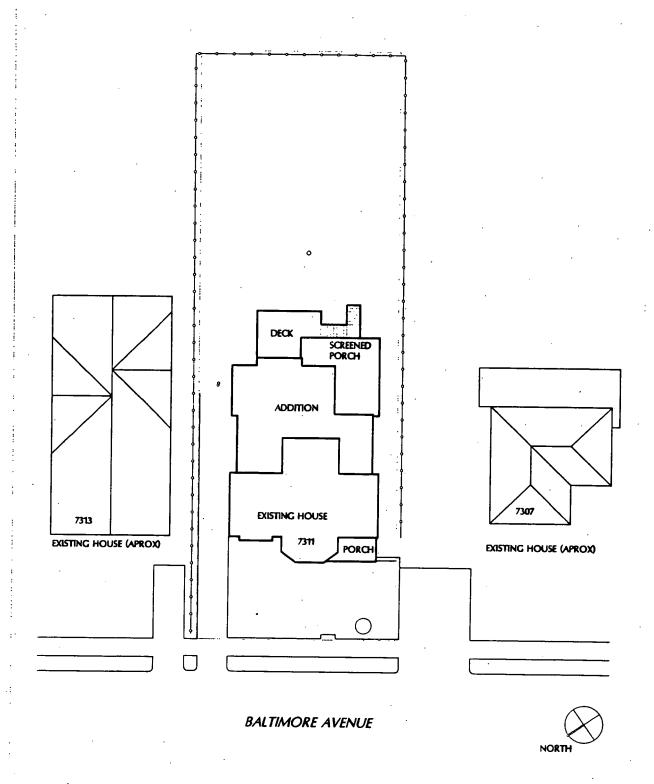
Proposed habitable floor area of new basement: 718 SF Total proposed added habitable floor area: 2053 SF Total existing and proposed habitable floor area: 3711 SF

