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May 21, 2012

Josh Silver Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission

Regarding 2309 Linden Lane, Silver Spring (Forest Glen)

Dear Josh,

As you know, several years ago the HPC approved my project on Linden Lane, the Chabuk residence. It is finally complete except for final painting, at least from the outside!

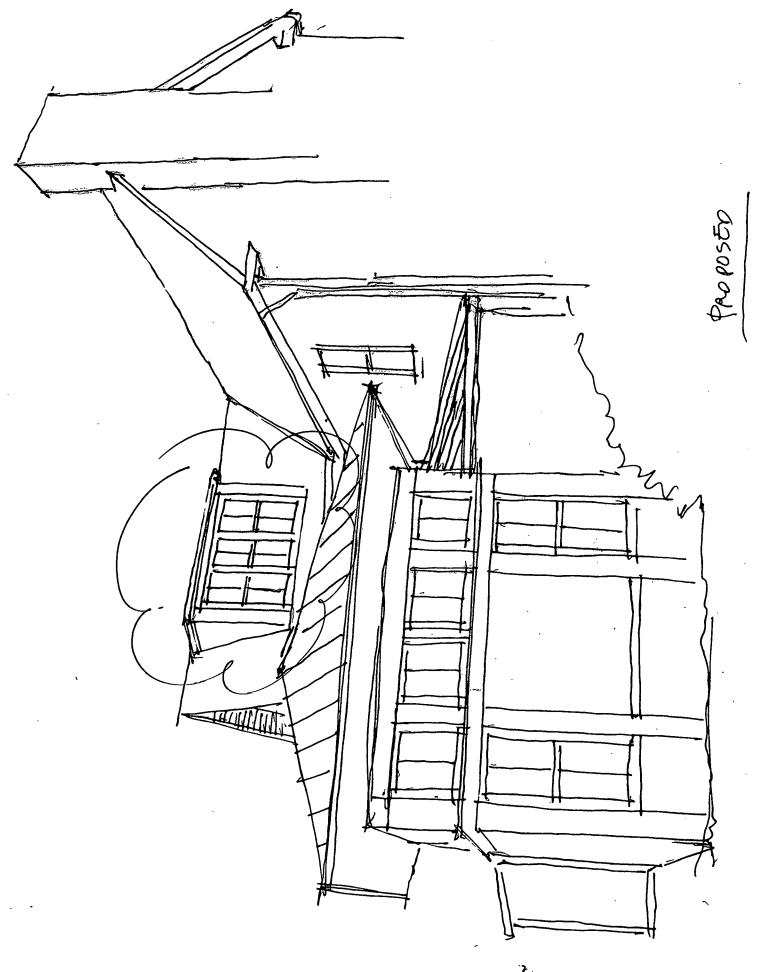
Part of the approved HAWP included replacing modern style windows in the rear of the main house with more period-appropriate units. This is now done, and it is a big improvement in my opinion. However, the modern style windows in the existing shed dormer in the rear now stand out even more! I have asked Mr Chabuk if he would replace those windows as part of this project, and he has agreed pending your approval. Can this be done as an amendment to the existing HAWP?

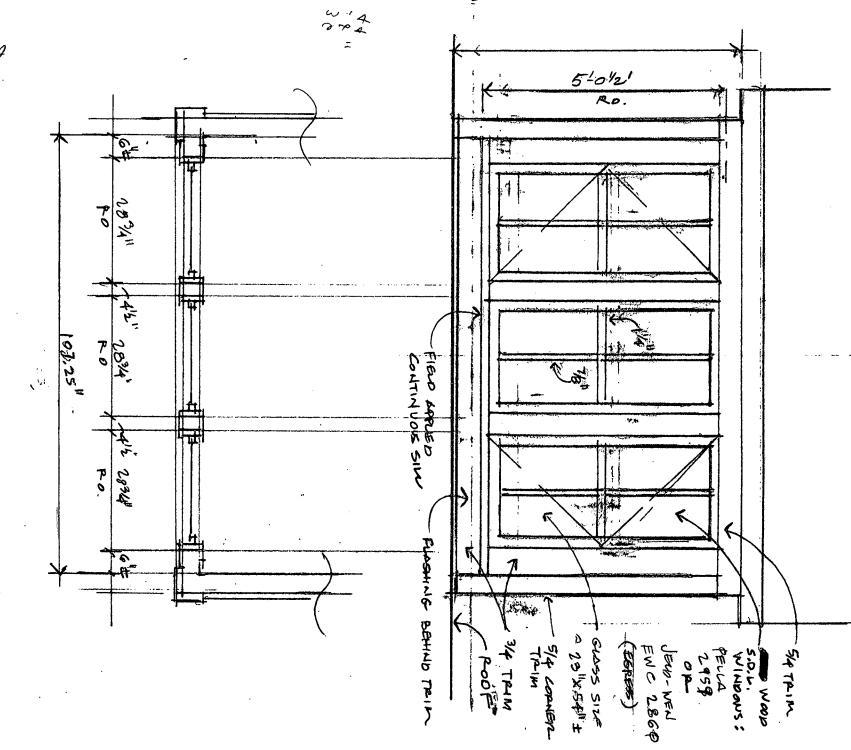
I am enclosing a photo of the existing dormer and a sketch showing my proposal. It utilizes 3 wood casement windows in place of the 3 metal-framed windows, and adds more trim between the windows and at the corners of the dormer. The new glass area is thus 24 SF, compared with the current 40SF, which I believe is more consistent with the style of the resource. The new windows are casements to meet the egress code, but I propose to use muntins that replicate the look of a double hung, with the horizontal "meeting rail" muntin wider than the vertical muntins.

Thank you for your consideration,

Paul Treseder.

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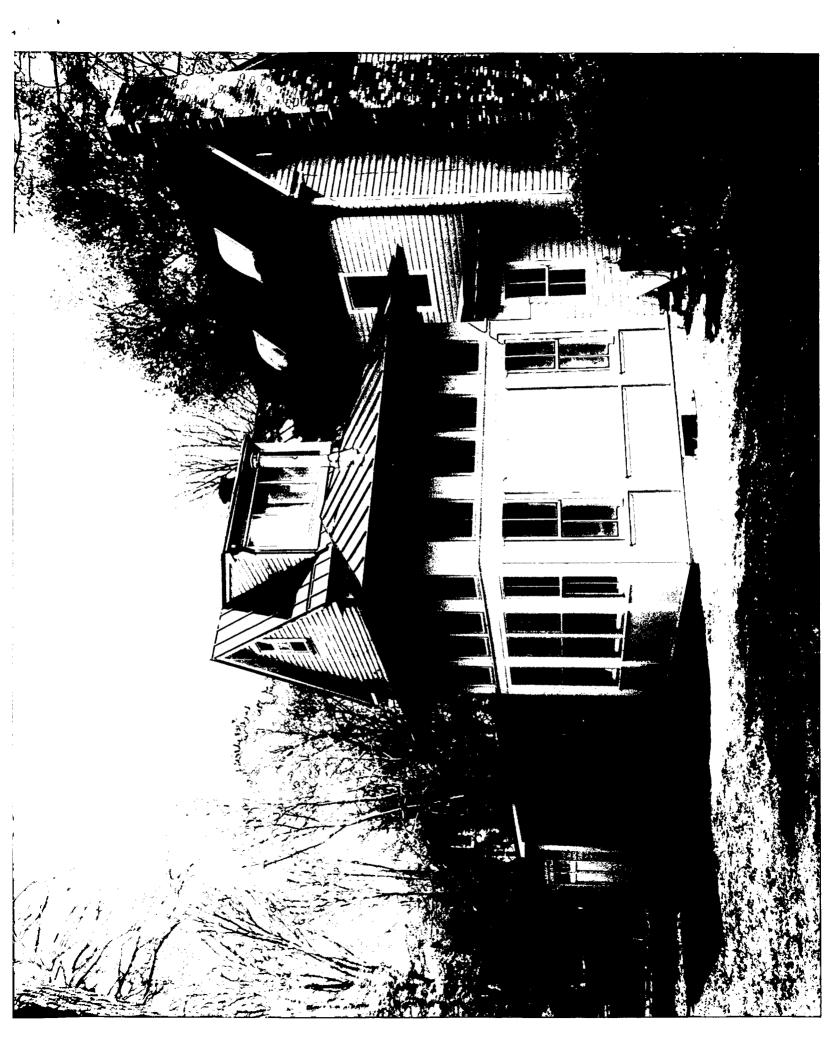




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MONTGOMERY COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

Address:

2309 Linden Lane, Silver Spring

Linden Lane Historic District

Meeting Date:

2/13/2008

Resource:

Contributing Resource

Report Date:

2/6/2008

Applicant:

Hasan Basri Chabuk

Public Notice:

1/30/2008

(Paul Treseder, Architect)

Review:

2nd Preliminary Consultation

Tax Credit:

None

PROPOSAL:

Construction of side and rear addition

Staff:

Josh Silver

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the applicants make revisions based on comments from staff and the Historic Preservation Commission and return for a Historic Area Work Permit.

