7315 BALTIMORE AVENUE, TAKOMA PARK [HPC (ASE#37/03-1300] TAKOMA PARK H.D.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

Address:

7315 Baltimore Avenue, Takoma Park

Meeting Date:

8/21/2013

Resource:

Contributing Resource

Report Date:

8/14/2013

Takoma Park Historic District

Public Notice:

8/7/2013

Applicant:

Brian Finlay

Tax Credit:

N/A

Review:

HAWP

Staff:

Josh Silver

Case Number:

37/03-13DD

PROPOSAL:

Construction of addition and other alterations

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the HPC approve this HAWP application.

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

SIGNIFICANCE: Contributing Resource within the Takoma Park Historic District

STYLE:

Colonial Revival

DATE:

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BACKGROUND

The HPC held a preliminary consultation hearing in May 2013 where they reviewed plans for construction of side addition and front screen porch at the subject property. The HPC provided the applicant with the following feedback in response to the proposed design:

- Consensus the addition location was appropriate due to the existing constraints of the site (i.e., trees)
- The addition's massing, size and scale were appropriate and in keeping with the character and massing of the primary house and existing non-historic side addition at the right
- Further examination of the proposed addition's windows and features was recommended. Specific comments included addressing window proportions and fenestration on the addition's north elevation
- Raising the front porch column and cornice height of the proposed front porch section was recommended for consistency with the existing front porch columns and non-historic addition on the front facade
- One Commissioner recommended locating the screen porch at the rear between the two additions
- A general comment was made about providing additional information for the proposed material treatments when returning for a HAWP
- Commissioners Heiler and Barnes were absent.

For additional background see the staff discussion from the May 2013 preliminary consultation hearing on pages



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PROPOSAL

The applicant is returning to the HPC seeking approval for a HAWP with an amended proposal in response to the HPC's feedback at the preliminary consultation hearing. The revised work scope is consistent with the applicant's first submission and involves the construction of a 1 story, approximately 324 square foot addition at the left-rear (north east) corner of the historic massing and flat roof screen porch (approximately 75 square feet), in front of the proposed 1 story addition. The proposed porch will replace an existing wooden deck platform in this location.

The proposed material treatments include:

• Siding: Horizontal fiber cement

• Roof: Asphalt shingle

• Windows: Awing and fixed wooden interior/exterior

• Piers: Parged exterior brick or concrete

Columns: Wood

• Details: Wooden lattice and porch framing.

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;
- Alterations to features that are not visible 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

The revised design responds to the majority of the HPC's comments provided at the preliminary consultation in May 2012.

As a matter of visibility from the public right-of-way, the revised design includes a higher column and eave height for consistency with the existing non-historic addition at the right and front porch columns.

The proportion and location of the windows on the north elevation have been revised and are now more in keeping with the fenestration of other elevations. Staff supports the south and east elevation windows as proposed. The window locations, style and size remain generally consistent with those reviewed by the HPC at the May 2013 preliminary consultation hearing.

Staff recommends that the HPC give the south and east elevation window details less scrutiny as they are not visible from the public right-of-way. Per the Takoma Park Guidelines, for Contributing Resources, alterations to features that are not visible from the public right-of-way should be allowed as a matter of course.

Staff finds the proposal as being consistent with the Takoma Park Guidelines and Standards identified above and recommends that HPC approve the HAWP application as submitted.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Commission <u>approve</u> the HAWP application under the Criteria for Issuance in Chapter 24A-8(b), having found that the proposal is consistent with the Takoma Park Historic District Guidelines identified above, and therefore will not substantially alter the exterior features of the historic resource and is compatible in character with the district and the purposes of Chapter 24A;

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, if applicable 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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Proposed Addition to 7315 Baltimore Avenue, Takoma Park, MD

Description of existing structure(s) and environmental setting, including their historical features and significance:

The existing home at 7315 Baltimore Avenue was constructed in 1928. The house is a simple frame construction with a hip roof. The original home encompasses approximately 940 square feet on a single floor plus a basement with limited clearance. A single story addition of 660 feet was completed in 2004 that was specifically designed to be sympathetic to the design of the original home. The house sits on a lot of approximately 10,000 square feet (see site plan attached). The home is young in comparison to the adjacent homes on Baltimore Avenue and can best be described as a variation of a single story colonial revival:

- 7319 Baltimore Avenue—Victorian home built in 1908
- 7316 Baltimore Avenue—Colonial Revival built in 1911
- 7313 Baltimore Avenue—Craftsman style home built in 1896

Regrettably, the original structure was re-covered in asbestos cement shingles in a horizontal pattern. The original siding was pebbledash stucco that has sustained heavy damage and is not salvageable.

The lot at 7315 Baltimore Avenue is heavily treed with two large white oak trees approximately 100" DBH and 103" DBH within 30 feet of the rear of the existing house and an additional black oak 20 feet from the rear of the addition (see site plan).

General description of project and its effects on the historic resource(s), the environmental setting, and, where applicable, the historic district:

Like the original addition in 2004, the proposed addition will occupy a single story out the back end of the home so as to maintain the existing street elevation. We are working closely with our architect and the City Arborist of Takoma Park to ensure that construction avoids disturbing the existing trees on the lot, and as such, the addition will extend out from the existing structure by approximately 9 feet so as to avoid interference to the maximum extent possible with the two proximate trees. The original addition in 2004 was similarly offset by these proportions for the same reasons. The addition will also sit atop piers rather than a full foundation in order to ensure minimal disturbance of root structures. The piers will also facilitate the regular feeding of organic material under the addition, and will ensure that the existing slope will be maintained, thus ensuring that water run-off cuts across the root zone. The proposed new structure will add a single family room (approximately 18'x18'). It will be covered with a hip roof to approximate the original home and lines of the 2004 addition. A small screened porch will roughly approximate the front entry of the 2004 addition and be covered with a flat roof which is ~2 feet below the existing main roof eave. This will not only provide symmetry in keeping with the original colonial revival structure, it will also soften the view of the



addition which will be modestly visible from the wide vista between the original home and the neighboring home, which is divided by a half lot of green space.

We propose to cover the addition in horizontal hardiplank siding to match the original addition. The simple exterior architectural details of the addition will be fashioned to match the existing house. The front elevation of this house will be essentially unchanged upon completion of this addition.

The architect for this project is John Brady Architects in Washington, DC.

Site Plan

See attached

Plans and Elevations

See attached

Material Specifications

The proposed addition to the home will as closely approximate the existing structure as is possible. The existing cement shingles on the existing structure will not be touched. We propose to cover the addition in horizontal hardiplank siding. The addition and the existing home will be painted/stained to match.

The roof of the proposed addition will be covered in asphalt shingles to match the existing roof.

Photographs

See attached

Tree Survey

See attached

Door and Window Schedule 7315 Baltimore Ave Takoma Park, MD 20912

WEST ELEVATION

Andersen Frenchwood Gliding Patio Door 400 Series Model FWG6011L Rough Opening—6'.0" x 6'.11" U Value: 0.28 (Tempered Glass) Dual pane, Low-E, argon blend filled

VELUX Skylights (4)
Model FCM 2246 0005
Rough opening height 46 ½ inches
22 ½ x 46 ½
U Value: 0.49
(Tempered Glass)

EAST and SOUTH ELEVATIONS

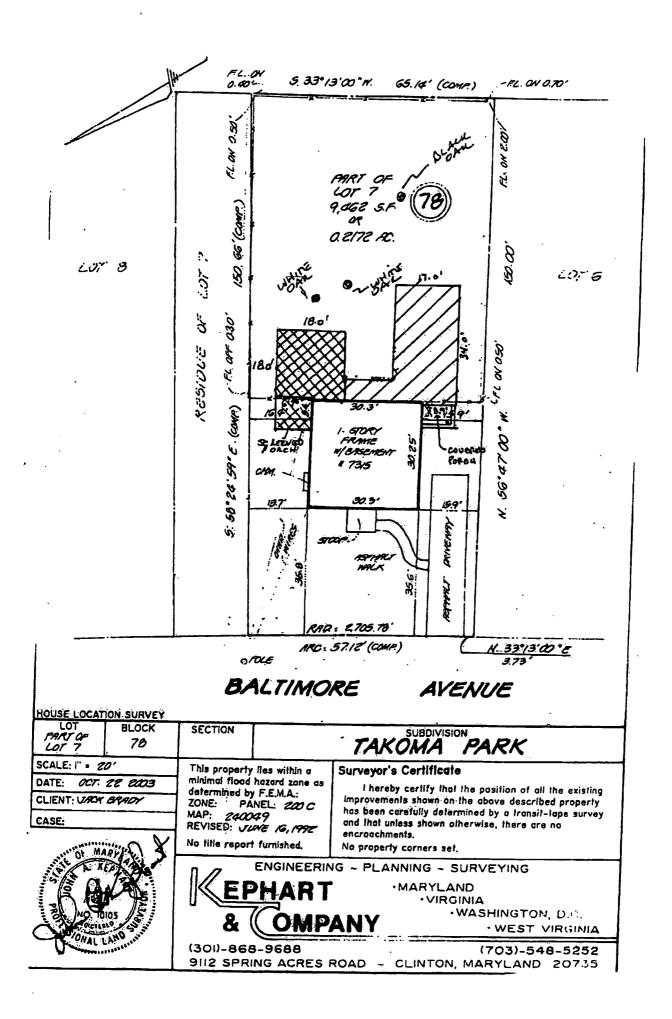
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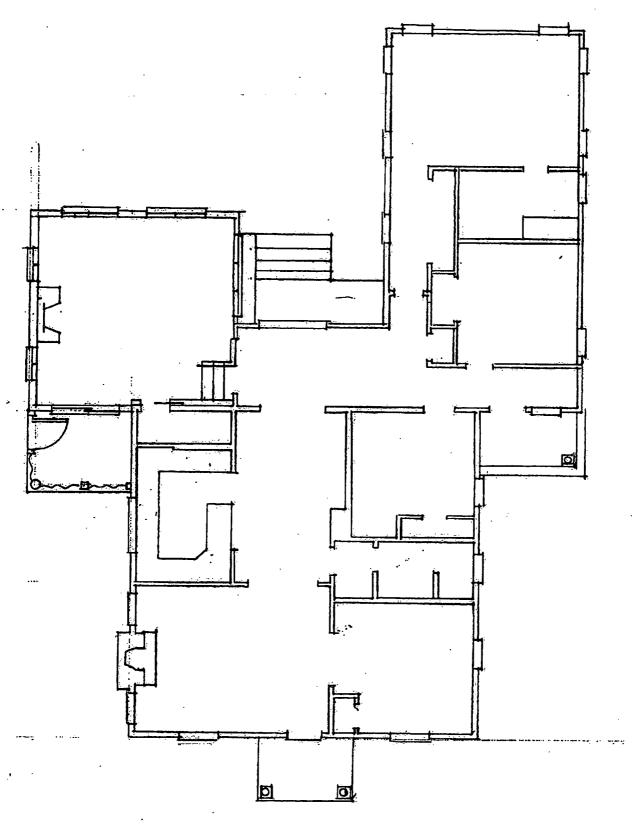
NORTH ELEVATION

Two reclaimed stained glass windows 2' x 4" to match existing from 2004 addition covered in immobile tempered glass.