## HAWP APPLICATION: MAILING ADDRESSES FOR NOTIFING [Owner, Owner's Agent, Adjacent and Confronting Property Owners]

Owner's mailing address	Owner's Agent's mailing address				
Mark F. Freedman & Kristen M. Summers 7311 Baltimore Ave. Takoma Park, MD 20912					
Adjacent and confronting Property Owners mailing addresses					
Kenneth M. Wyner 7313 Baltimore Ave Takoma Park, MD 20912	William C Sandberg Et Al Tr. 7307 Baltimore Ave Takoma Park, MD 20912				
Catherine Bernard & William C Sandberg 7309 Baltimore Ave Takoma Park, MD 20912	Ellen Brown 7310 Baltimore Ave Takoma Park, MD 20912				
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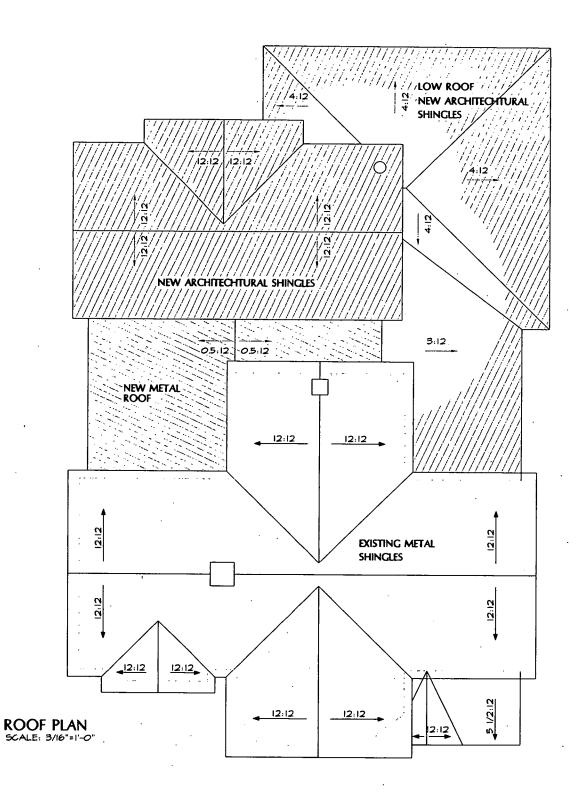
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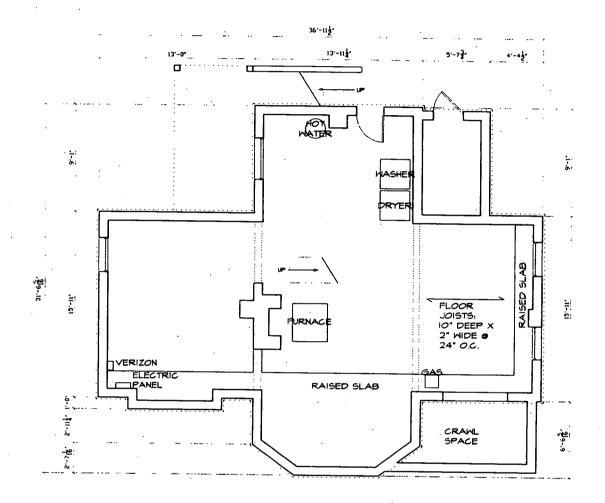
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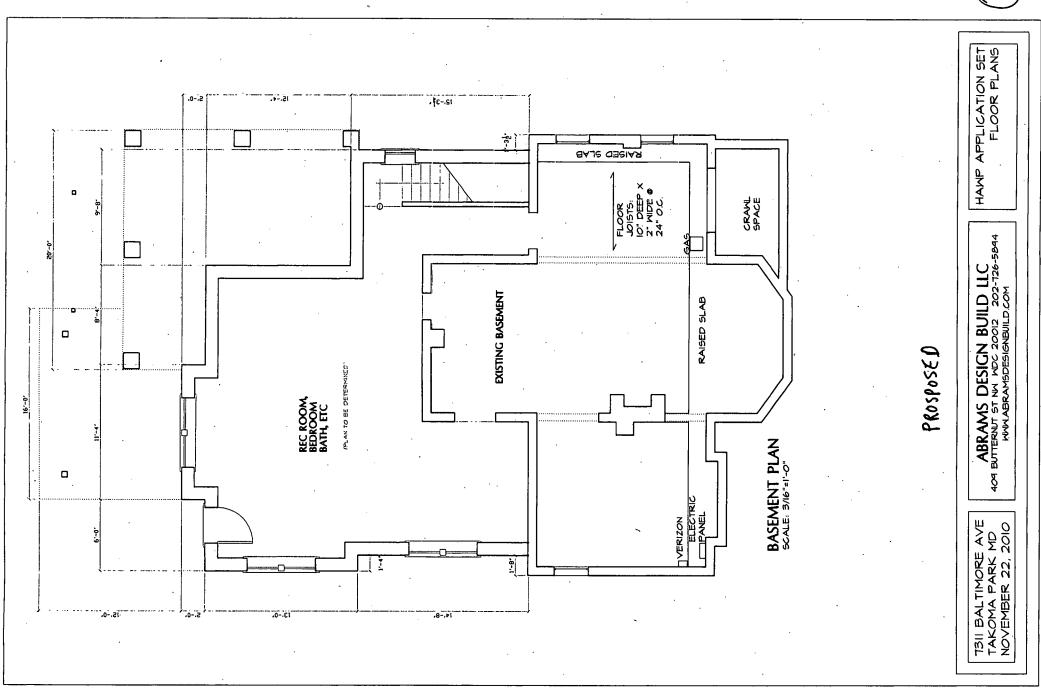
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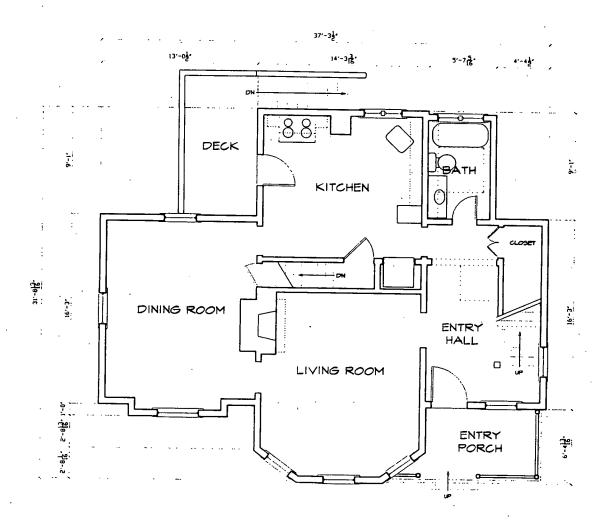
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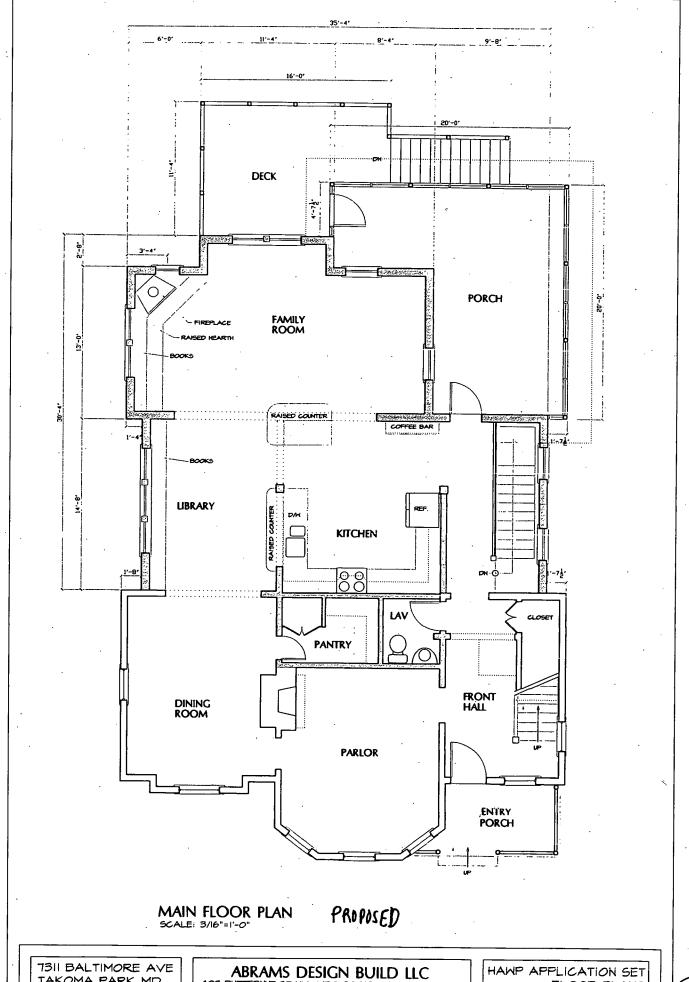
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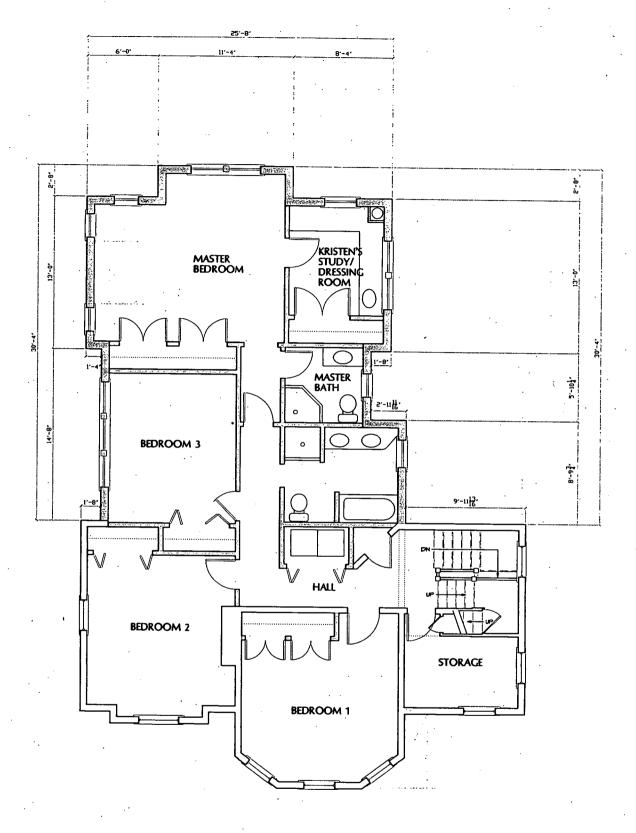
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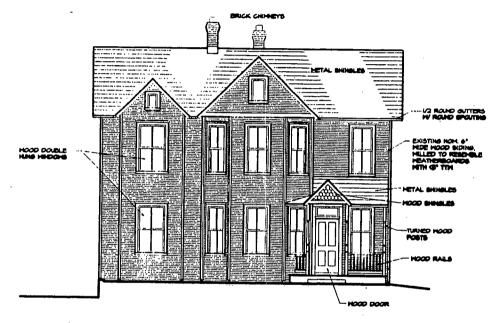
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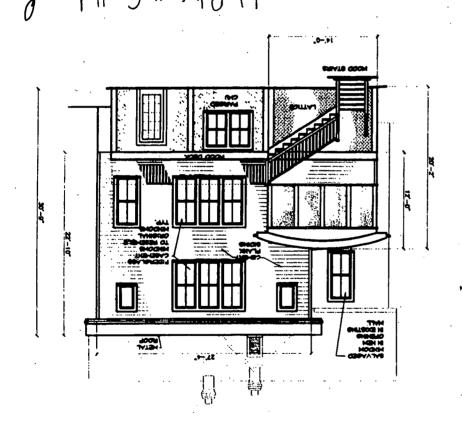