BACKGROUND:

On December 5, 2007 the HPC reviewed a proposal for construction of a rear and side addition at the subject property. The HPC was supportive of the massing, scale and location of the proposed rear addition, and agreed it was sympathetic to the existing house, and that it could be approved as is if submitted as part of an HAWP application.

Both staff and the HPC expressed a similar concern with the siting of the proposed side addition toward the front plane of the house. There was general consensus among the HPC that in order for the addition to be an approvable HAWP it would need to be either detached or substantially setback from the front plane of the historic massing.

Since the 1st Preliminary Consultation the applicant has submitted a revised proposal that includes a smaller side addition that is still attached to the historic massing, but is pushed further back (10') from the front plane of the house. The proposal for the rear addition remains identical to what the HPC reviewed at the 1st Preliminary Consultation. (See attached transcripts on Circle 28

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

SIGNIFICANCE: Contributing Resource Within The Linden Lane Historic District

STYLE:

Folk Victorian

DATE:

c.1900

The house is a 2-1/2-story, four-bay frame structure with a standing seam metal gabled roof. A two story porch detailed with turned columns on the first level, and balusters on the second level is located on the front elevation of the house. The second level of the porch is an open deck style, and contains a double door with a horizontal transom light. The rear of the house contains a 2-story ell that was extensively remodeled in the 1980s. The house contains 1/1 double-hung windows on all elevations, and a later period single fixed door on the rear elevation, and two triple sliding glass doors on the first and

second-story of the left elevation.

The house is sited on a corner lot and contains mature trees and vegetation.

HISTORIC CONTEXT

The following was excerpted from <u>Place from the Past: The Tradition of Gardez Bien in Montgomery</u> County, Maryland

As the first railroad suburb in Montgomery County, Linden represents an early step in the county's transition from a rural, agrarian region to a commuter suburb. In 1873, the same year that the Metropolitan Branch of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad was completed, Charles M. Keys subdivided thirty-two acres of his 185-acre farm and platted Linden. Keys was the founder of a District coal and wood company, E. C. Keys and Sons.

Linden had its own railroad station, located at the end of Montgomery Street. Early houses were built on Salisbury Road, which was originally a walkway known as Maple Drive. The houses faced the walkway with vehicular access from Linden Lane and Montgomery Street. This arrangement is found in Washington Grove, a religious retreat also platted in 1873. Early dwellings in both communities were designed in the Gothic Revival style. Among Linden's earliest houses are a pair of Gothic Revival houses built on Salisbury Road, probably in the 1870s: the *Baxter House*, 2201 Salisbury Road, and the *Doolittle House*, 2209 Salisbury Road. One of the earliest residences in the community is the Lawrence House of 1874.

By 1889, the Washington Star reported that a number of "beautiful homes" had already been constructed in Linden by "well known Washingtonians." Curtis and Elizabeth Holcomb built the Second Empire style *Holcomb House* in 1887, at 2200 Salisbury Road. Queen Anne style houses dating from the 1890s are the *Wolfe House*, 9310 Brookeville Road, and the *William Simpson House*, 2303 Linden Lane. By the turn of the century, there were about a dozen houses in Linden. In the early 1900s, citizens built Craftsman influenced residences on Warren Street. The historic district of 17 houses was designated in 1993.

PROPOSAL:

The applicant is proposing to construct a 28' x 13' one-story side addition on the east elevation of the house. The proposed addition will be clad in German lap wood siding, sheathed with a standing seam metal roof, and contain 2/2 double-hung wooden windows. A covered concrete stoop will be installed at the rear of the existing house to connect the proposed rear and side additions. A single-hung door will be located on the west elevation of the addition and serve as the primary point of entry from the rear of the house. The north elevation of the side addition will be detailed with two wooden doors for rear yard ingress/egress.

The applicant is also proposing to construct a 15' x 15' one-story addition at the rear of the house. The proposed addition will be constructed in the corner of the house created by the existing ell, and connect to the historic massing of the house by a new lower roofed section. The addition will be detailed with a combination of wooden German lap and vertical tongue and groove siding, and contain simulated divided light wooden windows, and be sheathed with a standing seam metal roof.

APPLICABLE GUIDELINES:

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

Montgomery County Code; Chapter 24A

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.

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 a historic site or historic resource within a historic district; or
- 2. The proposal is compatible in character and nature with the historical archaeological, architectural or cultural features of the historic site or the historic district in which a historic resource is located and would not be detrimental thereto of to the achievement of the purposes of this chapter; or

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

Proposed one-story rear addition-this remains identical to the 1st Preliminary Consultation where the HPC was supportive of it.

Staff is supportive of the proposed rear addition. The design of this addition is subordinate to the historic massing and utilizes window and door treatments that are appropriate for the style of the house. The proposed lower roof section connecting the historic massing of the house with the one-story addition is inset 1.5' on the west (left) elevation allowing the existing house to read clearly on the side most visible from the public right-of-way. The proposed design also maintains the concept of differentiation between the existing house and newer construction.

The proposed removal of the single fixed door and windows on the rear elevation, and the two triple sliding glass doors on the left side elevation of the house were installed as part of a remodeling effort

in the 1980s, removal of these features will have no adverse impact on the structure. These features will be replaced by 1/1 double-hung wooden windows to match the existing windows on the house.

The use of wooden German lap and vertical tongue and groove siding, simulated divided light double-hung wooden windows, and a standing seam metal roof are desirable material selections. Staff would recommend the use of wood for the corner boards and trim instead of Azek.

Although the addition is located at the rear of the house it will inevitably be visible from the public right-of-way as a result of the property being a corner lot. Staff is supportive of the proposed design of this addition as it attempts to minimize any impact on the streetscape of the historic district by utilizing the existing the ell of the house.

Proposed one-story side addition

At the 1st Preliminary Consultation the HPC gave the applicant and architect clear direction that a detached side addition would be the most desirable option for this property. Some Commissioners also stated they would consider a side addition if it was pushed much further back from the front plane of the house.

Staff has some concern with the revised proposal because it still includes an attached side addition. Although the addition is now pushed back 10' from the front plane of the house- a difference of 8'5" from the original proposal, which helps preserve the legibility of the historic massing from the public right-of-way, it still gives the house an asymmetrical appearance when standing either directly in front of the house or on the east side.

Since the 1st Preliminary Consultation staff has meet with the architect to discuss the revised design strategy and the future development of the site. Although this proposal is for the construction of a rear and side addition, the plans also address the future development of the site including the construction of a carriage house at the rear of the property and expansion of the existing driveway. (See

Circle ______) While the future development of the site was briefly discussed at the 1st Preliminary Consultation as a possible constraint to constructing a detached structure on the property, the major limiting factors were the combination of the property containing several mature trees that would be impacted if a detached building were constructed on the property, and the limited side yard setback on the east property boundary. Staff is amenable to side addition at this property because of these factors.