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

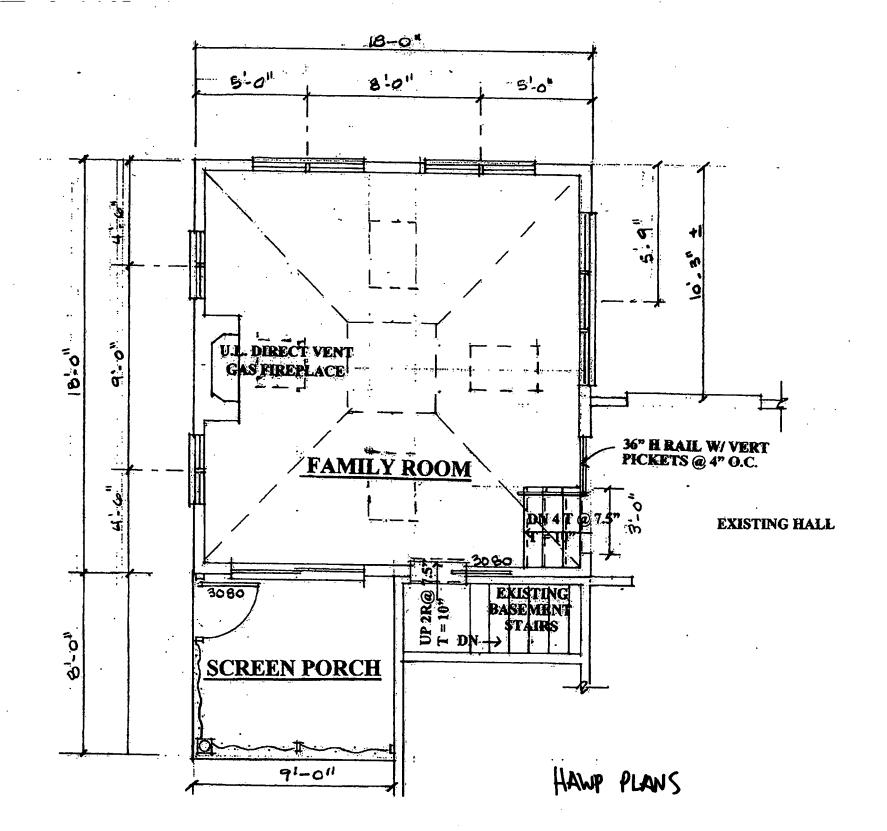
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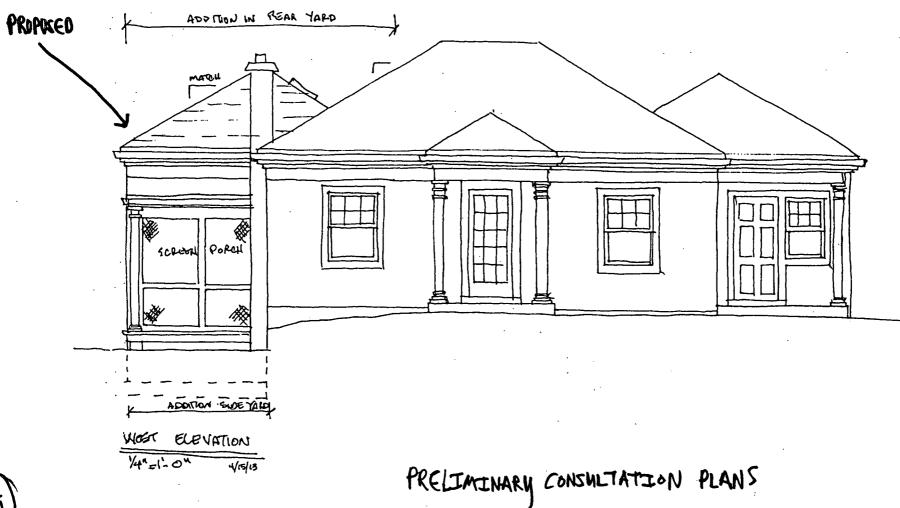
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HAWP PLANS

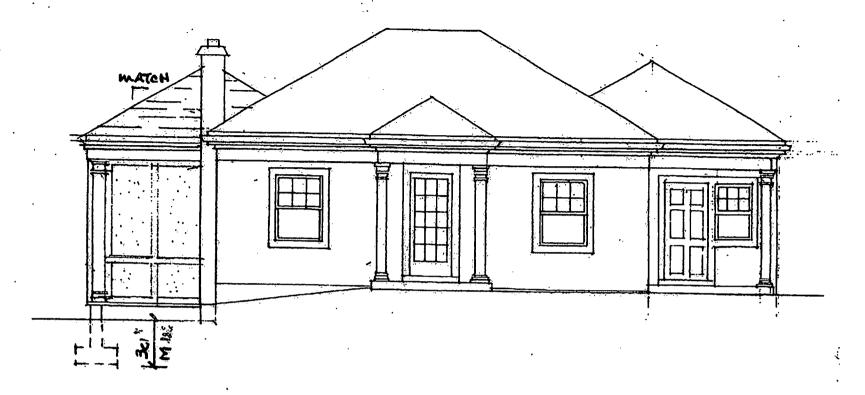


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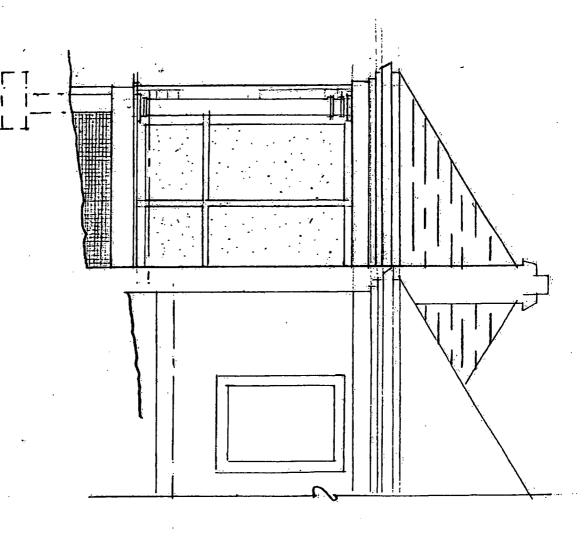