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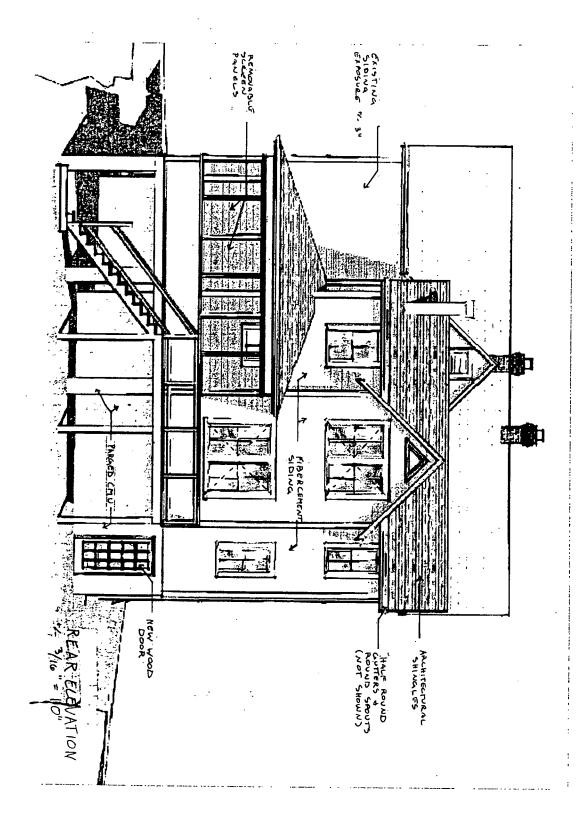
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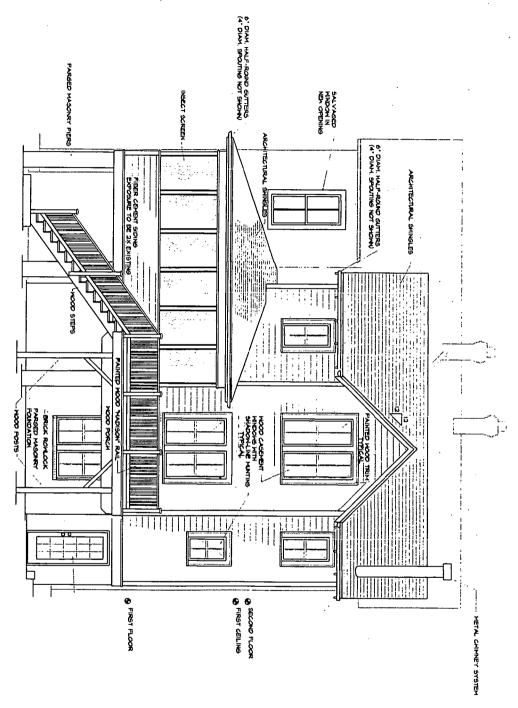
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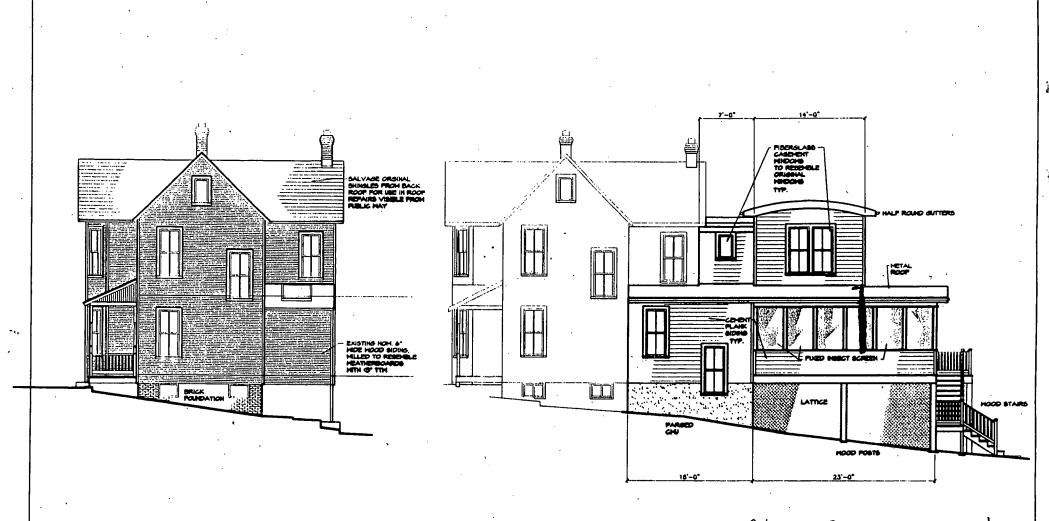
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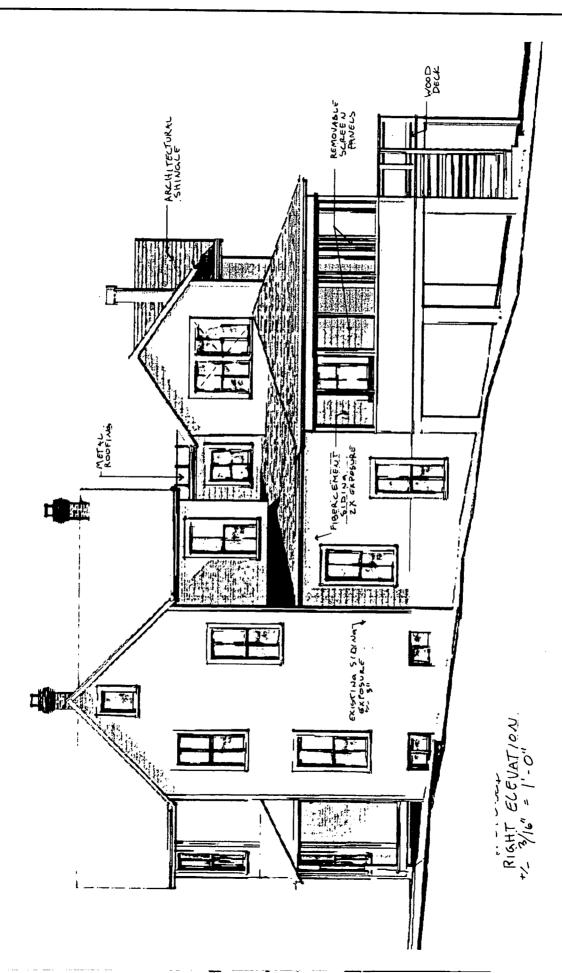
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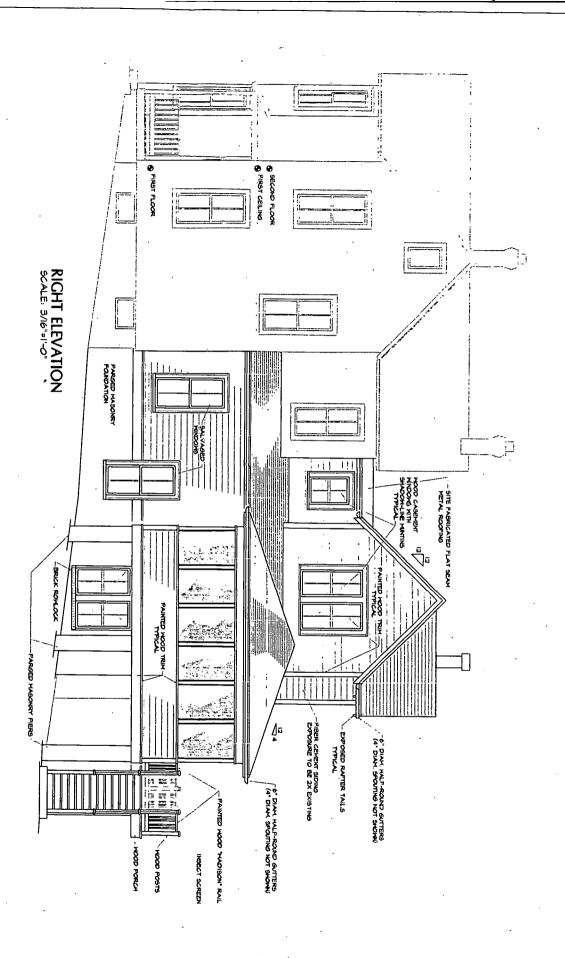
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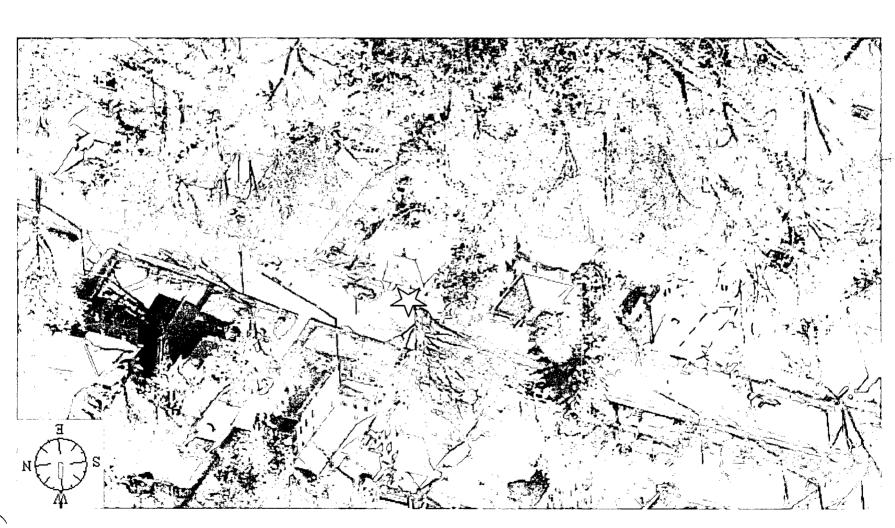