This proposal presents an opportunity for the HPC to comment on, and support in concept the future construction of a carriage house and a driveway expansion at this property. While the future development of this site is certainly a factor the HPC should consider when reviewing this proposal, the main emphasis of this review should focus on the compatibility of the side addition with the historic massing, and its potential impact on the streetscape of the historic district.

The applicant and project architect wish to consult with the Commission to discuss their design strategy for the side addition and future development of the site to find an approvable alternative before proceeding to a HAWP.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the applicants make revisions based on comments from staff and the Historic Preservation Commission and return for a Historic Area Work Permit.



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HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION 301/563-3400

APPLICATION FOR HISTORIC AREA WORK PERMIT

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2309 LINDON LANE, SLIVER SPRING, MD

A. Description of the existing structure and environmental setting.

The existing house is a 2 story frame structure on a large treed corner lot. It was built before 1900 in a simple farmhouse gothic style, with a symmetrical steep front gable, porch, and a 2 story ell in the back. It was remodeled in the 1980's, mainly in the rear. The neighboring houses are a mixture of a few similar vintage houses and many late 20th century houses.

B. General description of the project and its effect on the historic resource and environmental setting.

The owner proposes to build a 1 story addition to the house. This addition consists of a family room, back porch, and shop/studio. The bulk of the addition is in the rear of the house, and is designed with its massing pulled away from the main structure and connected with a lower roofed section. This allows the existing house to read clearly and the second floor windows to remain unobstructed. This lower roofed section extends around the back of the ell to become the rear porch, and then further wraps the house on the side to cover the shop/studio. It stops 10 back from the front of the house. It is intended that the low, shallow (3:12 or less) pitched porchlike roof of this one story side extension, held behind the centerline of the main gable, not detract from the strong symmetry of the front of the main house when viewed from Linden Lane. Materials used will be wood German lap siding, wood trim, and wood double-hung sash windows. Roofing will be standing seam metal to match the existing house. Existing fixed glass and sliding glass doors in the rear from the earlier remodel will be replaced with period-appropriate double hung windows.

Also shown on the site plan, but not part of this application, is the location where the owner hopes to build a carriage house/garage, similar to the one on the adjoining property. This, along with the location of the large trees in the vicinity, is shown to clarify the constraints on this design.

HAWP APPLICATION: MAILING ADDRESSES FOR NOTIFING

[Owner, Owner's Agent, Adjacent and Confronting Property Owners]

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Hasan Basri Chabuk

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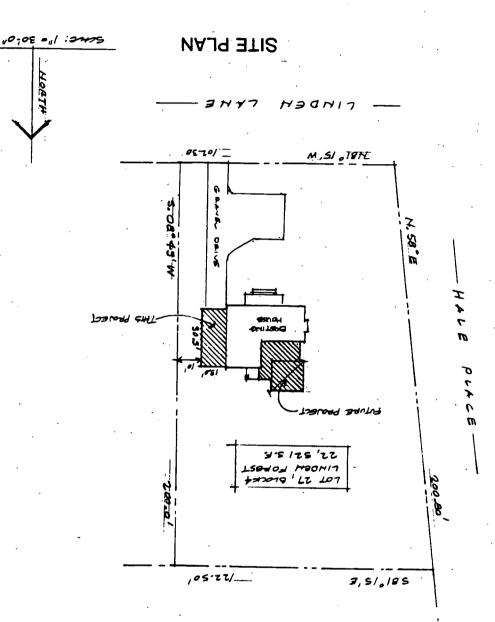
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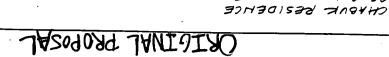
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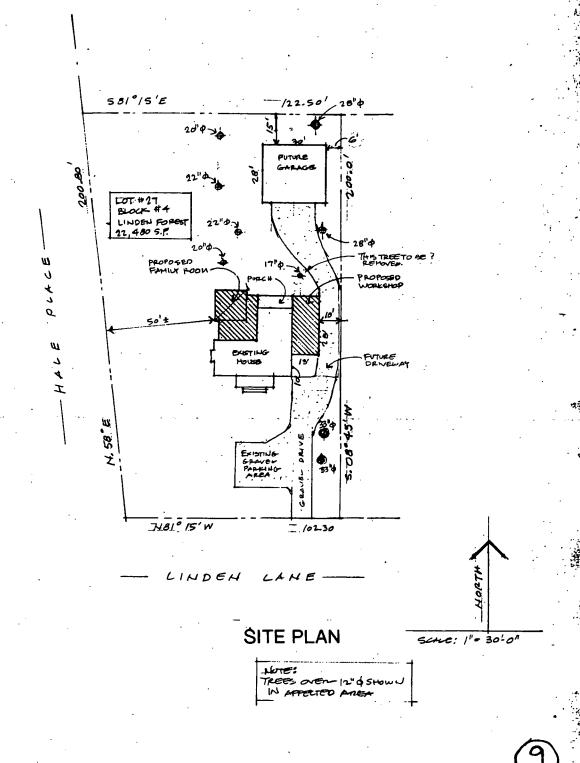
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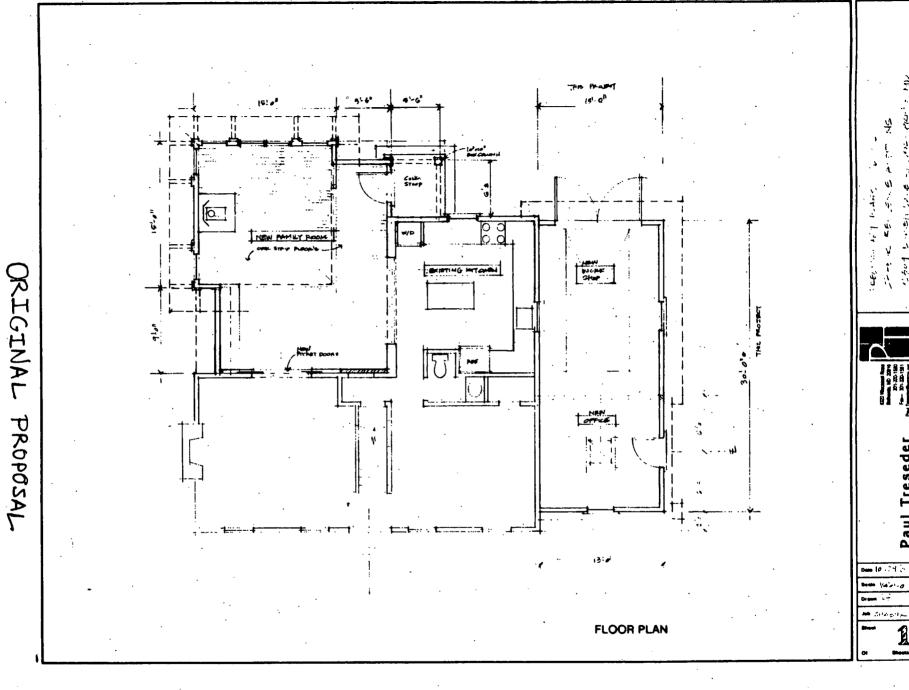
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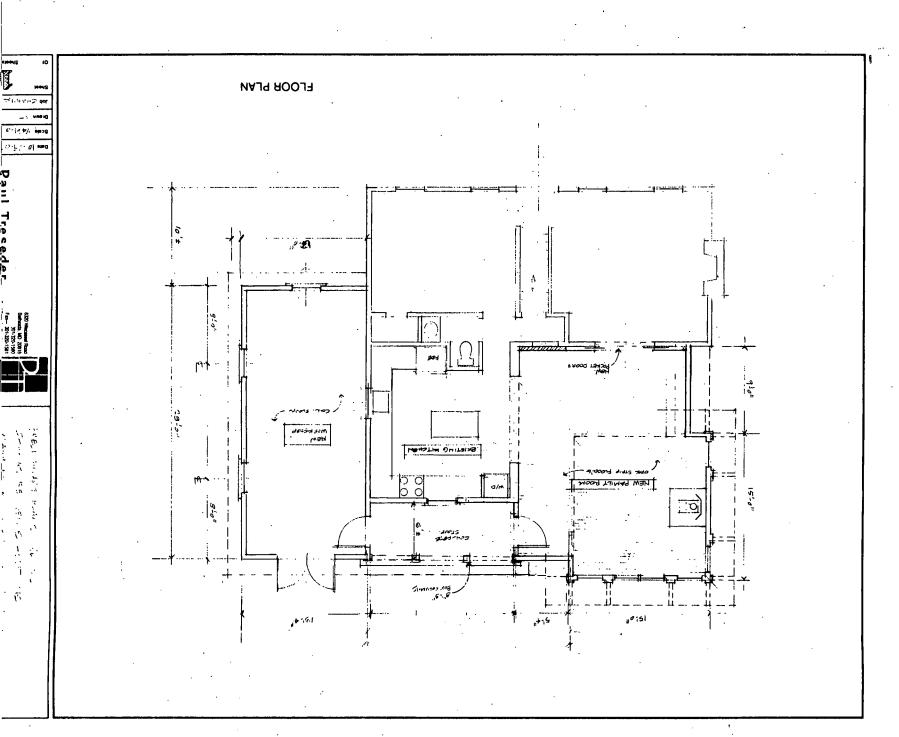