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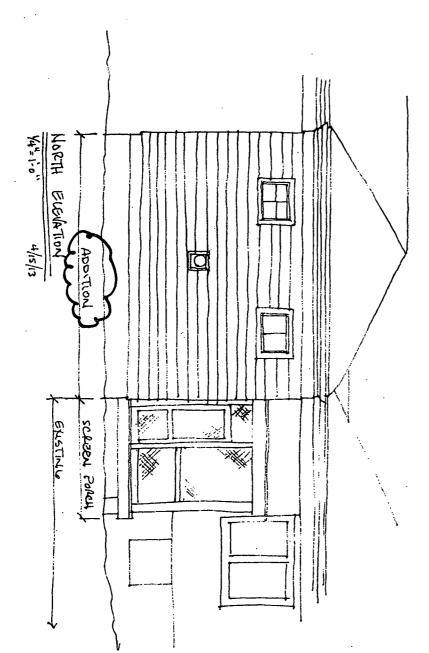
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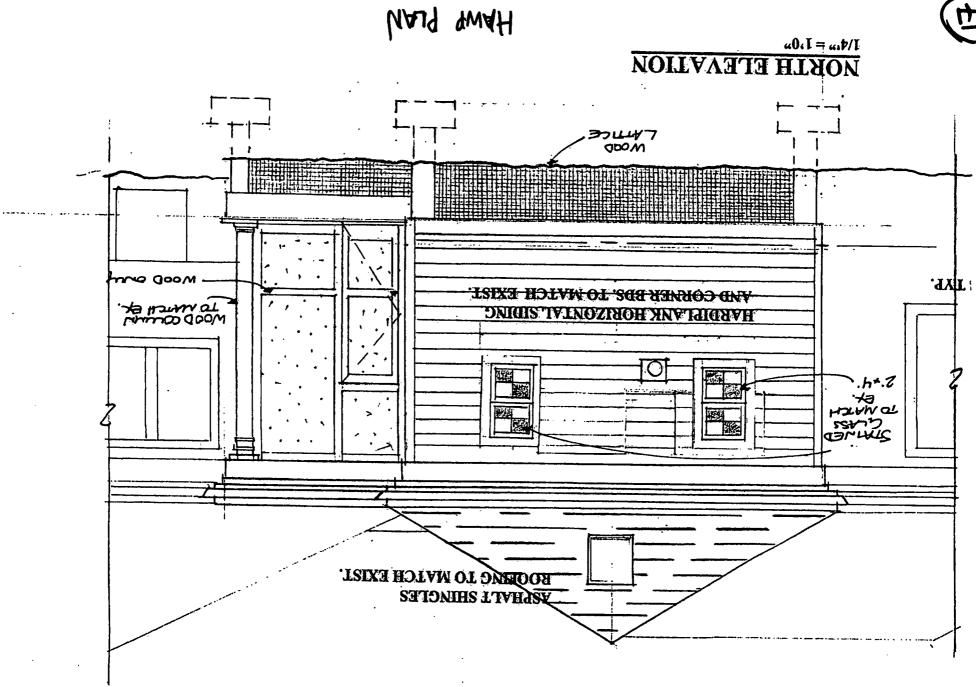
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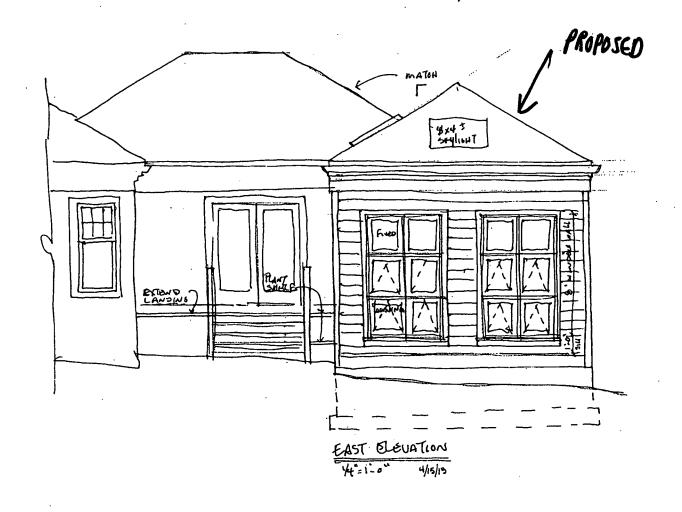
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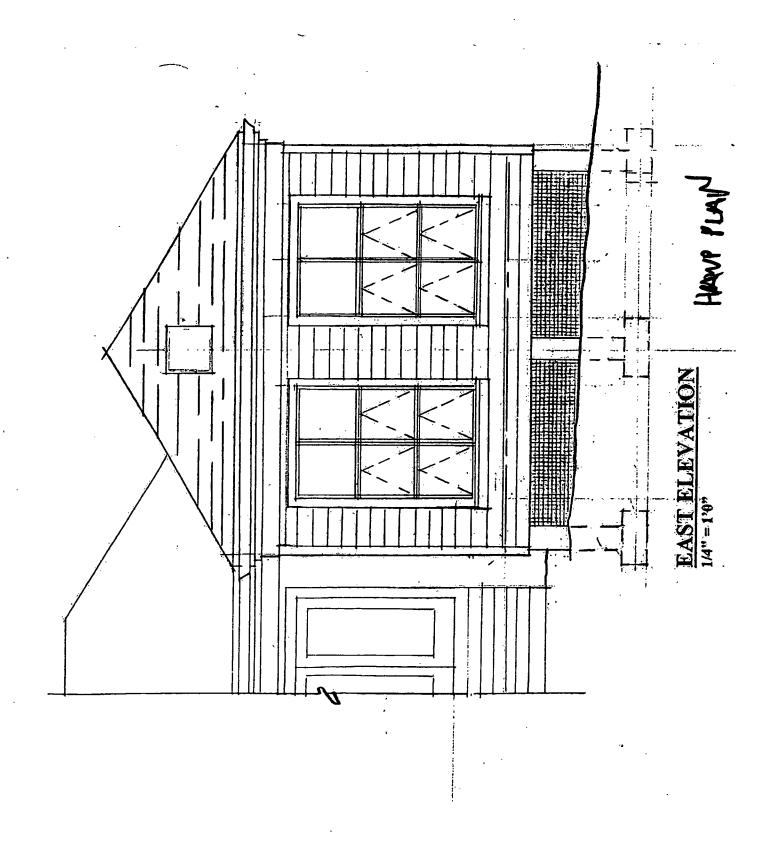
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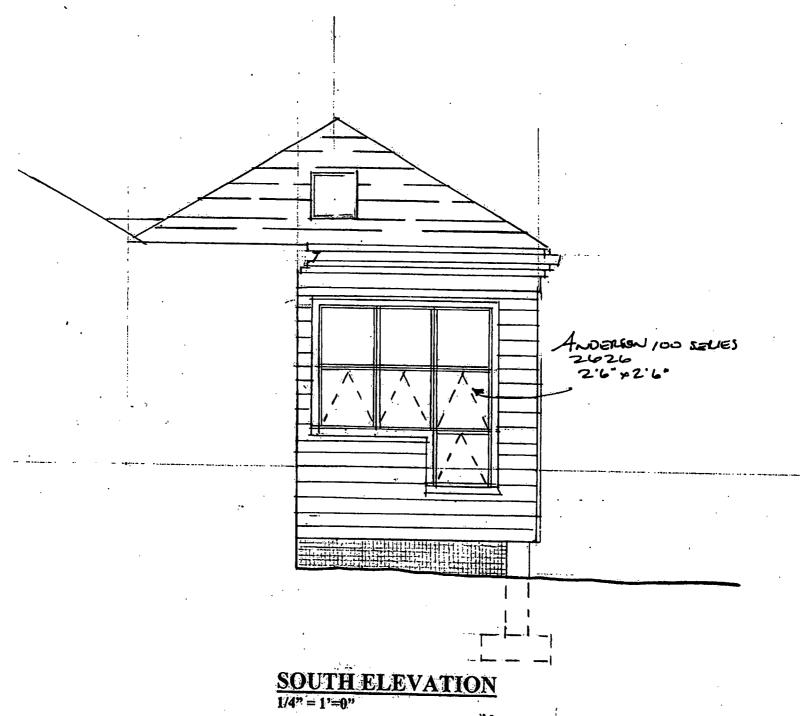




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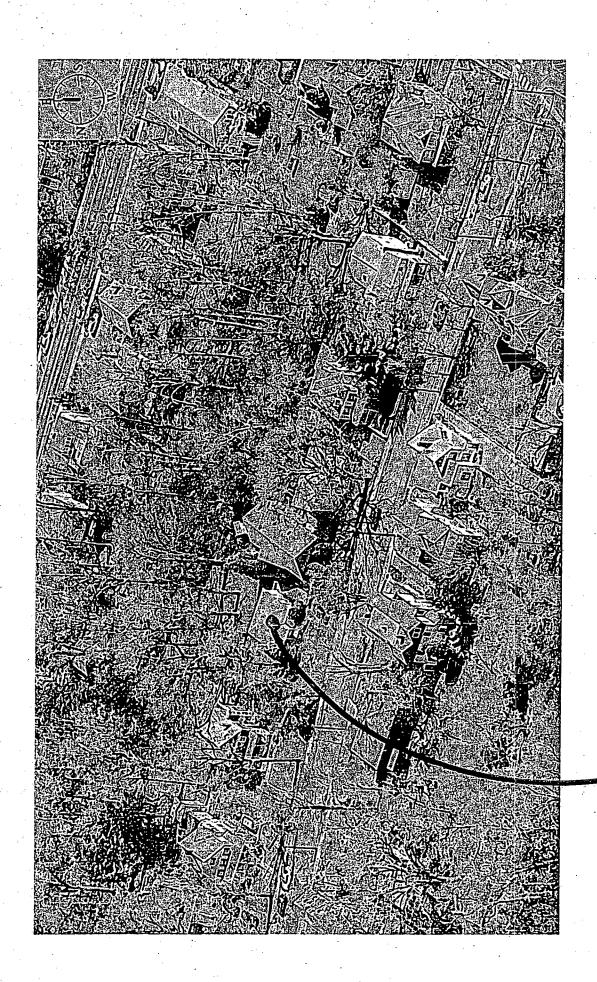
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HAWP PLAN







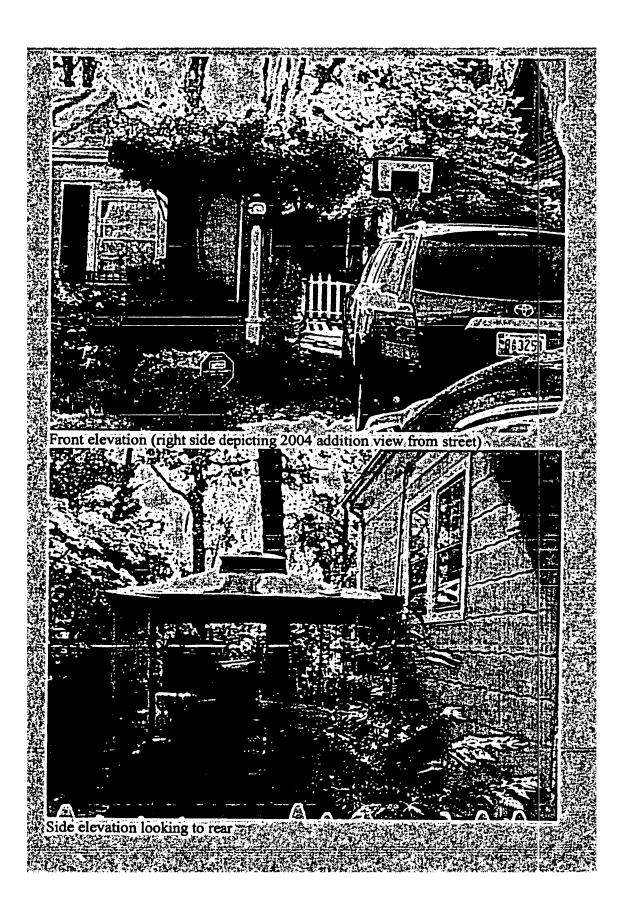




Front elevation from street



Front Elevation (left side from street)











Rear elevation 2

STAFF DISCUSSION [May 2013 preliminary consultation hearing]

The Takoma Park Guidelines state contributing resources, collectively, are the basic building blocks of the historic district. However, they are more important to the overall character of the district and the streetscape due to their size, scale, and architectural character, rather than for their particular architectural features. The Guidelines further state, new construction should consider elements such as patterns of open space, including spacing between houses and preservation of important mature trees. (Pages 15 & 18)

The applicant's proposal to construct an addition off the left rear corner of the historic massing and extension into the side yard is necessitated by three very large trees in the rear yard which are within close proximity to the existing house. The applicant has consulted with the city arborist who directed him to avoid construction within the root zone of the trees. The arborist has further advised the applicant to construct the addition on piers to minimize the potential impact on the trees.

Staff met with the applicant at the property and observed the location of the trees and confirmed the difficulty of locating an addition entirely at the rear. An existing non-historic addition, constructed in 2004, located of the right rear elevation and beyond the wall plane of the historic massing into the side yard was approved as such to avoid impacting the aforementioned trees.

Staff concludes based on the information presented that the proposed construction of a 1 story, 324 square foot addition at the left rear corner of the historic massing should be permitted. In this case staff finds that an exception to the *Guidelines*, which state "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", should be granted in the interest of preserving the trees.