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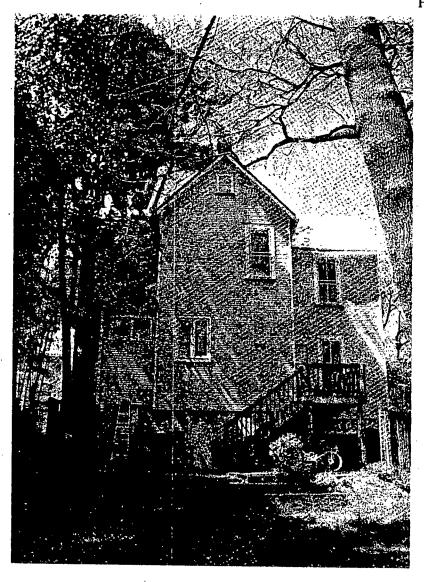
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View of North Corner





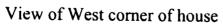
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Current view from backyard





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#### ALSO PRESENT:

Joshua Silver, Staff Anne Fothergill, Staff

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George Myers, Architect Lauren Clark, Architect Dennis Kilcullen, Applicant	26
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1 MR. JESTER: Any discussion? All in favor? Okay.

- 2 Opposed. Two opposed and five in favor, so the motion
- 3 passes and the project is approved. Thank you.
- 4 MR. KILCULLEN: Thank you very much.
- 5 MS. MAHER: Can F just say, for the record, my
- 6 only reason I did not approve was because of the driveway
- 7 issue.
- 8 MR. JESTER: All right. Thank you. All right.
- 9 Where are we?
- 10 MS. FOTHERGILL: Chairman Jester, the applicant
- 11 who requested the reconsideration for case I is not here.
- MR. JESTER: Okay. So we will postpone that one,
- 13 postpone it for reconsideration.
- MS. FOTHERGILL: I guess if they still want the
- 15 reconsideration, they can request it for the next agenda.
- 16 So yes, postpone it.
- 17 MR. JESTER: Okay. And we agree that we do not
- 18 need to hear about the stabilization plan, since we've
- 19 already made our endorsement?
- MR. SILVER: That's correct.
- MR. JESTER: Okay. So the next item on our agenda
- 22 are the preliminary consultations. The first case is 7311
- 23 Baltimore Avenue, Takoma Park. Do we have a staff report?
- MR. SILVER we do. 7311 Baltimore Avenue is
- 25 a contributing resourcedin the Takoma Park historic

- 1 district. This is the second preliminary consultation. It
- 2 was recommended by the HPC to the applicants that they

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- 3 return for some additional discussion with regard to their
- 4 proposed program.
- 5 And the applicant was provided with feedback on
- 6 several items to the initial design proposed at the first
- 7 consultation. A few points I think that are worth
- 8 mentioning that are in the background section of the staff
- 9 report were from comments that the Commission said were
- 10 either a more contextual or modern design treatment should
- 11 be pursued; the scale and massing of the proposed addition
- 12 should be reduced and simplified; more preservation of the
- 13 cruciform plan was recommended; and the size and orientation
- 14 of the porch should be reduced and better integrated with
- 15 the rear addition to help reduce some of the scale.
- The proposal remains largely consistent in terms
- of the program for the resource with regard to a two-story
- 18 addition of a full basement at the rear of the house. The
- 19 design will extend across the majority of the rear
- 20 elevation, beyond the existing rear bay, and approximately
- 21 18 feet into the yard. There will be a two-story bay that
- 22 extends an additional two feet into the rear yard.

- There also will be a second level connection
- 24 between the historic massing and the proposed addition on
- 25 the left side elevation, and the addition is inset one foot

- 1 eight inches on both sides. So the historic massing and the
- 2 design also includes the construction of a one-story hipped
- 3 roof screen porch located at the rear on the right side
- 4 elevation.
- 5 Material treatments are consistent with what the
- 6 Commission reviewed at the first preliminary consultation
- 7 with the exception of the window treatment, which were
- 8 initially proposed as fiberglass, and they are now all wood
- 9 and with two simulated divided light windows. The
- 10 foundation is CMU and there will be a deck and stairs at the
- 11 rear.
- 12 Staff identified that the application or the
- 13 preliminary consultation of the preliminary consultation of
- 14 one, two, three, four, five, six, eight, and nine, and 10
- 15 that were listed on circle one, a few of which I went
- 16 through.
- 17 The applicant is certainly employed in a more
- 18 contextual design compátible with the historic massing and
- 19 the size of the addition was reduced. And the modified
- 20 barrel roof forms have been eliminated.
- The new treatments are consistent with the
- 22 resource and respond to the feedback the
- 23 HPC provided the applicant with.
- 24 Staff finds that the proposed design preserves the
- 25 cruciform plan of the house as viewed from the streetscape

- 1 and the historic district without adversely affecting the
- 2. perceived character of this resource.
- And staff's recommendations for the design, there
- $^\circ$  4  $^\circ$  are two recommendations one of which is to eliminate the  $^\circ$ 
  - 5 two-story bay on the rear elevation, to assist with reducing
  - 6 the scale, the perceived scale of the addition, which would
  - 7 also help simplify transitions between the different roof
  - 8 forms.
  - 9 The shed roof form is also recommended for the, or
- 10 sloped roof form for the roof pitch for the one-story porch
- 11 in lieu of the hipped roof. Again, this speaks to the

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- 12 comments about a confusing roof transitions, and it also
- 13 would assist with more consistency, the roof profile
- 14 throughout the length of the first story addition.
- 15 Staff supports the proposed materials, and has
- 16 acknowledged that the applicant is pursuing a simulated
- 17 divided light wood window that is appropriate for the
- 18 resource. And there are four points on circle five of the
- 19 staff report that the applicant is looking for feedback on.
- One is the proposed design consistent with the
- 21 predominant architectural style and period of the resource.
- 22 Two is the addition compatible with the scale. Three, does
- 23 the design preserve a sufficient level of the cruciform
- 24 plan. And four, are the treatments appropriate for the

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25 resource type and style, including the siding, the roofing,

- 1 the windows, doors, and the deck and railing system.
- I do not have a presentation, but the applicant
- 3 has come armed with a model for you to see, as well as some
- 4 photos. And the staff report obviously provides photos as
- 5 well.
- 6 MR. JESTER: All right. Thank you, Josh. Are
- 7 there any questions for staff? Okay. If not, if the
- 8 applicant would like to come forward, and if you would just
- 9 press the button until the microphone turns red, and
- 10 identify yourselves for the record, please? Welcome back.
- MR. FREEDMAN; Good evening. My name is Mark
- 12 Freedman. Thank you for hearing our second presentation
- 13 here. I'll try to be brief, and then hand it over to Alan
- 14 who can really handle the details.
- I'll repeat, I'll try not to repeat everything I
- 16 said, but I'll repeat some of the things I said last month,
- 17 since I know some of the people here weren't here for that
- 18 presentation.
- My wife and I have lived in this contributing
- 20 resource in Takoma Park for 10 years, and now it's a house
- 21 that's full of kids and family and guests and relatives.
- 22 And we're finding that we could use some more room, in
- 23 particular, my mother was comes once a month to spend
- 24 time with her grandchildren, and we would kind of like to
- 25 have two upstairs bathrooms and a separate guest room to

- 1 make everyone a little more comfortable with the regular
- 2 visits.
- We, unfortunately in this house, both the attic
- 4 and the basement are uninhabitable and not available to make
- 5 into any kind of living space. So we can't go up and we
- 6 can't go down, so we have to go back. And that's part of
- 7 what has driven part of this project.
- 8 We are very enthusiastic about the design that we
- 9 have in front of you. There are ways in which it is not
- 10 what I expected to have before you, but part of that has to
- 11 do with how we got where we are today.
- The design has your input from the last session.
- 13 It has lots of input from staff. And it has the expertise
- 14 that Alan has brought with his decades of experience living
- 15 in Takoma Park, building in Takoma Park, working on historic
- 16 properties, and even right on my street, building on
- 17 historic properties of building new homes in the historic
- 18 district. That's part of the reason why I wanted to work
- 19 with him.
- I know Alan from when we were on the board of
- 21 Historic Takoma together. And when we started with this
- 22 project, historic preservation was one of the things I had
- 23 forefront in my mind. So I sat down, and I knew this was
- 24 going to be a big project, so I sat down with two different
- 25 design firms.