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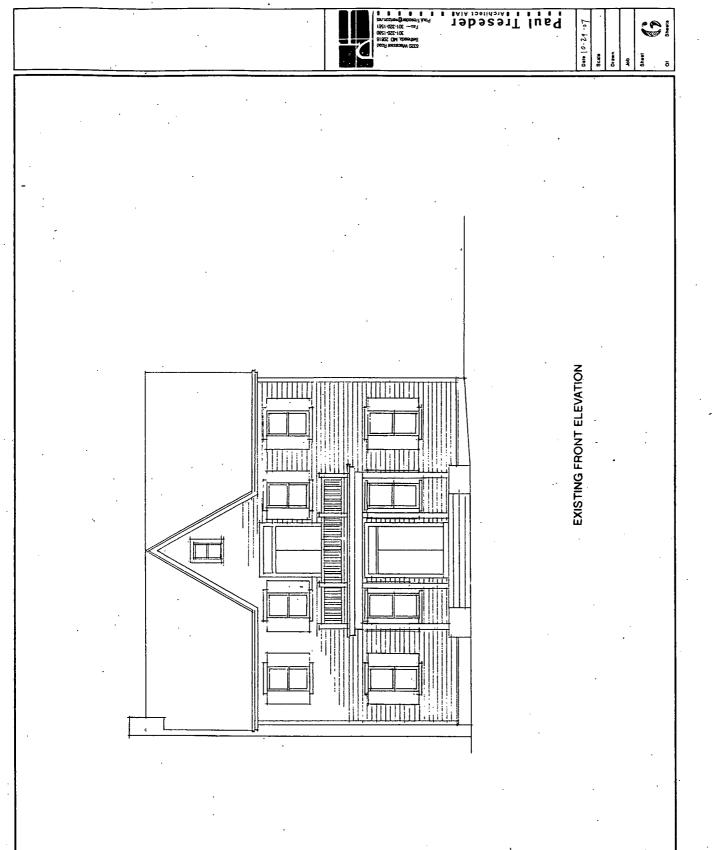
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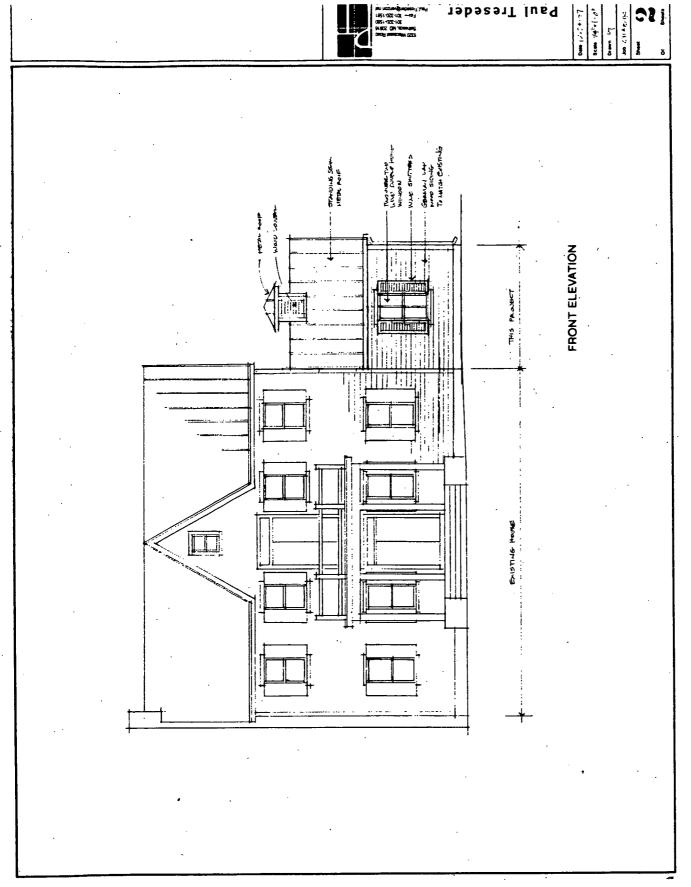
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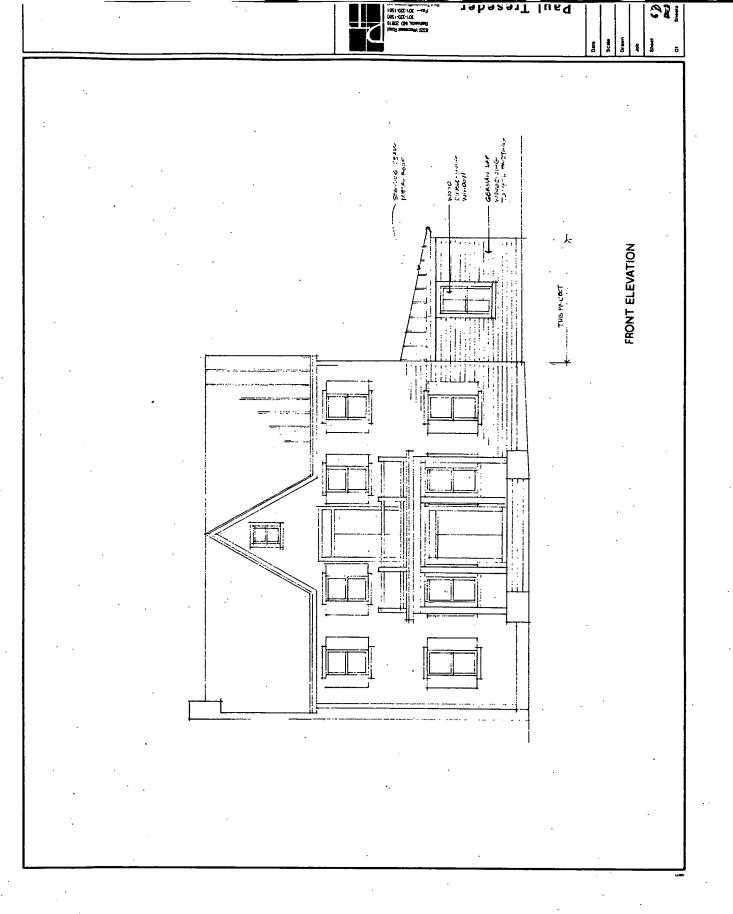
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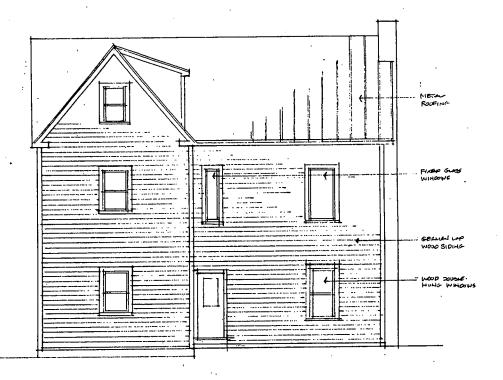