The proposed design and details of the addition and porch are generally consistent with the predominant Colonial Revival architectural style and period of the historic massing and do not impact any predominant architectural features of the resource.

The subject property is separated from the adjacent property to the north (left) by a downward sloping residue lot that is densely covered with vegetation and trees. The residue lot serves as a natural buffer between the properties and is considered part of existing environmental setting. Staff observed a pattern of equal spacing between the properties along this section of Baltimore Avenue as well as other residual lot conditions in the vicinity. Staff identifies these patterns of open space and residual lots as predominant features which define the historic district. The applicant's proposal does not include building within the residual lot, and as such the pattern of open space between the properties will remain unchanged.

Staff finds that the proposed material selections for all building components as being compatible in style with the architectural character of the historic massing.



1 MONTGOMERY COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION 2 3 4 PRELIMINARY CONSULTATION -5 7315 Baltimore Avenue 6 7 PRELIMINARY CONSULTATION -6400 Brookville Road 8 9 10 A meeting in the above-entitled matter was held on 11 May 22, 2013, commencing at 7:41 p.m., in the MRO Auditorium 12 at 8787 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910, 13 before: 14 COMMISSION MEMBERS 15 Bill Kirwan, Acting Chair Paul Treseder 16 Jorge Rodriguez 17 Joe Coratola Max v\u00e4an Balgooy 18 Kenneth Firestone 19 Brian Carroll 20 21 22 23 24 25

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ALSO PRESENT:

Staff Items



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MR. KIRWAN: The motion passes unanimously. Thank you for presenting your historic area work permits and packaging them in such a way that made this as easy for us to expedite and approve. Thank you. The second item on our agenda tonight is Case No. II.A. at 7315 Baltimore Avenue in Takoma Park. It's a preliminary consultation, and is there a staff report?

MR. SILVER: Yes, there is. 7315 Baltimore Avenue is a contributing resource in the Takoma Park Historic District. The applicant is before you to construct a onestory approximately 324 square foot addition at the left rear corner of the historic massing. The addition will extend approximately nine feet beyond the left elevation of the historic massing into a side yard. There is flat roof screen porch feature that will be constructed, or is proposed to go in front of this one-story addition that will replace an existing wooden deck platform.

I've spelled out some of the materials. This is a preliminary consultation, so this would be an opportunity for the Commission to provide the applicant with any feedback or express any concerns they may have with the material selections moving forward. As you have probably read in the staff report, staff is generally in support of this application because of the circumstances, which I'll go into here in a moment. But about the trees, it is a



preliminary consultation because it's a side addition visible from the right-of-way that extends beyond the historic massing into the side yard. Also, somewhat of a unique situation, this house already has a HPC approved side addition that extends beyond the plane and the driving force behind this are trees in the rear yard.

I've outlined the Guidelines and the Secretary of the Interior Standards in the staff report, and I am, again, supporting this addition on the premise that it is necessitated by three very large trees in the rear yard which are within close proximity to the existing house. The applicant has consulted with the City arborist. Staff has also spoke with the City arborist, and the arborist has directed the applicant to avoid construction within the root zone of the trees. The arborist has further advised the applicant to construct an addition on piers in addition to some other preventative measures to minimize potential impact on these trees.

There is a summary of the applicant's meeting with the arborist on page 8 and 9 to help the Commission. Again, I met with the applicant at the property and observed the location of the trees, which actually I'm going to go forward here and sort of give you a little bit of sense. If you look at the right photo there, you will see one of the trees that's in question. And then you can kind of begin to



understand the sort of tight buildable area at the rear.

And then here are some other trees. Again, you can see
those two trees in the photo on the left that are really the
driving force behind the location of this addition.

As I said, the addition on the other side, on the right side of the property was approved by the HPC as to avoid impacting nice trees. So I concluded based on the information presented that the proposed construction of this addition at the left rear corner should be permitted. In this case staff finds that an exception to the Guidelines which state major additions should, where feasible, be placed to the rear of an existing structure so that they are less visible from the public right-of-way, should be granted in the interest of preserving these trees.

Staff finds the design and details of the addition and porch are generally consistent with the predominant Colonial Revival architectural style or period. The proposal does not impact any predominant architectural features of this resource. The property is separated from the adjacent property by a downward sloping of what is referred to on the plat as a residue lot that is densely covered in vegetation and trees. This is important to preserve this space because the Takoma Park Guidelines talk about preserving the patterns of open space and part of the environmental setting.



And so this property and the adjacent property are on a sort of a one and a half lot situation. There is this vegetative green zone buffer between the two, and again, that is going to be preserved. I, during the site visit, and a subsequent site visit, had gone out to the property again, walked the street a little bit, and you know, these are patterns, again, that are important. And staff would find as being a predominant architectural feature. And again, this is not going to impact this open space pattern.

Staff recommends that the HPC determine if construction of the flat roof screen porch in front of the addition could be approved if submitted as a historic area work permit. If the HPC supports construction of the porch in this location as proposed, it must provide the applicant with applicable guidance on the design and materials. There is, again, a written justification or rationale for building a porch from the applicant on pages 8 and 9 of the staff report. I am generally supportive of the material selections. Obviously, again, this is a very early design phase, but the applicant and I have spoken about the materials.

So I've provided a couple steps or items rather that the Commission should provide feedback on if construction of the proposed addition and front screen porch are in keeping with the Takoma Park Guidelines, which are



specified on page 2, and the materials and details guidance for the addition and porch. And, staff is recommending that the applicant make any revisions to the plan based on the feedback from the Commission, and return with a historic area work permit application. And, I'll sort of flip through a few photos here for you, and I can come back to these. It's also worth noting that I did actually talk with the applicant, and I didn't put this in the staff report, about doing a second story addition over the first story, and I think the applicant's written description talks a little bit about this.

I think he's prepared to comment on that a little bit more as to the reasons why they want to, are proposing this. But that could potentially, again, did not evaluate that option with any drawing could present a preservation concern and perhaps a visibility concern that a side addition that extends nine feet out would not. But, I just wanted to point that out.

So you can see this one, the right side addition. The covered tent there is where the wooden deck platform is. It's very low to grade. There's no rail system or anything. And then the rear yard and the trees. That's all I have.

MR. KIRWAN: Do we have any questions for staff?

MR. TRESEDER: Yes. Josh, could you clarify the residue, this residual lot. What is the ownership of that



1 lot? Is that owned by the applicants? 2 MR. SILVER: We'll have to ask the applicant. 3 Sorry, I don't have an answer. 4 MR. CORATOLA: Josh, could you go to that front 5 elevation shot again. On the right hand side, the addition on the back, is that a porch with a column? 7 MR. SILVER: Like an open, you know, covered entry porch, that's right. With a column that's pretty consistent 9 with the historic columns on the front there, the main 10 entrance. 11 MR. CORATOLA: And then the other question I have, 12 I don't know if you can answer this, in the rear elevation 13 the gap between this new addition and the existing, do you 14 know what that space is? Do you know how wide that is? 15 MR. SILVER: I'm sorry, I don't know. 16 MR. CORATOLA: Okay, thanks. 17 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Josh, the location of the proposed 18 screen porch will match the location of the tent? 19 MR. SILVER: I think that's a good sort of way to 20 look at it, and maybe slightly different. I think the 21 applicant could address that more specifically, but that is 22 my understanding. Yeah, it would be pretty similar to 23 what's there so. 24

MR. KIRWAN: Any other questions for staff? Okay,

if there aren't any other questions, I'm going to ask the



applicant to come forward if they would please. Come to our table up here and you can make a brief presentation. You'll have about, I think it's seven minutes to do so. And when you are ready to -- of course, if you don't care to make a presentation and just want to take our questions we can just dive right in. But, if you want to give a brief or at the very least, introduce yourself.

MR. FINLAY: Sure. My name is Brian Finlay, sir, the applicant and owner of the house. As staff mentioned, this original addition, we bought the house back in 2003 and the original addition to the home went up back in 2004, we petitioned the Commission, and worked closely with staff at that time in order to kind of have a design that we thought was, and ultimately the Commission approved obviously, as being, you know, historically, you know, acceptable to the Commission at the time.

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MR. KIRWAN: That's it?

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1 MR. FINLAY: Yes, sir. 2 MR. KIRWAN: Thank you. Does anybody have any 3 questions for the applicant? 4 MR. TRESEDER: Well, could you answer the question I posed to staff? 6 MR. FINLAY: Yeah, I sure can. I can indeed. 7 the best of our knowledge, the neighbor and I believe that that is their property, we think. We have all been laboring 9 under that assumption. 10 MR. TRESEDER: Okay, thank you. 11 MR. CORATOLA: My question follows up on Josh. Could you tell me what the distance is between your proposed 12 13 addition and the existing on the rear? So the proposed 14 addition and the existing rear addition, that gap, the 15 dining room gap. MR. FINLAY: Oh, that gap right there, I can, 16 17 It is, I believe, 12 feet. 18 MR. CORATOLA: Okay. And, as I'm looking at the 19 design, you're sort of proposing that even though it's a 20 screen porch on the left hand side, you're mimicking, you're 21 sort of mimicking the right side with the flat roof and the 22 column? 23 MR. FINLAY: Yes, sir. Yes, sir. 24 MR. VAN BALGOOY: Mr. Chair? Can I ask, I'm

looking at the west elevation, which is on Circle 13 of my



packet, and can you tell me -- I'm noticing that you have two columns at the front door, and you have a column on your addition, the existing addition that's there. They're all at the same height, but then the column on the addition you're proposing is a different height. Is there a reason for that?

MR. FINLAY: Yes, sir. As you look at that drawing, the lawn actually slopes quite sharply from right down, left. And so there's a, you know, if we were to build it at grade, it would, you know, the foundation would be up quite high, you know, the base of the, so the piers would have to be, you know, quite high. And so it's actually, it does sit quite a bit, I mean, it sits maybe about four steps lower than the original structure and the addition, original addition, I mean.

MR. VAN BALGOOY: So the floor of the addition you're proposing sits about two feet lower than the main block of the house?

MR. FINLAY: Yeah, that's about right, sir. Two or three feet.

MR. VAN BALGOOY: Okay. Did you think about designing the front so that of the column did sit equal, in equal height with the other columns? Not that you changed the floor, but simply so that it looked as if it were there and then you just build a solid porch rail underneath it

that looks like a foundation from the front, but is actually a porch rail from the inside.