- I sat down with Alan, and then separately I sat
- 2 down with Rick Leonard from Heritage Building, because I
- 3 wanted to get two different perspectives on what hopefully
- 4 you all would want, what would work with the guidelines,
- 5 what would work with our property, and what was realistic.
- 6 Interestingly, they came up with -- they both came
- 7 up with very similar plans, and we had shown those initially
- 8 to staff, gotten some encouragement. We submitted to staff
- 9 originally those plans.
- We were then somewhat surprised when we were told
- 11 that we had made a fundamental error in judgment about the
- 12 center rear bay of the house, which I should note, that part
- of the house is not viewable from the right-of-way from any
- 14 directions.
- 15 While we were surprised and had a lot of
- 16 investment at that point in the plans, we sat down with
- 17 staff and we said, okay, well, what should we do? What do
- 18 you think? Where do we go? And let's get our priorities
- 19 right.
- Then it was with that input that we came up with
- 21 the plans that we submitted the last time, and I think that
- 22 we were able to then work with your comments and your input,
- 23 as staff has pointed out, out of 10 items, I think we have
- 24 hit on nine of them, and the one remaining on the porch is
- 25 something that I think we can work very well with.

- 1 We've reduced the massing by over 10 percent, and
- 2 I suppose in some ways most importantly I can envision
- 3 living in these spaces. And over the course of the last
- 4 couple of weeks, I've been very conscious of how these kinds
- 5 of spaces would work
- The rear porchais a big part of our design. We
- 7 hope to make use of that big back yard and having a rear
- 8 screened porch that can be a real three-season living/dining
- 9 area. It's something that a number of our neighbors have
- 10 done is created a rear porch area that they can really spend
- 11 a lot of time living on. So that's part of why it has that
- 12 size.
- I think the pieces complement each other nicely.
- 14 And I think that given the input that's gone into this, and
- 15 the thoughts that have gone into this, and the work that has
- 16 gone into this, I am see that nly optimistic that we've got
- 17 something good that we can move forward with.
- I will turn it over to Alan.
- 19 MR. ABRAMS: Thank you. I'm Alan Abrams, Abrams
- 20 Design Build. I first want to thank the Commission for the
- 21 very valuable feedback four weeks ago. The comments came
- 22 from many points of view, and some Commissioners actually
- 23 had different points of view. And despite the
- 24 contradictions in the aggregate, they were a great help in
- 25 guiding and forming the grevisions that we're presenting

- 1 tonight.
- 2 I'd like to address the issues in detail one by
- 3 one, if I may. And I will open up -- I will fumble with my
- 4 computer here.
- 5 This is a view of the original part of the house.
- 6 And sweeping the cursor over an addition to the rear,
- 7 generally speaking.
- 18 Item number one, the house, the original house,
  - 9 the original construction is an extremely straight forward
- 10 unassuming and direct/ and essentially very honest house.
- 11 And we were given the assignment to either approach the
- 12 addition in dramatic contrast, or to go contextual.
- And I didn't think the house deserved a
- 14 confrontation. It's not in my nature to be confrontational.
- 15 And so I thought a contextual solution was appropriate. I
- 16 was very happy to do that.
- We have drawn the general form from the original
- 18 house, but we've distinguished it, in many ways, by reducing
- 19 the overall height, reducing the roof pitch, even though
- 20 they are pitched roofs We eve changed the nature or the
- 21 cladding in detail. The original cladding has a rhythm of
- 22 about -- horizontal rhythm of about two and three-quarter
- 23 inches. And the cladding that we're proposing would have a
- 24 rhythm exactly twice that, again, contrasting in a very

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25 gentle and respectful way.

- 1 We've reduced the footprint by 14 percent. We've
- 2 reduced the net area by 11 percent of the addition. And I
- 3 would like to reserve discussion of item two for the
- 4 (indiscernible), because I have some photographs that I
- 5 think might help put things in context.
- 6 With regard to number three, we did abandon the
- 7 barrel vault. That's a dead issue, and gone, obviously,
- 8 with the pitched roofs. With regard to the cruciform plan,
- 9 which is daunting, because absolutely any -- if we can pan
- 10 from above --
- 11 (Discussion off the record.)
- MR. ABRAMS: Any addition to the second story is
- 13 confronting this issue. There is no way you can add to the
- 14 second floor of this house without confronting the cruciform
- 15 plan. However, we did keep the transitional roof, the roof
- of the hyphen, below the level of the eave of the cross-
- 17 axis, the rear cross-axis, and we preserved the gable end in
- 18 its entirety.
- And we preserved the right elevation of that
- 20 projection in its entirety. And certainly from above it's
- 21 crystal clear that it spreserved.
- 22 With regard to the windows, we're good with the
- 23 wood windows. I would love to carry this discussion
- 24 forward, because I believe we should be building with
- 25 preservable materials we are dealing in a preservation

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- 1 context. But I won't belabor that.
- I do want to point out that I would like to use
- 3 casement windows for a number of reasons, for their superior
- 4 performance in terms of infiltration, double the ventilation
- 5 area of double hung windows, egress. It's much easier to
- 6 comply with bedroom egress regulations, and I like them
- 7 architecturally.
- 8 As a matter of fact, I want to point out that the
- 9 way I do pairs of casement windows is not conventional in
- 10 the sense that I don't like to hinge them from the sides. I
- 11 like to hinge them in a butterfly fashion so that a breeze
- 12 can waft in and waft back out and create a negative pressure
- 13 area in the house. It's a solution to passive ventilation,
- 14 where you can avoid using the air conditioner in pleasant,
- 15 in mild weather.
- 16 MR. JESTER: Mr. Abrams, I don't want to cut you
- 17 off, but if you could just touch quickly on the remaining
- 18 points.
- MR. ABRAMS: OKay: Thank you.
- MR. JESTER: 5 Because we're going to have an
- 21 opportunity to ask you some questions, and I'm sure we'll
- 22 get to the heart of some of these other issues in the course
- 23 of the discussion.
- MR. ABRAMS: Okay. We've succeeded in pushing
- 25 back the sides of the transitional portions. They're now

- 1 about 17 or 18 inches in either side. They are very vivid.
- 2 The shadow lines are crisp. There is no question about
- 3 distinguishing the old and new.
- With regard to the porch, we reduced the porch by
- 5 two feet. We also, if you can swing around to the side,
- 6 broke the eave line. And I think that also helps reduce the
- 7 perceived mass of the porch. And I'm talking about this
- 8 area where I'm waving the cursor over right now.
- 9 In the previous iteration, that line was
- 10 continuous, and I could understand why it would be perceived
- 11 as excessive.
- I did wrap the porch around the corner, and that
- 13 was taking off of a comment by Commissioner Kirwan, who I
- 14 don't see tonight : The note even sure that was identified
- 15 correctly in the transcript. But that was a suggestion to
- 16 help reduce the massing, to wrap the porch around the back
- 17 of the house. And I agree that it does help step the