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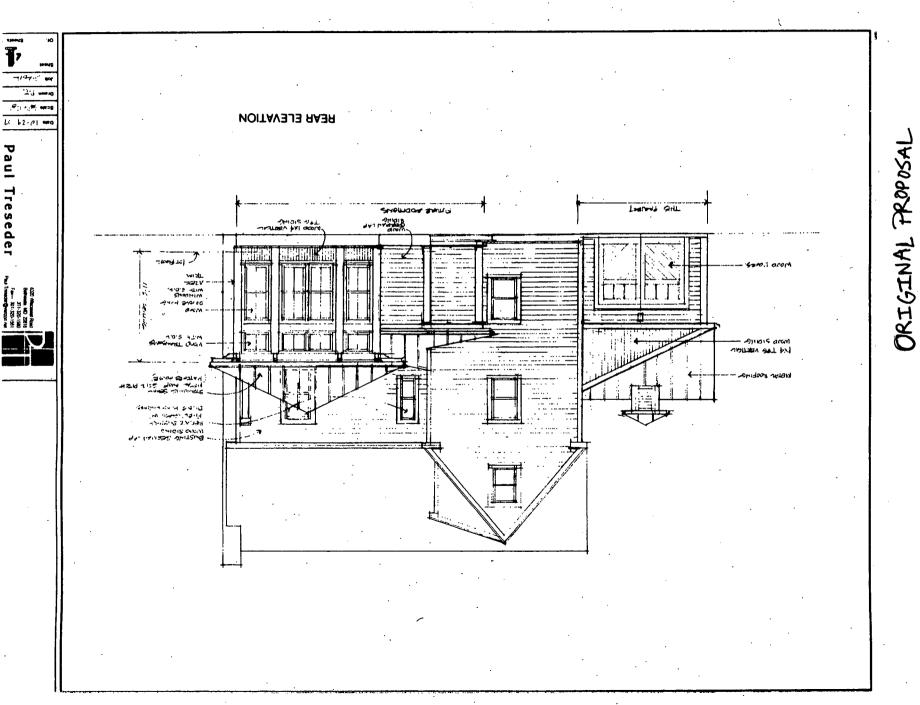
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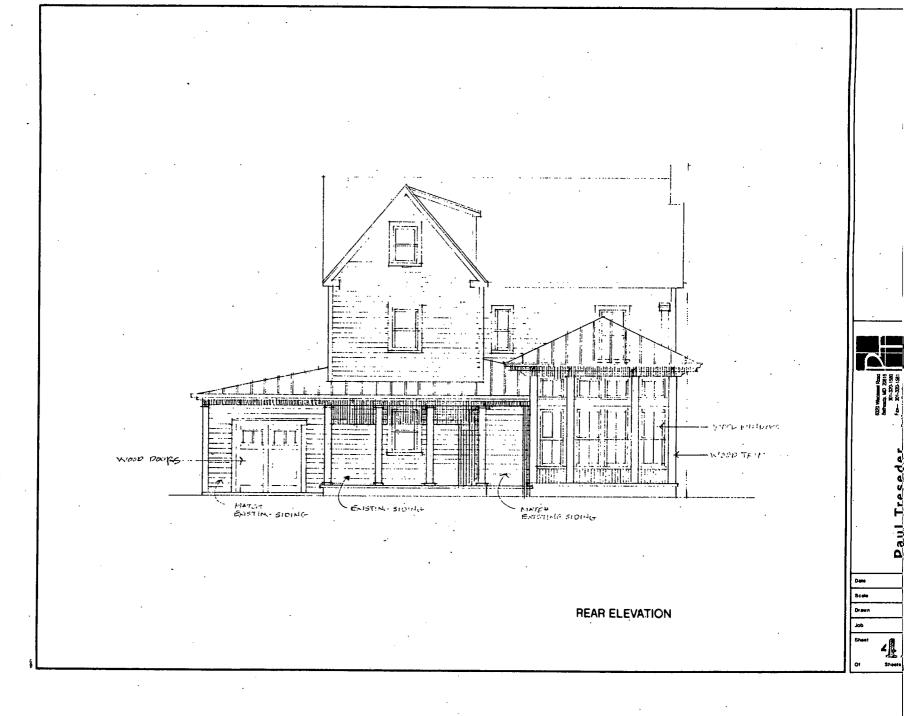
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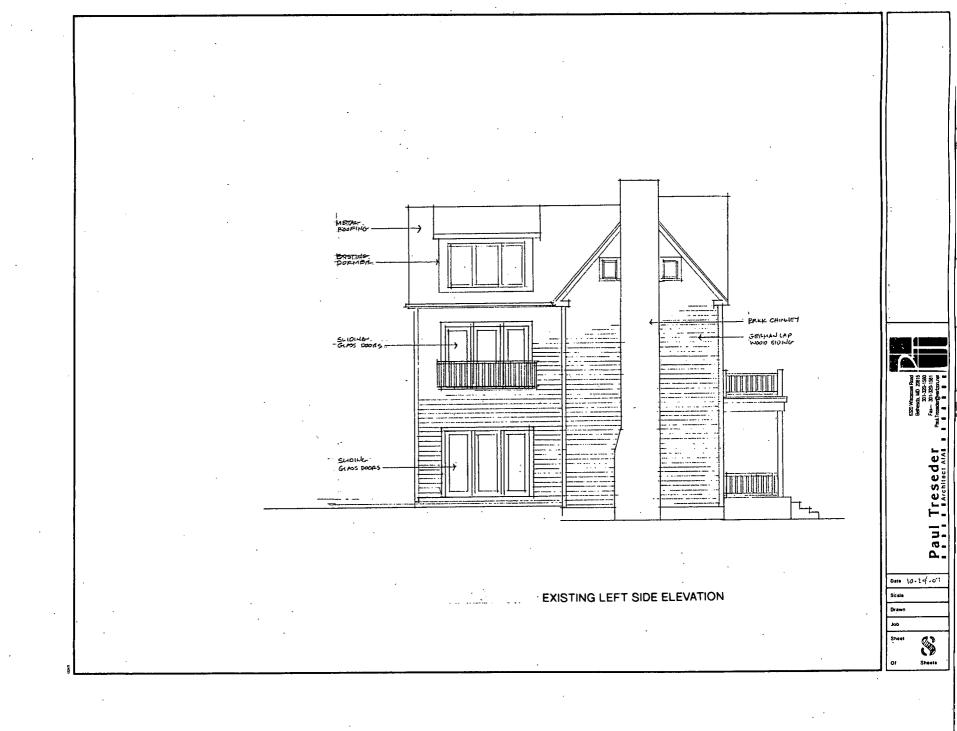
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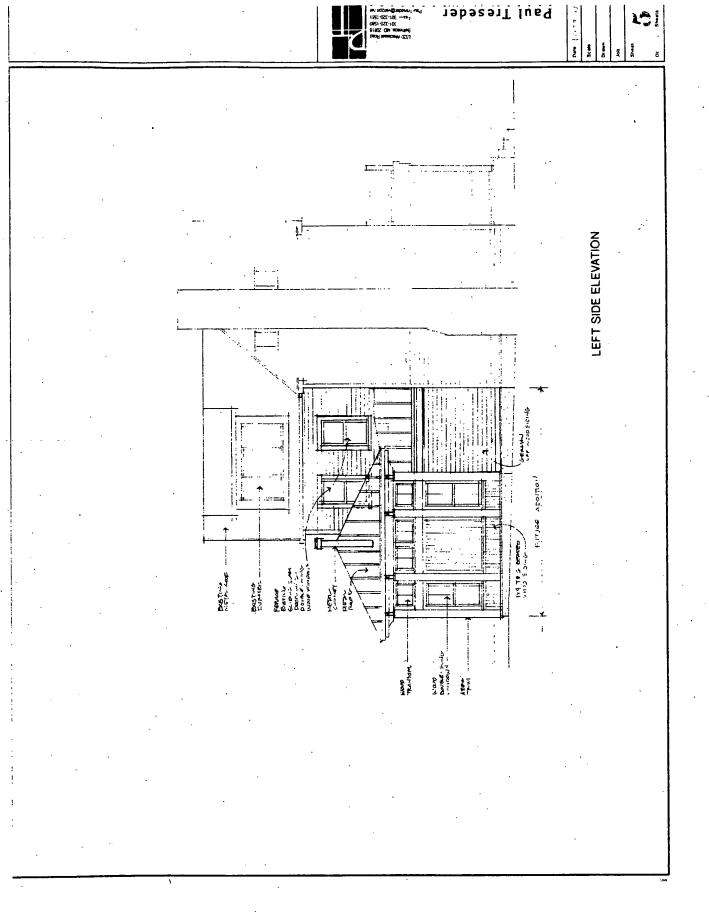