MR. FINLAY: Yeah, I think that that, you know,

provided the design, so the column would be, presumably would be, so it would be shorter than the other columns, is that right or no?

MR. VAN BALGOOY: No, I think it could be exactly the same height.

MR. FINLAY: The same height just kind of jacked up basically.

MR. VAN BALGOOY: Right. You just design it to look from the street that it's all balanced.

MR. FINLAY: They'll look the same height, I like that idea.

MR. KIRWAN: If I could just ask a quick question. On Circle 14 the porch looks very different. The side elevation of the screen porch looks very different than what's drawn on Circle 13. Are we seeing just a cruder drawing? I mean, to have one set just developed for a HAWP we'd see. I'm looking at Circle 14. And, if you look at the side, look at the column for instance on that screen porch. It's not the side column you've drawn on Circle 13.

MR. FINLAY: Yes. It's different, yes, sir.

MR. KIRWAN: Those are details we'd want to see developed on all of the elevations so it's consistent all



around.

MR. FINLAY: Yes, sir. Yeah, that column that is depicted there on 14 is actually, you know, we presume that that would be the corner post basically of the, so you can see if from both elevations. Yeah, I apologize for that.

MR. KIRWAN: Okay. Any other questions for the applicant?

MR. VAN BALGOOY: Mr. Chair, since we're talking about Circle 14, again, I will support this, I note because isn't the level of review for details is not as, because it's a contributing structure is not as how as it would be on an outstanding resource, so this is just a suggestion or just a question. On the north elevation you have two small windows, and because you have a fireplace that's directly venting out the back, you don't have a chimney there, I would also, -- I don't know what the other commissioners think -- I would also be open if you, because it looks like you like lots of windows in that room, to having a horizontal band, just one horizontal window across since you can do that. But it's up to you.

MR. FINLAY: Yes, sir.

MR. VAN BALGOOY: Because I just noticed these small windows on this one side. Everything else has lots of windows so, just a thought. I don't know what the other commissioners think though.



MR. FINLAY: Part of our rationale for that, sir, was to design something, we had thought maybe we'd put a small -- we don't have photographs of it, unfortunately, on the opposite side, but the original addition on the back as it looked into the neighbors backyard, you know, we want to be respectful a little bit of their privacy and our own, obviously, so we're not kind of looking in at one another, and so we had installed essentially two small stained glass windows, so it would let some light in, but you know, it would be opaque so that we could not, you know, we weren't looking at each other.

And similarly with this, although this does not extend, this will extend basically as back as far as the neighbors, the back of the neighbors' house, so we're not really looking into their yard the way we were on the other side. But again, the thinking was at least to a little bit replicate that to maintain some privacy for both of us.

And, I guess that certainly doesn't obviate the, you know, a high up, you know, single window.

MR. VAN BALGOOY: Pretty high. I'm just giving that to you as an option. I'm not designing your project. I just wanted you to think about that as an option.

MR. FINLAY: Thank you.

MR. KIRWAN: Any other questions for the applicant? All right, if there's not, I'm going to ask you



to turn off your microphone and we're going to deliberate.

So I'm going to ask the Commissioners to address the issues of this preliminary, and I'm going to start with

Commissioner Rodriguez, if that's okay, on my right.

MR. RODRIGUEZ: In general, I think the project is doing what it needs to do. I am more concerned about some of the details, and I would recommend that you look carefully, one is alignment of certain things. For example, what Commissioner Treseder, I think it was, saying about the height of the column and the alignment of that column and the roof with the rest of the house. I think that's very important to maintain.

But, the other part that I think you need to look carefully is of the proportions of things. For example, the two windows on the north elevation, they look squat. I don't know if those windows should be more square or really rectangular. You have to define that, because I think that will make your project look much better. And the same I have to say with the south elevation with I think the window. And my recommendation is look at the window. I think it's a very foreign type of articulation, and organization of that window. I think it looks completely odd. Mostly when the head of the window is very close to the door, but they don't align. So I think you need to consider some spacing between the window and the proximity



to the existing house. That would be my recommendation.

And, maybe it's a different window. Maybe it's a larger square window, something that looks much better in the proportion of the wall that you are putting on.

Overall, apart from that I won't have much to say. I think that I would support that. I think given the guidelines for Takoma Park and the restrictions that you have, I think you have done as much as possible to make this a very sensitive insertion.

MR. VAN BALGOOY: Mr. Chair. I find your design very attractive. I mean, I really like the sort of sense of the two pavilions. The design of the original building is symmetrical. It's not perfectly symmetrical as the other chimney on one side, but that's sort of a general feeling, and I think you've been very respectful of that and kept the addition smaller to the main block. I think you've been very respectful of the trees that are on the property. You're going to an extra length to protect them. I really appreciate that.

And so, because you don't need to under the guidelines exactly replicate details, I can certainly support what you're proposing with just some cleaning up of the drawings so they're presentation quality for our needs. However, I would recommend you look at the positioning of the columns across the front so you do, because the columns



are a major feature, so that <u>it</u> becomes symmetrical. And I think you can do it without affecting your design or the function or the use that you have planned for the room itself. Otherwise, that's the only comment I really have.

MR. CORATOLA: I agree with the two previous

Commissioners. I think that given your restraints on the

site, you've come up with a fairly workable solution. I

also agree about looking at your proportions, looking at, as

Commissioner Van Balgooy had mentioned early on in the

questioning about raising the column height, so that because

you have, it is a very symmetrical design that you work with

the symmetry, work the details out so it's tying in with the

right side of the house.

I would also urge you, because I saw the notes about putting the screen porch in the back, and the reason I had mentioned, asked the dimension in the back, you could basically span, if you were to relocate that screen porch between the two additions, and did, you know, if you're concerned about light, did some kind of skylights or make it a glass roof or something, you could, I'm thinking if you look at that, you might realize you would use that screen porch more often because it would be at the same level. You would have the indoor/outdoor dining component. And, if you did some kind of skylights in it, you wouldn't lose the light that you think you might lose. And, that might clean



up the front a little bit better. But I'm also thinking that you might use the screen porch more because of it being at the same level, they're easier to access. Those are my only comments.

MR. FIRESTONE: I think I concur with the previous Commissioners about the columns and the windows. On the screen porch I did notice that one of your reasons for wanting it in the front is to have interaction with other members of your neighborhood, which I think is very important, particularly in Takoma Park. I know that from personal experience. I don't know if this is off base or not but, maybe you could do both the screen porch you have which would give you the community and neighborhood, and also suggestion of putting something between the two buildings in the rear that would give you indoor/outdoor dining. But, I don't know if anybody else would agree with me on that.

MR. CARROLL: I have to echo the previous

Commissioners' comments. I like it, you've been very

sensitive to the house. I think it's a great job. You

know, some of the things that I want to see on the drawings,

like Circle 14, I know that you said this is an undeveloped

drawing, but you're not showing corner boards and you are on

some of the other ones, and just to know what those details

are and the exposure of the clapboards, it looks like you've



got quite a large exposure on your house, it's about 8 inches, and these look five, six, something like that. Those details together in the drawing will tell us what we need to know.

And, to Commissioner Coratola's comment about the porch, the other thing I think that you want to consider is the porch may be a lovely space, and you may really enjoy it, but it is sitting in the woods on the north side of your house. And while it's pointing toward the front, I think it really is pretty far back in there, and there's a lot of vegetation. It's not going to be like a porch that's out on the front of the house. Somebody to walk up to your porch, they'd have to go most of the way around your house. If the porch did move around, you might get some more sunlight in there. But right now you're sitting low to the north of the house in the woods. Like I said, it might be lovely, it's going to be very private, but it's just something to think about. Thank you.

MR. TRESEDER: Point number one, I believe that this proposed addition are indeed in keeping with Takoma Park Guidelines because of the, even with the side addition, and we don't usually like those, both because of the reasons for the trees, and also because of the distance between this house and the neighboring house, I feel that it can, it's very approvable. So I would agree with the other



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Commissioners on that.

As far as the materials and details of the front porch, I don't have a lot to add. But I will add one thing. And that is, I'm a little worried about the proliferation of columns. And one way perhaps to avoid that would be to use square columns that are -- and again, this is something I think we've, on other projects we've discussed this concept of things becoming less formal as you move toward the rear of the house, and I think that, in fact, I would recommend that you not use round columns but use square ones, and that would work very nicely into the construction of the screen porch. And, I would even go further and suggest, for reasons of symmetry, that while you're at it, you change the other, on the other back porch that you've already constructed, if that were also to be a square column, that would give you symmetry, but it would also, again, not compete with the more formal round columns on the historic front portico. So that's my detail suggestion for you.

MR. KIRWAN: All right. Just to sum up, I generally concur with what the other Commissioners have said. I think you're right on target with this preliminary to head towards a historic area work permit. I agree with the comments about providing a little more, better balance between the new screen porch and the porch you did on the other side of the house. I think those are Commissioner Van



Balgooy's suggestion to raise that cornice line is a good one.

I think you heard some concerns about the windows on the north elevation. I think those are certainly something to look into. But again, I don't think we heard anything that really limited future consideration for a HAWP on those issues. You also heard some other things about the screen porch in the back versus the screen porch in the front. Again, I think those are issues for you to grapple with and to explore as you develop this further.

We didn't hear a lot of specifics on the materials that have been proposed. I'm going to assume that the Commissioners didn't have any concerns about the specific materials being proposed in this case. I think in my opinion they're all fine. I don't see any issue there. So, I think with that said, I think you've heard a consensus up here that you're ready to go forward and you've got some details to work out and to show a little more clearly when you come before us with a HAWP, but aside from that, thank you for your good work on this and when working with staff, and we look forward to seeing you next time.

MR. FINLAY: Thanks so much.

MR. KIRWAN: If you want it on the record, turn that mic on.

MR. FINLAY: I just wanted just to add to the



Commission, you know, working with the staff has really been, you know, they are, I will say, frustratingly firm in exercising the guidelines, but they're extremely patient and staff really has gone above and beyond in kind of holding our hand through this process. Obviously, we don't have our architect here with us, and so we really want to commend the Commission staff for being so helpful through the process.

MR. KIRWAN: I would concur with you on that as well. We have an excellent staff here, and thank you for those comments. The next case before us tonight is a second preliminary, case II.B. I'm sorry. The second preliminary consultation before us tonight is case II.B. at 6400 Brookville Road in Chevy Chase. Do we have a staff report?