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- 18 massing down, and adjust to the topography, which slopes
- 19 downhill continuously through the lot.
- Metal roofing, we've always been agreeable to site
- 21 constructed metal roof panels, rather than panelized
- 22 construction. And we've included the floor plans as well.
- Now, as to the issue of massing -- I've lost my --
- 24 I wanted to comment that took almost a day and went
- 25 through the tax records street by street in the historic

- 1 district in Takoma Park, house by house, and looked at the
- 2 area of many of these houses. And I found a number of
- 3 houses that were in excess of 3,000 square feet, many in the
- 4 mid-range between 3,000 and 4,000, and several in excess of
- 5 4,000 square feet.
- 6 Here is Takoma Avenue, 7611, 3,788 square feet.
- 7 These all have additions, as well, rather modern era
- 8 additions. Takoma Avenue, 4,000 square feet, and really
- 9 extended program on this house.
- MR. JESTER you would, I really need you to
- 11 conclude your presentation so we have some time to discuss
- 12 the project.
- 13 MR. ABRAMS: Okay, well I want to compare --
- 14 MR. JESTER: I think you made your point with that
- 15 particular set of slides.
- 16 MR. ABRAMS: Okay. Let me just state
- 17 categorically that I think, I was going to show you one
- 18 that's even bigger than this, and we are well within that
- 19 range of large additions. There are at least two additions
- 20 in the Takoma Park historict where houses have been
- 21 tripled and quadrupled. Thank you.
- The staff had not seen the floor plans last time,
- 23 and you have that in your packet. If there are no
- 24 questions, immediately on it, I'll scroll right through
- 25 that. Elevations. The front elevation. 12 pitch on the

- 1 roof, very severe, unadorned, folk Victorian.
- 2 MR. JESTER: Mr. Abrams, we have all these images

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- 4 MR. ABRAMS: Okay.
- 5 MR. JESTER: Everyone has reviewed them prior to
- 6 the meeting, so I really think that it would be beneficial
- 7 for you if we could ask you some questions --
- 8 MR. ABRAMS: Great.
- 9 MR. JESTER: '-- and provide some feedback on this
- 10 design, compared to where you were a month ago. And if that
- 11 would be okay?
- MR. ABRAMS: I'm fine. Thank you.

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- MR. JESTER: Do Commissioners have questions for
- 14 the applicant?
- 15 MS. MAHER: This was in the transcripts. We
- 16 talked about the oddities of the house, the existing house's
- 17 space, and how it's not, the layout is not efficient. Can
- 18 you just clarify that.
- MR. FREEDMAN: Happy to, and I don't know if you
- 20 have in your packet the -- well, you can see somewhat in the
- 21 floor plans, and let me find the page in your packet, where
- 22 I can highlight the oddities that create some of our space
- 23 issues.
- We are driven by second floor bedroom spacing.
- 25 And let me find the page in your packet that has the floor

- 1 plans. Pardon me for a moment.
- 2 MR. JESTER: Circle 14.
- 3 MR. FREEDMAN: Circle 14. There we go. Terrific.
- 4 Thank you. Let's see: That's got the main floor, and then
- 5 if you look on circle 14 --
- 6 MS. MILES: (sneezing) I'm allergic to your floor
- 7 plans. I'm sorry.
- 8 MR. FREEMAN: You haven't been in my attic.
- 9 Circle 14, as you look on the right side, you see that you
- 10 have the main staircase coming up there with a DN as
- 11 indicated. There is, you then have a staircase, a fixed
- 12 staircase that goes up into the attic. Well, you'll notice
- 13 it doesn't nest over the main staircase, which starts to eat
- 14 up floor space.
- 15 You'll see this little, labeled as an office, we
- 16 refer to it as the realtor's bedroom, because it was listed
- 17 as a four-bedroom house, but I understand it's well below
- 18 code for a fourth bedroom@ You could probably fit a crib
- 19 and something else inktheret
- It creates this problem of, you've got this whole
- 21 side of the house where you have this little office, but you
- 22 don't really have a bedroom in any way over there. You then
- 23 have these two front rooms, which are fairly generous,
- 24 although lacking any closet space, you know, they are built
- 25 for a time of wardrobes, and then we have this rear bedroom

- 1 that I understand is just barely bigger than code.
- 2 And our goal is to have four bedrooms and two
- 3 bathrooms upstairs, which on a house on paper, it sounds
- 4 like it wouldn't be such a big challenge, but as we start
- 5 trying to figure out how to do that, how to get,
- 6 essentially, a bigger bedroom than the existing rear
- 7 bedroom, and an additional bedroom on top of that, we start
- 8 going back and we want to add a second bathroom. We're not
- 9 looking for a big Jacuzzi tub. We're just looking for basic
- 10 function. We keep going out.
- Now, in our original plan, we would have expanded,
- 12 we would have gone the whole width of the house, to try to
- 13 keep having to go bagkispostar. But that would obliterate
- 14 the rear bay. And that so what we were told we shouldn't do.
- 15 We wanted to preserve one side of that. So that forced us
- 16 over on one side, and it forced us to go back even farther.
- 17 So that's where a lot of our current shape has been driven
- 18 by our function. Does that answer your initial question?
- MS. MAHER: Well; I'm looking at the first floor
- 20 plan --
- MR. FREEDMAN: Put it back up, circle 12.
- 22 MS. MAHER: And there is some duplication as
- 23 far as the usage of the space. And so I'm wondering whether
- 24 or not a bedroom on the first floor was considered?
- MR. FREEDMAN: Not really. The design of this

1 house is an upstairs/downstairs house. And I think it would

- 2 fundamentally alter the way the house works to have a
- 3 bedroom on the main floor. It's not the way, it's not the
- 4 way the house reads or lives, and so creating a bedroom on
- 5 the first floor, we think, would just alter the way the
- 6 house works, and it's not really what we envisioned.
- 7 MR. JESTER Go ahead Commissioner Treseder.
- 8 MR. TRESEDER: Thave a question for the designer,
- 9 for Alan. Alan, on the rear bay gable, you match the roof
- 10 pitch of the original resource. How did you come up with
- 11 the roof pitch of the transverse roof pitch, which doesn't
- 12 match? What was the functional reason for that?
- MR. ABRAMS: It was to establish a hierarchy with
- 14 the original house, to make the addition subordinate. And
- 15 in the rear elevation, where I thought we might have a
- 16 little more liberty, you know, just to reflect back onto the
- 17 original, to increase the pitch to the original pitch.
- 18 MR. FREEDMAN: If I may, because I know that staff
- 19 had some questions about the bay, and one thing that I like
- 20 about it is that it gives you a read from the original back
- 21 of the house, that the sense of having a central protruding
- 22 bay, you still get from the backyard with this design. I
- 23 think it's a nice feature. I see how it also adds to the
- 24 complexity. I think it and the porch work well together.