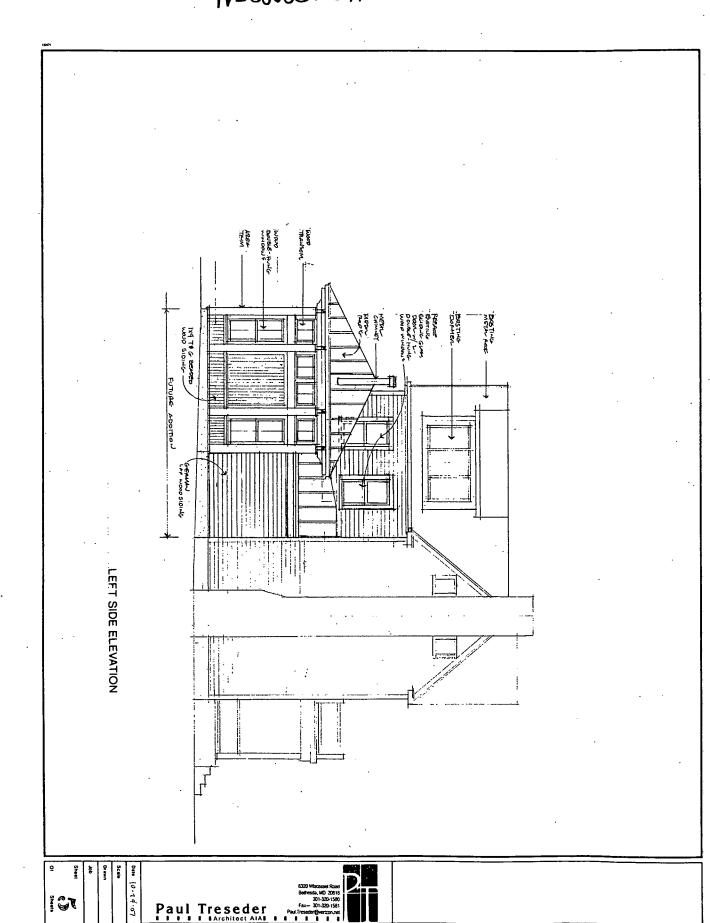


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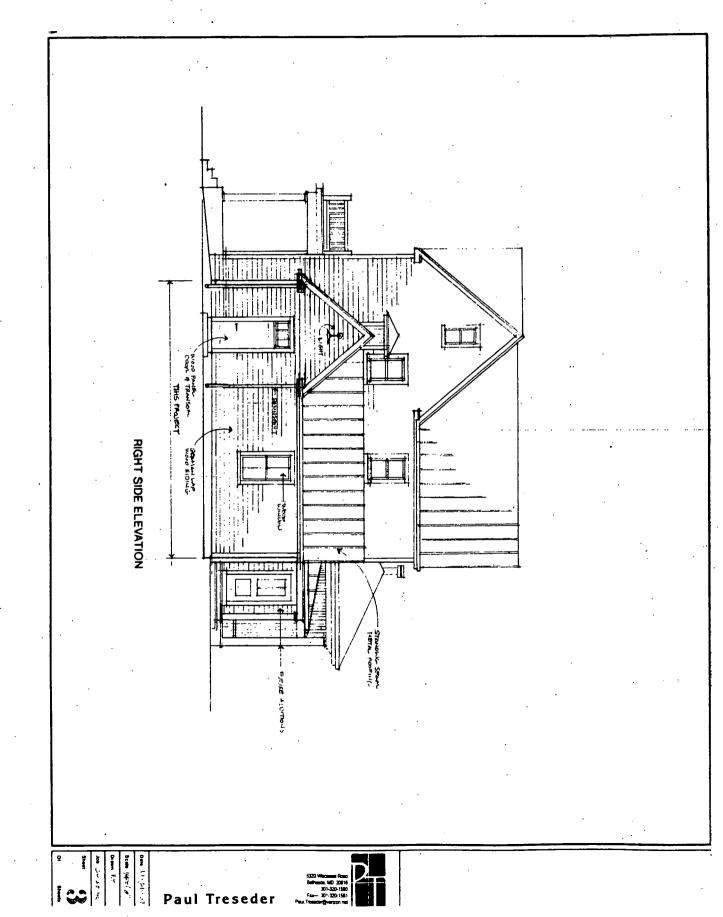
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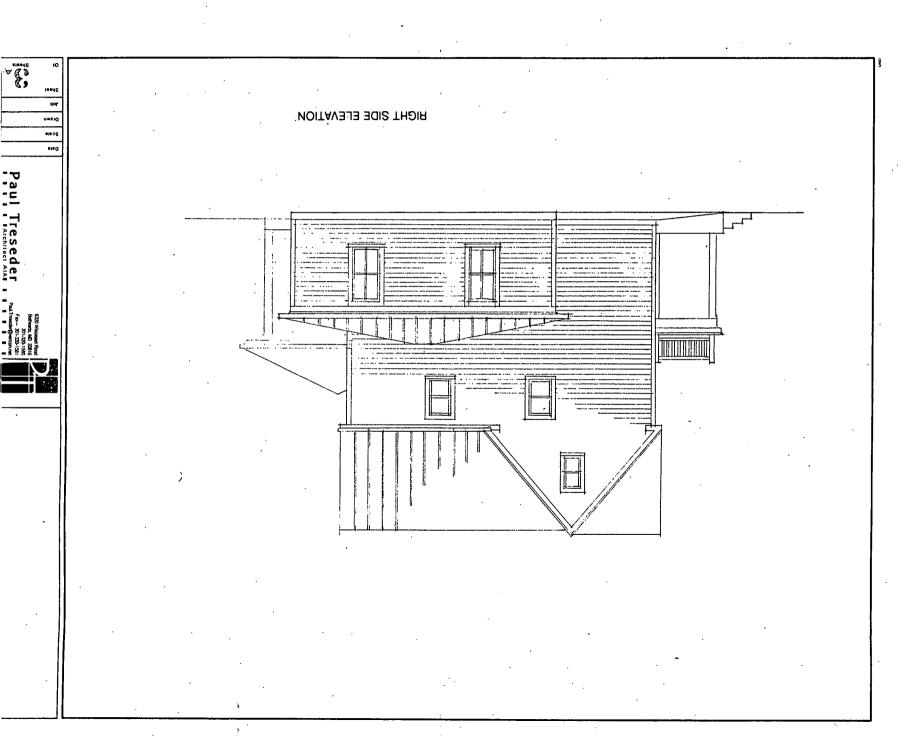
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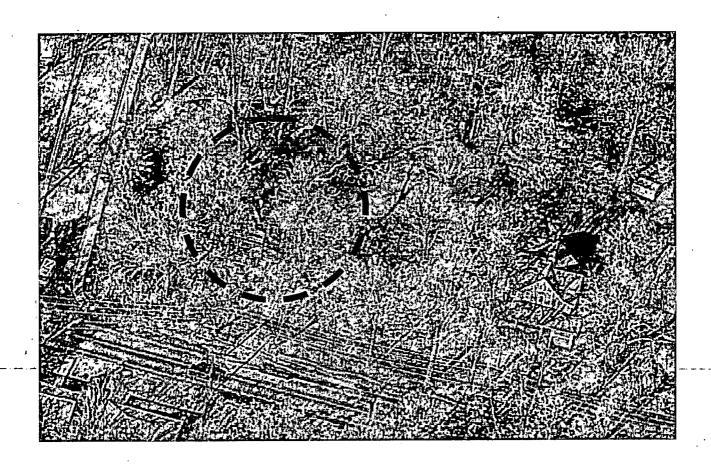