MR. SILVER: Yes, we do. 6400 is Brookville Road in Chevy Chase is a contributing resource. The applicants' proposal, sort of can boil this down a little bit here, I went into great length in the written staff report, but basically it is to remove a non-historic side addition from the right elevation, one-story side addition, and construct a new addition in its place but adding to the footprint in terms of the size onto the north and, well, sort of toward the front a little bit, toward the rear and out towards the right of the existing, I guess, to be more specific, that would be the north, west and east.

And then there is a shed roof addition that would



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MR. KIRWAN: Good evening and welcome to the May
22, 2013 meeting of the Montgomery County Historic
Preservation Commission. My name is Bill Kirwan, I'm the
Acting Chair, and I'd like to begin this evening by asking
the Commissioners and staff to introduce themselves
beginning on my left.
MR. TRESEDER: Hello, I'm Paul Treseder from
Bethesda.

- MR. CARROLL: Brian Carroll, Gaithersburg.
- MR. FIRESTONE: Kenneth Firestone, Takoma Park.
- MR. CORATOLA: Joe Coratola, Gaithersburg.
- MR. VAN BALGOOY: Max v\u00c4an Balgooy, Rockville.
- MR. RODRIGUEZ: Jorge Rodriguez, Chevy Chase.
- MS. FOTHERGILL: Anne Fothergill, Historic Preservation Staff.
- MR. SILVER: Josh Silver, Historic Preservation Staff, and Scott Whipple, Historic Preservation Supervisor is in the building but not at the dais at the moment.
- MR. KIRWAN: Thank you. The first items on our agenda this evening are the historic area work permits. Have these work permits been duly advertised?
- MR. SILVER: Yes, advertised in the May 8, 2013 edition of the Washington Examiner.
- MR. KIRWAN: Thank you. And if anyone is here to

testify for any of the cases, please give a speaker form to staff and they will let us know that you are here to address one of the cases. We're going to begin by expediting the cases we believe can be expedited based on the staff reports.

I.A. --

MR. SILVER: Mr. Chair, pardon me. I believe the first agenda item is pursuant to the closed meeting.

MR. KIRWAN: Yes. First agenda item is that we had a closed worksession upstairs regarding a Board of Appeals Case No. A-6402, the Appeal of Margaret S. Marcus, replacement of windows and doors at 22 Hesketh Street in Chevy Chase, Maryland. And the closed session was done pursuant to State Government Article Annotated Code of Maryland 10-508(a)(7) to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice. We discussed this appeal case and in a split vote of 5 to 2, we decided to not appeal the appeal and take it before the Circuit Court. The appeal then will, as decided by the Board of Appeals, will stand.

Our second agenda tonight then is the historic area work permits, and I think you've already told me the work permits have been duly advertised. So I am going to ask if anyone is here to speak in opposition to Case I.A. at 23330 Frederick Road in Clarksburg?

2	Case I.D. at 3932 Washington Street in Kensington?
3	Case I.E. at 37 Philadelphia Avenue in Takoma
4	Park?
5	Case I.F. at 10903 on Kenilworth Avenue in Garrett
6	Park?
7	MR. CORATOLA: Mr. Chair, hearing none, I move
8	that we approve the following historic area work permits in
9	accordance with the staff reports, based upon the record
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L1	the Local Advisory Panel including the conditions
L2	recommended by staff.
L3	HPC Case No. 13/10-13A at 2330 Frederick Road in
L4	Clarksburg; Case No. 35/13-13R at 6 Quincy Street in Chevy
L5	Chase; HPC Case No. 31/06-13G at 3932 Washington Street in
L6	Kensington; HPC Case No. 37/03-13T at 37 Philadelphia Avenue
L7	in Takoma Park; and HPC Case No. 30/13-13A at 10903
L8	Kenilworth Avenue in Garrett Park, with the added condition
L9	that the applicant work with staff on finalizing the
20	details.
21	MR. KIRWAN: Is there a second?
22	MR. FIRESTONE: Second.
23	MR. KIRWAN: Any discussion? All in favor, please
24	raise your right hand.
25	VOTE.

Case I.B. at 6 Quincy Street in Chevy Chase?

MR. KIRWAN: The motion passes unanimously. Thank you for presenting your historic area work permits and packaging them in such a way that made this as easy for us to expedite and approve. Thank you. The second item on our agenda tonight is Case No. II.A. at 7315 Baltimore Avenue in Takoma Park. It's a preliminary consultation, and is there a staff report?

MR. SILVER: Yes, there is. 7315 Baltimore Avenue is a contributing resource in the Takoma Park Historic District. The applicant is before you to construct a onestory approximately 324 square foot addition at the left rear corner of the historic massing. The addition will extend approximately nine feet beyond the left elevation of the historic massing into a side yard. There is flat roof screen porch feature that will be constructed, or is proposed to go in front of this one-story addition that will replace an existing wooden deck platform.

I've spelled out some of the materials. This is a preliminary consultation, so this would be an opportunity for the Commission to provide the applicant with any feedback or express any concerns they may have with the material selections moving forward. As you have probably read in the staff report, staff is generally in support of this application because of the circumstances, which I'll go into here in a moment. But about the trees, it is a

preliminary consultation because it's a side addition visible from the right-of-way that extends beyond the historic massing into the side yard. Also, somewhat of a unique situation, this house already has a HPC approved side addition that extends beyond the plane and the driving force behind this are trees in the rear yard.

I've outlined the Guidelines and the Secretary of the Interior Standards in the staff report, and I am, again, supporting this addition on the premise that it is necessitated by three very large trees in the rear yard which are within close proximity to the existing house. The applicant has consulted with the City arborist. Staff has also spoke with the City arborist, and the arborist has directed the applicant to avoid construction within the root zone of the trees. The arborist has further advised the applicant to construct an addition on piers in addition to some other preventative measures to minimize potential impact on these trees.

There is a summary of the applicant's meeting with the arborist on page 8 and 9 to help the Commission. Again, I met with the applicant at the property and observed the location of the trees, which actually I'm going to go forward here and sort of give you a little bit of sense. If you look at the right photo there, you will see one of the trees that's in question. And then you can kind of begin to

understand the sort of tight buildable area at the rear.

And then here are some other trees. Again, you can see
those two trees in the photo on the left that are really the
driving force behind the location of this addition.

As I said, the addition on the other side, on the right side of the property was approved by the HPC as to avoid impacting nice trees. So I concluded based on the information presented that the proposed construction of this addition at the left rear corner should be permitted. In this case staff finds that an exception to the Guidelines which state major additions should, where feasible, be placed to the rear of an existing structure so that they are less visible from the public right-of-way, should be granted in the interest of preserving these trees.

Staff finds the design and details of the addition and porch are generally consistent with the predominant Colonial Revival architectural style or period. The proposal does not impact any predominant architectural features of this resource. The property is separated from the adjacent property by a downward sloping of what is referred to on the plat as a residue lot that is densely covered in vegetation and trees. This is important to preserve this space because the Takoma Park Guidelines talk about preserving the patterns of open space and part of the environmental setting.

And so this property and the adjacent property are on a sort of a one and a half lot situation. There is this vegetative green zone buffer between the two, and again, that is going to be preserved. I, during the site visit, and a subsequent site visit, had gone out to the property again, walked the street a little bit, and you know, these are patterns, again, that are important. And staff would find as being a predominant architectural feature. And again, this is not going to impact this open space pattern.

Staff recommends that the HPC determine if construction of the flat roof screen porch in front of the addition could be approved if submitted as a historic area work permit. If the HPC supports construction of the porch in this location as proposed, it must provide the applicant with applicable guidance on the design and materials. There is, again, a written justification or rationale for building a porch from the applicant on pages 8 and 9 of the staff report. I am generally supportive of the material selections. Obviously, again, this is a very early design phase, but the applicant and I have spoken about the materials.

So I've provided a couple steps or items rather that the Commission should provide feedback on if construction of the proposed addition and front screen porch are in keeping with the Takoma Park Guidelines, which are

specified on page 2, and the materials and details guidance for the addition and porch. And, staff is recommending that the applicant make any revisions to the plan based on the feedback from the Commission, and return with a historic area work permit application. And, I'll sort of flip through a few photos here for you, and I can come back to these. It's also worth noting that I did actually talk with the applicant, and I didn't put this in the staff report, about doing a second story addition over the first story, and I think the applicant's written description talks a little bit about this.

I think he's prepared to comment on that a little bit more as to the reasons why they want to, are proposing this. But that could potentially, again, did not evaluate that option with any drawing could present a preservation concern and perhaps a visibility concern that a side addition that extends nine feet out would not. But, I just wanted to point that out.

So you can see this one, the right side addition. The covered tent there is where the wooden deck platform is. It's very low to grade. There's no rail system or anything. And then the rear yard and the trees. That's all I have.

MR. KIRWAN: Do we have any questions for staff?

MR. TRESEDER: Yes. Josh, could you clarify the residue, this residual lot. What is the ownership of that

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             MR. SILVER: We'll have to ask the applicant.
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             MR. CORATOLA: Josh, could you go to that front
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   elevation shot again. On the right hand side, the addition
   on the back, is that a porch with a column?
             MR. SILVER: Like an open, you know, covered entry
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   with the historic columns on the front there, the main
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    I don't know if you can answer this, in the rear elevation
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   the gap between this new addition and the existing, do you
   know what that space is? Do you know how wide that is?
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lot? Is that owned by the applicants?

applicant to come forward if they would please. Come to our table up here and you can make a brief presentation. You'll have about, I think it's seven minutes to do so. And when you are ready to -- of course, if you don't care to make a presentation and just want to take our questions we can just diveright in. But, if you want to give a brief or at the very least, introduce yourself.

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So what we'd like to do is, as I say, ideally we would have just petitioned, we would have just rolled all of this into a single, you know, single construction on the front end the last time we did this, so we wouldn't be bothering you this time. But it was obviously a matter of finances and so forth, and so we really kind of want to go through with this second phase of the construction project at this time.

MR. KIRWAN: That's it?