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MR. ABRAMS: Yes, I think the aspect ratio in this

- 1 computer might be a little skewed. It's sort of widening
- 2 the way it really looks
- 3 MR. TRESEDER: Thank you guys for answering.
- 4 MR. JESTER: Yes, I think we have the drawings in
- 5 front of us as well. Unless there are other questions for
- 6 the applicant, I think we can move into some deliberations,
- 7 and provide the applicant with some additional feedback
- 8 about the current proposal.
- 9 MS. MAHER: Can we just, because you had both
- 10 given different percentages for the reduction in the
- 11 massing. One of you had said 10 percent and one of you said
- 12 14. apk 6 398;
- MR. FREEDMAN: I think I generalized it was over
- 14 10 percent, and Alan had --
- MS. MAHER: And what is that computing to,
- 16 relative to the existing mass?
- MR. ABRAMS: May I clarify that? The footprint of
- 18 the addition is reduced by 14 percent. The net floor area
- 19 on the three levels of habitable space is reduced 11
- 20 percent.
- 21 MR. JESTER: MOKay.
- 22 MS. MAHER What is the, vis-a-vis the existing
- 23 structure, what's now the overall numbers for the square
- 24 footage, as opposed to the existing square footage?
- MR. SWIFT: It's what's shown on circle 8,

- 1 correct?
- 2 MR. SILVER: Yes. Thank you. I included a cut-
- 3 out from the first preliminary consultation of an area of
- 4 summary for you guys to refer to.
- 5 MS. MAHER: Sorry. I didn't see it.

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- 6 MR. JESTER: I think what we'd like to do is
- 7 address a number of the issues that were raised at the first
- 8 preliminary, that the applicant has addressed in this
- 9 current design. I think that the primary ones, in doing the
- 10 list here, is one is just that the whole design style you
- 11 used, the treatment of the design, the massing, the
- 12 cruciform plan has been retained. I think we can pull off
- 13 on the windows and stick with the main design issues.
- 14 I think there's maybe some questions about the
- 15 porch design, how that so integrated. Those are the main
- ones I think we need to address. Would someone like to
- 17 comment on the current-design for those particular items?
- 18 Commissioner Treseder.
- 19 MR. TRESEDER: I will, even though I wasn't here
- 20 at the last meeting. I will comment on them. I think the
- 21 massing is, feels very comfortable. I think the porch roof,
- 22 I don't agree with the staff report. I think the way it
- 23 wraps around the house reduces its mass and accomplishes
- 24 what, you know, it integrates the addition to the original
- 25 resource. And I think it accomplishes everything that the

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- 1 staff asked for in the last sessions.
- 2 So, I have some individual suggestions which I
- 3 might make, design suggestions, you know. I would say that
- 4 I look at the roof plan, and you have five different roof
- 5 pitches on the addition. The original house has one. I
- 6 think that a less, I think it would be perfectly reasonable,
- 7 and other Commissioners may chime in with their opinion, to
- 8 change the transverse roof pitch to a 12-12 to echo the
- 9 rhythm of the house. I don't think it would compete.
- I don't have a problem with the rear bay. I think
- 11 it adds a verticality which this house needs. I think that
- 12 it's, again, it's a detail. I think the cantilever should
- 13 be avoided. For vision reasons, there should be a masonry
- 14 pier under that bay to give a sense of support, similar to
- 15 what is being used on the screen porch.
- 16 MS. MILES: I would generally agree. I think that
- 17 I have no issues with the hip roof on the porch. I agree
- 18 that the wrap achieves what I wanted to see, and the bay
- 19 doesn't disturb me. I agree that it kind of mimics the
- 20 existing rear elevation, and I actually kind of like it.
- 21 I think ityswito answer the four questions, I
- 22 think the proposed designais consistent with the predominant
- 23 architectural style and period. I think it's compatible in
- 24 scale and massing. I think it preserves the cruciform plan.
- 25 I think the proposed materials are appropriate, although I

1 agree that the rear porch should not be on two by fours, or

- 2 whatever, the four by fours, whatever they are. I think
- 3 they should be on some kind of masonry.
- But overall, I think this is very successful and
- 5 very appropriate, and as yast improvement and just what I
- 6 wanted to see.
- 7 MS. HEILER: I would agree completely with

- 8 Commissioner Miles. However, I do think Commissioner
- 9 Treseder is right. The design would improve by repeating
- 10 the roof pitch from the original house, the 12-12. It's
- 11 very distinctive, and the fact that, you know, the porch has
- 12 a hipped roof, so that's kind of out of it, but there are a
- 13 large number of other pitches in the back that I think would
- 14 benefit by matching.
- 15 MS. MILES MEAN agree with that too. I meant to
- 16 say it.
- MR. RODRIGUEZ: I agree that the massing has

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- 18 improved immensely. I think there are a few details that I
- 19 would like to suggest. I think there is a positioning of
- 20 the back volume, the volume that is going across that I
- 21 think is, it could be much better placed in relationship
- 22 with the cruciform plan. And it's just a matter of

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- 23 Calignment. And I would suggest that you explore that. I
- 24 didn't play architect here which I should have, but there is
- 25 a simple alignment that probably related two volumes, one to

- 1 the other. I think it would be a more modern connection.
- 2 I agree that probably there is too many roof
- 3 pitches, and the project moves in a little more
- 4 simplification, so many changes in the roof slopes and
- 5 things like that, it definitely will improve things overall,
- 6 help compact and cohesive ease to the reserves, and as an
- 7 addition to this house.
- 8 MR. SWIFT: I wasn't here for the first
- 9 consultation. I feel, looking at the back, I'd still like
- 10 to see maybe some more simplification. And I think it
- 11 probably has to do with the cantilevered bay that's
- 12 mentioned in the staff report. So I'd be interested in
- 13 seeing that simplified a bit, maybe pulled back in. But
- 14 otherwise, I think it's generally in the right range.
- MS. MAHER: I think that you guys have done a
- 16 wonderful job. It's a vast improvement over the previous
- 17 prelim. You know, I think the treatment is much better.
- I find it a shame that the bottom is open, kind of
- 19 dead space, so I was kind of hoping to see something there
- 20 where it would be better utilized. And actually, I'm a
- 21 little disappointed in that from one side, you know, you're
- 22 not experiencing the building from above. You were

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- 23 commenting on how it, things look really beautiful from
- 24 above, but you're not really experiencing it from that way.
- 25 And I do feel that on this side, the back part of

- 1 the cruciform form could be a little bit stronger. And I
- 2 don't know if that -- I'm not sure, because I'm not an
- 3 architect, how that could be achieved to better accentuate
- 4 that, other than kind of shifting things downward somehow.
- 5 But I otherwise think it s a vast improvement over the
- 6 previous preliminary
- 7 MR. JESTER: I guess from my perspective, I'd also
- 8 like to commend you on the work that you've done over the
- 9 last month. I think this is, you've made a lot of progress
- 10 and are really working toward what I think will be a very
- 11 nice project. And I think you've done a nice job addressing
- 12 all the comments we made a month ago.
- I realize there were some different views, and I
- 14 think that's always a challenge is to try and address all of
- 15 the comments.
- 16 I believe it sconsistent with the predominant
- 17 architectural styles. I think the massing is appropriate
- 18 and compatible with the resource. I think you've done a
- 19 nice job preserving the cruciform plan. And I think the
- 20 materials, I think are appropriate.
- 21 I would continue to feel that the windows should
- 22 be-wood. I think I'm not opposed to the casements you
- 23 talked about. I think the comment that Commissioner
- 24 Rodriguez made is also something worth considering, if there
- 25 is a way to simplify the roof forms any further. I realize

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- 1 it's pretty complex with all you are trying to accomplish,
- 2 and you are trying to get minimum ceiling heights, and there
- 3 is not a lot of room to work.
- I think the suggestion of making the back cross-
- 5 (section 12 by 12 is something you should consider. And I
- 6 agree that there should be some more thought given to how
- 7 the porch is handled below with the posts, and try to avoid
- 8 just having lattice work hanging on metal hooks. So if
- 9 there is a way to give that, a little bit more thought.
- 10 I think what you ve heard from the Commission is
- 11 that you are very close to being able to prepare a HAWP, and
- 12 I would encourage you to do that for the next submission. 1
- 13 think hopefully with the other comments you have received
- 14 tonight, you can make the minor adjustments that are needed
- 15 to make your final application.
- MR. FREEDMAN: I realize this is slightly out of
- 17 order, may I ask one clarification question?
- 18 MR. JESTER: Sure.
- 19 MR. FREEDMAN: None of the things you mentioned is
- 20 the roof pitches, and the something that we have struggled
- 21 with a lot, especial Ty that transition roof area. And part
- 22 of the tension is trying to preserve the existing, the roof
- 23 of the existing house, and not trying to build off of it or
- 24 hide that.
- 25 And so with that in mind, I was, I guess I just