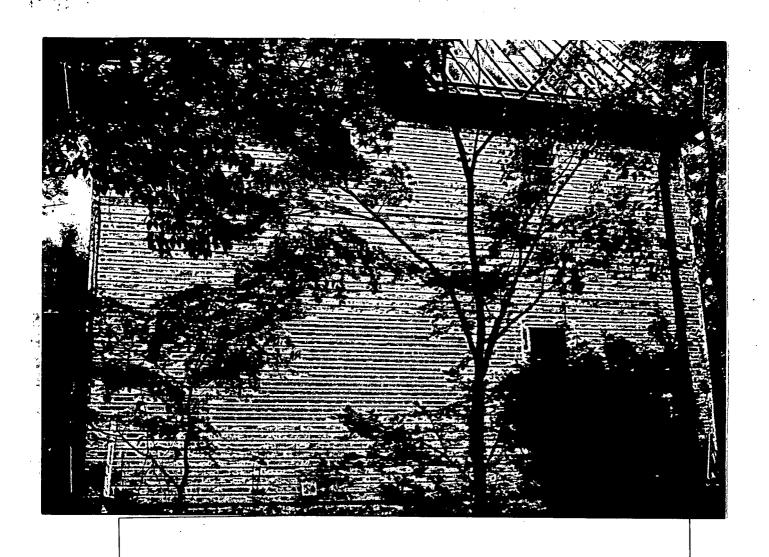
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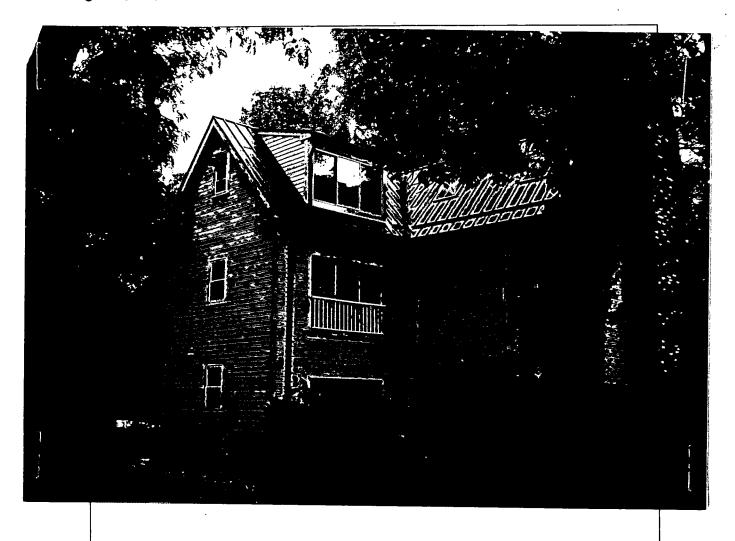


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Detail: 2309 LINDEN LANE - REAR VIEW

HPC Meeting Transcripts

December 5, 2007

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4	HISTORIC AREA WORK PERMIT - : HPC Case No. 31/06-07L 10320 Fawcett Street :		
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13	A meeting in the above-entitled matter was held or		
14.	December 5, 2007, commencing at 7:36 p.m., in the MRO		
15	Auditorium at 8787 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland		
16	20910, before:		
17	COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN		
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19	JEFF FULLER		
20	COMMITTEE MEMBERS		
21	Lee Burstyn		
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ALSO PRESENT:

Scott Whipple Anne Fothergill Joshua Silver

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- 1 MR. RUMINSKI: At any height?
- 2 MR. FULLER: At any height. Thank you. Next on
- 3 the agenda tonight are the preliminary consultations. Could
- 4 we please have a staff report then for Case A at 2309 Linden
- 5 Lane.
- 6 MR. SILVER: Certainly. 2309 Linden Lane is a
- 7 contributing resource located in the Linden Lane Historic
- 8 District. The house is a Folk Victorian Style dating to
- 9 circa 1900. It is a two and a half story, four bay frame
- 10 structure with a standing seam metal gabled roof. It
- 11 includes a two story porch detailed with turn columns on the
- 12 first level and balusters on the second level which are
- 13 located on the front elevation.
- The second level of the porch is an open deck
- 15 /style and contains a double door with horizontal transom
- 16 light. The rear of the house contains a two story L that
- 17 was extensively remodeled in the 1980's. The house
- 18 primarily contains one over one double hung windows on all
- 19 elevations, and a later period single fixed door on the rear
- 20 elevation, and two triple sliding glass doors on the first
- 21 and second story of the left elevation.
- The house is sited on a corner lot and contains
- 23 several mature trees and vegetation. The applicant is
- 24 proposing to construct a 30 by 13 one story side addition on
- 25 the east elevation of the house. The addition is intended
- 26 to be utilized, I was corrected that it's going to be

- 1 utilized as a hobby shop and not as an office space and
- 2 workshop.
- 3 The proposed addition will be clad in German lap
- 4 wood siding sheathed with a standing seam metal roof and
- 5 contain two over two double hung wooden windows. The east
- 6 elevation will contain a single hung wooden door with a
- 7 horizontal transom light, and the north elevation will be
- 8 detailed with two wooden doors which would serve as the
- 9 primary point of entry for the side addition.
- The applicant is also proposing to construct a 15
- 11 by 15 one story addition at the rear of the house. The
- 12 proposed addition will be constructed in the corner of the
- 13 house created by the existing L and connect to the historic
- 14 massing of the house by a new lower roof section. The
- 15 addition will be detailed with a combination of wood and
- 16 German lap siding and vertical tongue and groove siding.
- 17 The walls would contain simulated divided light wooden
- 18 windows and be sheathed with a standing seam metal roof.
- 19 Staff is generally supportive of the proposed rear
- 20 addition. The design of this addition is subordinate to the
- 21 historic massing and utilizes wooden and door treatments
- 22 that are appropriate for the style of the house. The
- 23 proposed lower roof section connecting the historic massing
- of the house with a one story addition is inset
- 25 approximately one and a half feet on the west, the left
- 26 elevation, to allow the existing house to read clearly on

- 1 the side which is most visible from the public right of way:
- 2 Again, it's a corner lot.
- 3 The proposed design also maintains the concept of
- 4 differentiation between the existing house and the newer
- 5 construction. The proposed removal of the single fixed door
- 6 and windows on the rear elevation and the two triple sliding
- 7 glass doors on the left side elevation of the house were
- 8 installed as part of the remodeling effort in the 1980's.
- 9 So removal of these features will have no adverse impact on
- 10 the structure.
- These features will be replaced by one over one
- 12 double hung wooden windows to match the existing windows on
- 13 the house. And the use of the German lap and vertical
- 14 tongue and groove siding, the simulated divided light wooden
- 15 hung windows and standing seam metal roof are considered
- 16 desirable material selections. The applicant is also
- 17 proposing to use the Azek wood for the corner boards, and
- 18 staff is recommending the use of wood instead of the
- 19 synthetic Azek.
- 20 And also the addition is located at the rear of
- 21 the house. And because it is a corner lot, it will
- 22 inevitably be visible from the public right of way. As a
- 23 result of that, staff is supportive of the proposed design
- 24 of this addition as it attempts to minimize any impact on
- 25 the streetscape of the historic district by utilizing the
- 26 existing L in the house.