1 MR. FINLAY: Yes, sir. Thank you. Does anybody have any 2 MR. KIRWAN: questions for the applicant? 3 MR. TRESEDER: Well, could you answer the question I posed to staff? 5 MR. FINLAY: Yeah, I sure can. I can indeed. 6 the best of our knowledge, the neighbor and I believe that that is their property, we think. We have all been laboring under that assumption. Okay, thank you. 10 MR. TRESEDER: 11 MR. CORATOLA: My question follows up on Josh. Could you tell me what the distance is between your proposed 12 addition and the existing on the rear? So the proposed 13 14 addition and the existing rear addition, that gap, the dining room gap. 15 MR. FINLAY: Oh, that gap right there, I can, 16 It is, I believe, 12 feet. 17 18 MR. CORATOLA: Okay. And, as I'm looking at the design, you're sort of proposing that even though it's a 19 screen porch on the left hand side, you're mimicking, you're 20 sort of mimicking the right side with the flat roof and the 21 22 column? MR. FINLAY: Yes, sir. Yes, sir. 23 MR. VAN BALGOOY: Mr. Chair? Can I ask, I'm 24

looking at the west elevation, which is on Circle 13 of my

packet, and can you tell me -- I'm noticing that you have two columns at the front door, and you have a column on your addition, the existing addition that's there. They're all at the same height, but then the column on the addition you're proposing is a different height. Is there a reason—for—that?

MR. FINLAY: Yes, sir. As you look at that drawing, the lawn actually slopes quite sharply from right down, left. And so there's a, you know, if we were to build it at grade, it would, you know, the foundation would be up quite high, you know, the base of the, so the piers would have to be, you know, quite high. And so it's actually, it does sit quite a bit, I mean, it sits maybe about four steps lower than the original structure and the addition, original addition, I mean.

MR. VAN BALGOOY: So the floor of the addition you're proposing sits about two feet lower than the main block of the house?

MR. FINLAY: Yeah, that's about right, sir. Two or three feet.

MR. VAN BALGOOY: Okay. Did you think about designing the front so that of the column did sit equal, in equal height with the other columns? Not that you changed the floor, but simply so that it looked as if it were there and then you just build a solid porch rail underneath it

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that looks like a foundation from the front, but is actually a porch rail from the inside. MR. FINLAY: Yeah, I think that that, you know, 3 provided the design, so the column would be, presumably would be, so it would be shorter than the other columns, is that right or no? MR. VAN BALGOOY: No, I think it could be exactly 7 the same height. MR. FINLAY: The same height just kind of jacked up basically. 10 MR. VAN BALGOOY: Right. You just design it to 11 look from the street that it's all balanced. MR. FINLAY: They'll look the same height, I like 13 that idea. 14 MR. KIRWAN: If I could just ask a quick question. 15 16 On Circle 14 the porch looks very different. The side elevation of the screen porch looks very different than 17 what's drawn on Circle 13. Are we seeing just a cruder 18 I mean, to have one set just developed for a HAWP drawing? 19 20 we'd see. I'm looking at Circle 14. And, if you look at the side, look at the column for instance on that screen 21

MR. FINLAY: Yes. It's different, yes, sir.

It's not the side column you've drawn on Circle 13.

MR. KIRWAN: Those are details we'd want to see developed on all of the elevations so it's consistent all

around.

MR. FINLAY: Yes, sir. Yeah, that column that is depicted there on 14 is actually, you know, we presume that that would be the corner post basically of the, so you can see if from both elevations. Yeah, I apologize for that.

MR. KIRWAN: Okay. Any other questions for the applicant?

MR. VAN BALGOOY: Mr. Chair, since we're talking about Circle 14, again, I will support this, I note because isn't the level of review for details is not as, because it's a contributing structure is not as how as it would be on an outstanding resource, so this is just a suggestion or just a question. On the north elevation you have two small windows, and because you have a fireplace that's directly venting out the back, you don't have a chimney there, I would also, -- I don't know what the other commissioners think -- I would also be open if you, because it looks like you like lots of windows in that room, to having a horizontal band, just one horizontal window across since you can do that. But it's up to you.

MR. FINLAY: Yes, sir.

MR. VAN BALGOOY: Because I just noticed these small windows on this one side. Everything else has lots of windows so, just a thought. I don't know what the other commissioners think though.

MR. FINLAY: Part of our rationale for that, sir, was to design something, we had thought maybe we'd put a small -- we don't have photographs of it, unfortunately, on the opposite side, but the original addition on the back as it looked into the neighbors backyard, you know, we want to be respectful a little bit of their privacy and our own, obviously, so we're not kind of looking in at one another, and so we had installed essentially two small stained glass windows, so it would let some light in, but you know, it would be opaque so that we could not, you know, we weren't looking at each other.

And similarly with this, although this does not extend, this will extend basically as back as far as the neighbors, the back of the neighbors' house, so we're not really looking into their yard the way we were on the other side. But again, the thinking was at least to a little bit replicate that to maintain some privacy for both of us.

And, I guess that certainly doesn't obviate the, you know, a high up, you know, single window.

MR. VAN BALGOOY: Pretty high. I'm just giving that to you as an option. I'm not designing your project. I just wanted you to think about that as an option.

MR. FINLAY: Thank you.

MR. KIRWAN: Any other questions for the applicant? All right, if there's not, I'm going to ask you

to turn off your microphone and we're going to deliberate.

So I'm going to ask the Commissioners to address the issues of this preliminary, and I'm going to start with

Commissioner Rodriguez, if that's okay, on my right.

MR. RODRIGUEZ: In general, I think the project is doing what it needs to do. I am more concerned about some of the details, and I would recommend that you look carefully, one is alignment of certain things. For example, what Commissioner Treseder, I think it was, saying about the height of the column and the alignment of that column and the roof with the rest of the house. I think that's very important to maintain.

But, the other part that I think you need to look carefully is of the proportions of things. For example, the two windows on the north elevation, they look squat. I don't know if those windows should be more square or really rectangular. You have to define that, because I think that will make your project look much better. And the same I have to say with the south elevation with I think the window. And my recommendation is look at the window. I think it's a very foreign type of articulation, and organization of that window. I think it looks completely odd. Mostly when the head of the window is very close to the door, but they don't align. So I think you need to consider some spacing between the window and the proximity

to the existing house. That would be my recommendation.

And, maybe it's a different window. Maybe it's a larger square window, something that looks much better in the proportion of the wall that you are putting on.

Overall, apart from that I won't have much to say. I think that I would support that. I think given the guidelines for Takoma Park and the restrictions that you have, I think you have done as much as possible to make this a very sensitive insertion.

MR. VAN BALGOOY: Mr. Chair. I find your design very attractive. I mean, I really like the sort of sense of the two pavilions. The design of the original building is symmetrical. It's not perfectly symmetrical as the other chimney on one side, but that's sort of a general feeling, and I think you've been very respectful of that and kept the addition smaller to the main block. I think you've been very respectful of the trees that are on the property. You're going to an extra length to protect them. I really appreciate that.

And so, because you don't need to under the guidelines exactly replicate details, I can certainly support what you're proposing with just some cleaning up of the drawings so they're presentation quality for our needs. However, I would recommend you look at the positioning of the columns across the front so you do, because the columns

are a major feature, so that it becomes symmetrical. And I think you can do it without affecting your design or the function or the use that you have planned for the room itself. Otherwise, that's the only comment I really have.

MR. CORATOLA: I agree with the two previous

Commissioners. I think that given your restraints on the

site, you've come up with a fairly workable solution. I

also agree about looking at your proportions, looking at, as

Commissioner Van Balgooy had mentioned early on in the

questioning about raising the column height, so that because

you have, it is a very symmetrical design that you work with

the symmetry, work the details out so it's tying in with the

right side of the house.

I would also urge you, because I saw the notes about putting the screen porch in the back, and the reason I had mentioned, asked the dimension in the back, you could basically span, if you were to relocate that screen porch between the two additions, and did, you know, if you're concerned about light, did some kind of skylights or make it a glass roof or something, you could, I'm thinking if you look at that, you might realize you would use that screen porch more often because it would be at the same level. You would have the indoor/outdoor dining component. And, if you did some kind of skylights in it, you wouldn't lose the light that you think you might lose. And, that might clean

up the front a little bit better. But I'm also thinking that you might use the screen porch more because of it being at the same level, they're easier to access. Those are my only comments.

MR. FIRESTONE: I think I concur with the previous Commissioners about the columns and the windows. On the screen porch I did notice that one of your reasons for wanting it in the front is to have interaction with other members of your neighborhood, which I think is very important, particularly in Takoma Park. I know that from personal experience. I don't know if this is off base or not but, maybe you could do both the screen porch you have which would give you the community and neighborhood, and also suggestion of putting something between the two buildings in the rear that would give you indoor/outdoor dining. But, I don't know if anybody else would agree with me on that.

MR. CARROLL: I have to echo the previous

Commissioners' comments. I like it, you've been very

sensitive to the house. I think it's a great job. You

know, some of the things that I want to see on the drawings,

like Circle 14, I know that you said this is an undeveloped

drawing, but you're not showing corner boards and you are on

some of the other ones, and just to know what those details

are and the exposure of the clapboards, it looks like you've

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got quite a large exposure on your house, it's about 8 inches, and these look five, six, something like that.

Those details together in the drawing will tell us what we need to know.

And, to Commissioner Coratola's comment about the porch, the other thing I think that you want to consider is the porch may be a lovely space, and you may really enjoy it, but it is sitting in the woods on the north side of your house. And while it's pointing toward the front, I think it really is pretty far back in there, and there's a lot of vegetation. It's not going to be like a porch that's out on the front of the house. Somebody to walk up to your porch, they'd have to go most of the way around your house. If the porch did move around, you might get some more sunlight in there. But right now you're sitting low to the north of the house in the woods. Like I said, it might be lovely, it's going to be very private, but it's just something to think about. Thank you.

MR. TRESEDER: Point number one, I believe that this proposed addition are indeed in keeping with Takoma Park Guidelines because of the, even with the side addition, and we don't usually like those, both because of the reasons for the trees, and also because of the distance between this house and the neighboring house, I feel that it can, it's very approvable. So I would agree with the other

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Commissioners on that.