- 1 have a general question, if in terms of that transition roof
- 2 area and the possibility of blocking the view of the
- 3 original structure roof, if there is any thoughts you have
- 4 on that, since you've commended on that topic. And I don't
- 5 want to spin my wheels in directions that might be

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- 6 inconsistent with your priorities.
- 7 MR. JESTER: I don't want to speak for all the
- 8 other Commissioners but I think that you're, the work that
- 9 you're doing to preserve the original roof forms is
- 10 important, and probably paramount to efforts to change the
- 11 roof to be more consistent. I think it's a challenge you
- 12 have to make, to get all those pieces in there, and I think
- 13 you are very close. So I wouldn't be asking, I wouldn't be
- denying the project of came forward and retained the

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- 15 roof plan that you current ⊈y have.
- 16 MR. RODRIGUEZ: I would like to add that it's how
- 17 you treat a separation between the two pieces. So what is
- 18 the lines that you follow, how you align certain pieces,
- 19 what is the height that you match, which will help you to
- 20 define how much you follow the house and how much you
- 21 separate from it. It's a very abstract thing, but it has to
- 22 do with the extensive height and how those two things

- 23 relate.
- MR. TRESEDER: 9 1 would also suggest that you work
- 25 with staff on this, wourdwindow concept, because I think it

- 1 is something that is, we don't commonly see. And I think
- 2 there's a solution to be had there, but I think there are
- 3 some subtleties of design of windows, as you know, are
- 4 extremely important to the character.
- 5 And for instance, if they are casements, are they
- 6 going to be casements that imitate double hungs, or are they
- 7 going to be casements that express themselves as casements,
- 8 those kinds of details. I encourage you to work with staff
- 9 to come up with something that makes sense.
- 10 MR. JESTER: Great. Thank you very much. I look
- 11 forward to seeing your application.
- MR. FREEDMAN: Thank you.
- 13 MR. JESTER: The next case we're going to hear is
- 14 the second preliminary at 4728 Dorset Avenue in Chevy Chase.
- 15 Is there a staff report?
- MS. FOTHERGILL: There is. This is a contributing
- 17 resource in the Somerset historic district, but for
- 18 clarification for the Commissioners who may not have
- 19 reviewed a project inhsomerset, Somerset only has
- 20 contributing and non-contributing. It does not have
- 21 outstanding resources. And in fact, this house is one of
- 22 the original houses in Somerset, and is listed in the
- 23 national register of historic places. I just wanted to be
- 24 sure you were aware that there are no outstanding resources,
- 25 and this would be one if there was that category.



#### HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Isiah Leggett County Executive Leslie Miles
Chairperson

Date: June 16, 2011

#### **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

Jennifer Hughes, Director

Department of Permitting Services

FROM:

Josh Silver, Senior Planner (75

Historic Preservation Section

Maryland-National Capital Park & Planning Commission

SUBJECT:

Historic Area Work Permit #537040, rear addition and tree removal

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 conditions</u> at the December 15, 2010 meeting.

1. The applicants will contact the City of Takoma Park, Arborist to determine if a tree protection plan is required for the project. If a tree protection plan is required, it must be implemented prior to commencing work at the property.

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:

Mark Freedman and Kristen Summers

Address:

7311 Baltimore Avenue, Takoma Park

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.



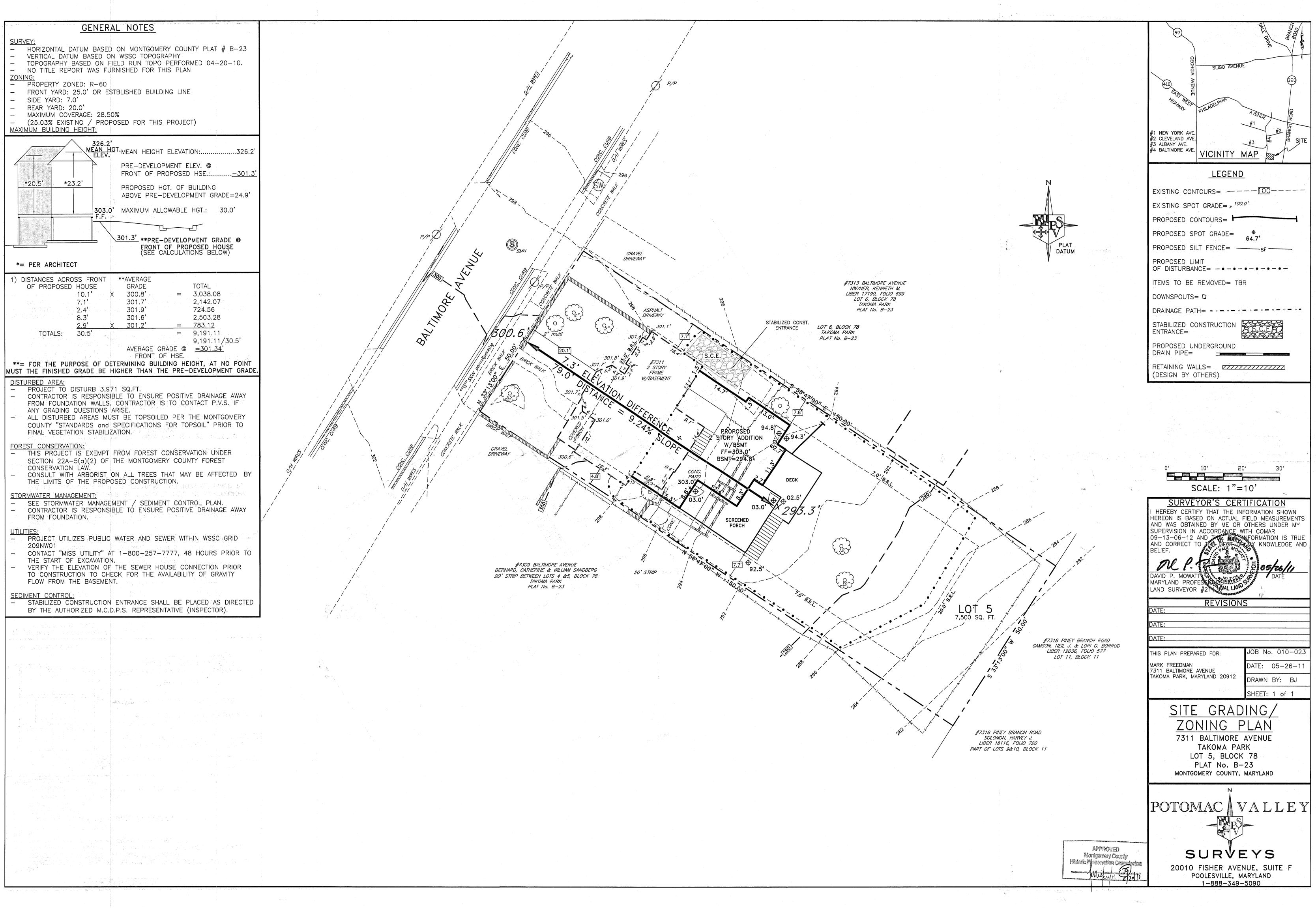


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## APPLICATION FOR HISTORIC AREA WORK PERMIT

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