As far as the materials and details of the front porch, I don't have a lot to add. But I will add one thing. And that is, I'm a little worried about the proliferation of And one way perhaps to avoid that would be to use square columns that are -- and again, this is something I think we've, on other projects we've discussed this concept of things becoming less formal as you move toward the rear of the house, and I think that, in fact, I would recommend that you not use round columns but use square ones, and that would work very nicely into the construction of the screen And, I would even go further and suggest, for reasons of symmetry, that while you're at it, you change the other, on the other back porch that you've already constructed, if that were also to be a square column, that would give you symmetry, but it would also, again, not compete with the more formal round columns on the historic front portico. So that's my detail suggestion for you.

MR. KIRWAN: All right. Just to sum up, I generally concur with what the other Commissioners have said. I think you're right on target with this preliminary to head towards a historic area work permit. I agree with the comments about providing a little more, better balance between the new screen porch and the porch you did on the other side of the house. I think those are Commissioner Van

Balgooy's suggestion to raise that cornice line is a good one.

I think you heard some concerns about the windows on the north elevation. I think those are certainly something to look into. But again, I don't think we heard anything—that really limited future consideration for a HAWP on those issues. You also heard some other things about the screen porch in the back versus the screen porch in the front. Again, I think those are issues for you to grapple with and to explore as you develop this further.

We didn't hear a lot of specifics on the materials that have been proposed. I'm going to assume that the Commissioners didn't have any concerns about the specific materials being proposed in this case. I think in my opinion they're all fine. I don't see any issue there. So, I think with that said, I think you've heard a consensus up here that you're ready to go forward and you've got some details to work out and to show a little more clearly when you come before us with a HAWP, but aside from that, thank you for your good work on this and when working with staff, and we look forward to seeing you next time.

MR. FINLAY: Thanks so much.

MR. KIRWAN: If you want it on the record, turn that mic on.

MR. FINLAY: I just wanted just to add to the

Commission, you know, working with the staff has really been, you know, they are, I will say, frustratingly firm in exercising the guidelines, but they're extremely patient and staff really has gone above and beyond in kind of holding our hand through this process. Obviously, we don't have our architect here with us, and so we really want to commend the Commission staff for being so helpful through the process.

MR. KIRWAN: I would concur with you on that as well. We have an excellent staff here, and thank you for those comments. The next case before us tonight is a second preliminary, case II.B. I'm sorry. The second preliminary consultation before us tonight is case II.B. at 6400 Brookville Road in Chevy Chase. Do we have a staff report?

MR. SILVER: Yes, we do. 6400 is Brookville Road in Chevy Chase is a contributing resource. The applicants' proposal, sort of can boil this down a little bit here, I went into great length in the written staff report, but basically it is to remove a non-historic side addition from the right elevation, one-story side addition, and construct a new addition in its place but adding to the footprint in terms of the size onto the north and, well, sort of toward the front a little bit, toward the rear and out towards the right of the existing, I guess, to be more specific, that would be the north, west and east.

And then there is a shed roof addition that would



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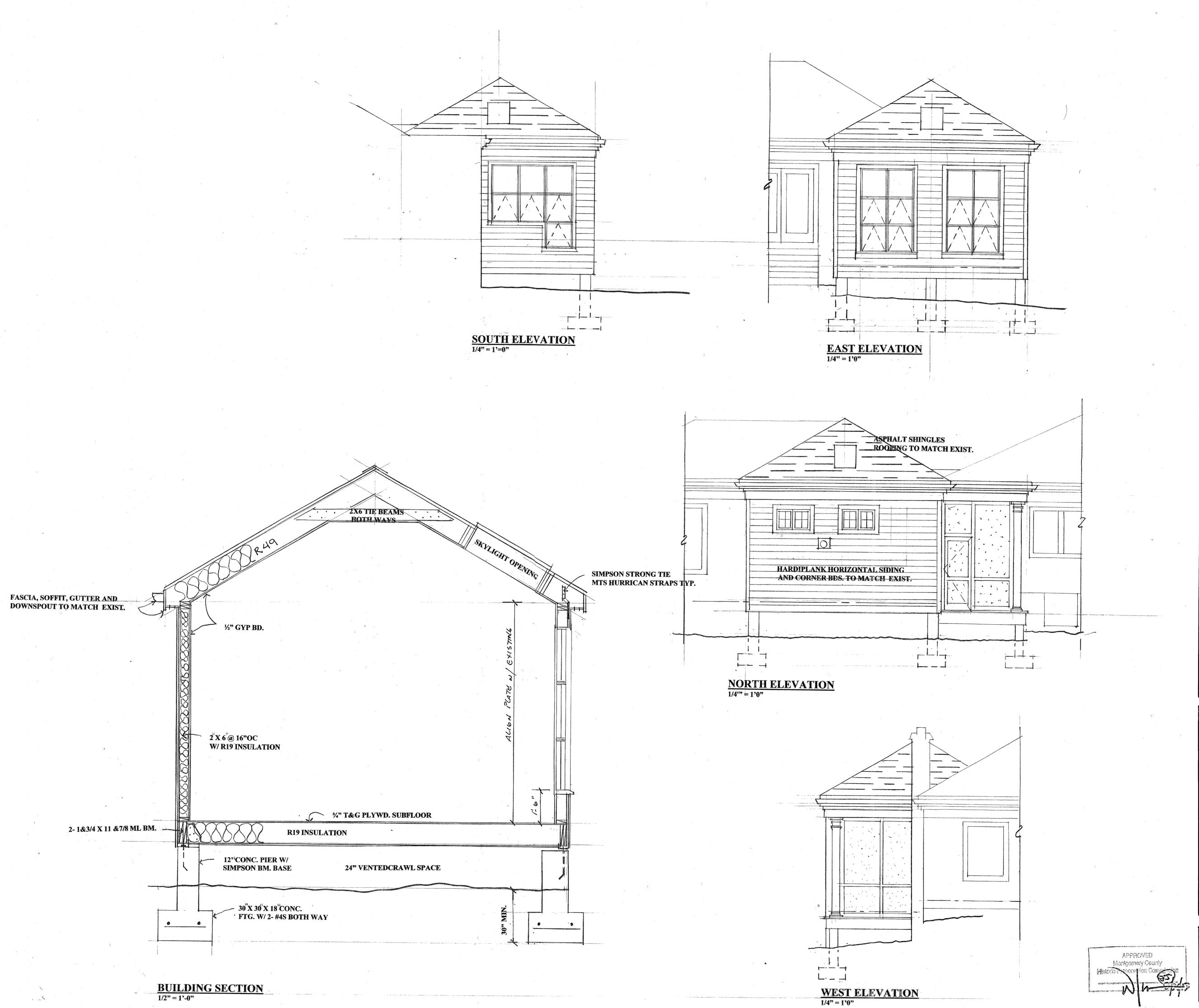
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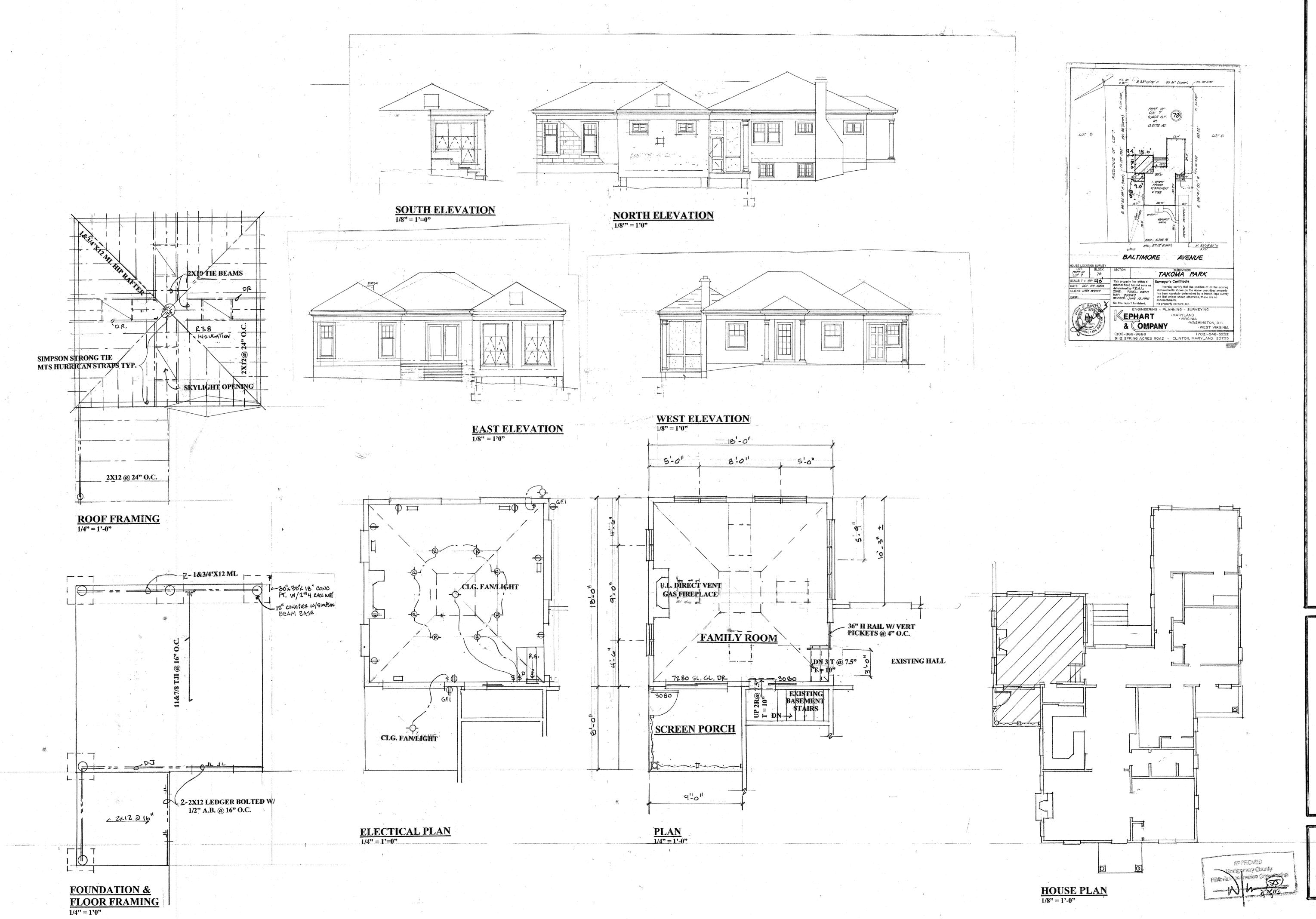




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