- 1 The other element of the application is the
- 2 proposed one story side addition, The front plane of the
- 3 proposed addition is set back one and a half feet from the
- 4 front of the historic massing, and I'd also like to add that
- 5 this is probably the component of this preliminary or this
- 6 proposal that is of staff's greatest concern, as the
- 7 commission does not generally support side addition.
- 8 It's significantly smaller in scale than the
- 9 house, but it would be a very visible side addition. So
- 10 staff has met with the applicant and discussed the use of
- 11 the proposed addition, that now has, has been corrected as a
- 12 hobby shop, not a workshop or office. And staff had
- 13 recommended the applicant consider a detached building on
- 14 another part of the property to satisfy the need for his
- 15 additional work space. However, since meeting with the
- 16 applicant, staff has spoken extensively with the project
- 17 architect who explained the construction of a detached
- 18 building on this property would be problematic for meeting
- 19 the county building setback requirements.
- 20 And then staff's other concern with the side
- 21 addition was the appearance of the existing gravel driveway.
- 22 If a side addition was constructed, the driveway which
- 23 currently serves as the primary parking area for the
- 24 residence would just kind of terminate at this side
- 25 addition. This would give sort of this uncharacteristic
- 26 effect of an attached single car garage which is not

- 1 typically found in the historic district.
- I know the applicant is here. I don't see his
- 3 architect, but I know that they wanted to discuss the design
- 4 strategy for the side addition and find an alternative that
- 5 the HPC would approve. I do, of course, have a slide
- 6 presentation I can share with you as well.
- 7 MR. FULLER: Please, why don't we go through that
- 8 quickly?
- 9 MR. SILVER: We're currently lacking a microphone
- 10 at the moment, but I can move through these rather quickly.
- 11 So I think the other important thing I think here too really
- 12 quick is that this property is located on the edge of the
- 13 historic district, of the Linden Historic District, meaning
- 14 this section over here is outside of the historic district.
- 15 And this is just looking at it from the rear.
- The front elevation. This, of course, is where
- 17 the side addition is being proposed. And then a couple of
- 18 rear elevation shots. And then the last one, this would be,
- 19 this is taken from Linden Lane from the street, obviously
- 20 facing west as the slide indicates. And this section right
- 21 here is where the side addition is proposed. And that's all
- 22 I have for slides.
- MR. FULLER: Are there questions for staff at this
- 24 point? Would the applicant please come forward. Welcome,
- 25 if you would state your name for the record and you'll have
- 26 seven minutes this evening.

- 1 MR. CHABUK: The name is H. Basri Chabuk. I lived
- 2 at this house since 1977 and for all these years every time
- 3 I came to the side of this house, it looked like a
- 4 warehouse. It had no detail. It looked plain like a wall
- 5 of a castle. And after all these years we came up with the
- 6 architect and myself, this addition that would be a hobby
- 7 shop dash shed. I don't have a shed in this house for the
- 8 wheelbarrows, rakes, shelves. Everything is in the
- 9 basement.
- 10 So, not only for the practical use of the
- 11 addition, but we thought this addition adds to the character
- 12 of the house. Of course, it's based on our own taste, our
- 13 own pleasure. So as far as some of the staff report, being
- 14 set back from the front corner, it's two and a half feet,
- 15 not one and a half. And this driveway has been there all
- 16 the way to the back corner of the house. As far as I know,
- 17 it was there when we moved in. I believe it was there
- 18 hundred seven years since the house was built.
- Now with this addition, originally I dreamed of
- 20 having a garage, but I talked to the previous staff, Michele
- 21 Oaks, some about a year ago, and she said no way a garage.
- 22 It's an historic house. So we gave up on the garage. And
- 23 we put a window and because it has been a driveway all these
- 24 years, I mean, yes, Mr. Silver came over and saw it's a
- 25 gravel, you know, driveway all the way to the edge of this
- 26 addition. But we have about four or five feet of area in

- 1 front of this proposed addition that can be always, very
- 2 easily because it's a gravel, we can shovel the gravel away
- 3 and put some Evergreens.
- 4 So I like it very much. The architect is a well
- 5 seasoned architect in historical properties. I think he's
- 6 been working on several projects right now in Takoma Park.
- 7 We think it's a good project. I hope you do too.
- 8 MR. FULLER: Thank you. Are there questions for
- 9 the applicant?
- 10 MR. DUFFY: I have a couple of questions. Is the
- 11 gravel drive shown on the site plan Circle 8? Is everything
- 12 that's paving shown there existing currently?
- MR. CHABUK: Yes. It's gravel, yes. And also,
- 14 it's not the primary parking that I would pull up all the
- 15 way to the front of this addition. The primary parking is
- 16 in the front of the house where we pull in.
- 17 MR. DUFFY: But the turn around and everything
- 18 shown on Circle 8 for the paving is there already?
- 19 MR. CHABUK: Okay, on the picture right there,
- 20 that area where we park way back towards the house and pull
- 21 out forward. But the parking is right in front where that
- 22 alarm sign is.
- 23 MR. DUFFY: Okay. I just want to be clear that
- 24 you're not proposing to expand that. My next question is,
- 25 what is the rear yard setback?
- 26 MR CHABUK: Rear yard setback. Well, I think it's

- 1 about 40 feet or something. Maybe 50 feet.
- MR. DUFFY: What I don't understand is the staff
 - 3 has said that your architect is saying that a detached
 - 4 structure behind the building, the existing house, as
 - 5 opposed to added to the side of it, is not feasible because
 - 6 of setbacks.
 - 7 MR. CHABUK: Oh. That I think, I mean, I wish he
 - 8 was here. Maybe he's still coming because of the snow maybe
 - 9 he's delayed, but I think he thought the separate in the
- 10 addition, and like to the right. We don't have the setback
- 11 to the right. We have setback in the back.
- MR. DUFFY: Well, right now you're showing that
- 13 it's 10 feet from the proposed to the side.
- MR. CHABUK: Yes.
- MR. DUFFY: So, presumably the side yard setback
- 16 is no more than 10 feet.
- 17 MR. CHABUK: Well, the requirement is seven feet.
- 18 I checked with the permitting services.
- MR. DUFFY: Okay. So seven foot side yard
- 20 setback. I don't understand why it would be a problem based
- 21 on setbacks to push this workshop back behind the back plane
- 22 of the house.
- MR. CHABUK: Well, number one, there are all these
- 24 mature trees. We have to cut down quite a lot of trees, and
- 25 it will cost much more, you know, money wise. And this is
- 26 not a garage. I plan to build a garage, you know, down the

- 1 road in the back. My next door neighbor is here. She
- 2 already has a carriage house approved by this commission.
- 3 I'd like to copy the same carriage house in the back. This
- 4 addition is, I'm a cabinetmaker by trade. I had a business
- 5 for 32 years. I'm in the process of getting ready and
- 6 retire. I thought it would be nice to have a shed right
- 7 next to the house and eventually have a garage carriage
- 8 house in the back very similar to my next door neighbor's
- 9 approved plans. That would be the garage.
- 10 MR. JESTER: And if you did that separate
- 11 structure, how would you access that?
- MR. CHABUK: Well, the architect suggested from
- 13 the side, here place sidewalk.
- MR. DUFFY: Well, it sounds like that would affect
- 15 a lot of mature trees.
- MR. CHABUK: It would be what?
- MR. DUFFY: It sounds like that would affect a lot
- 18 of mature trees.
- 19 MR. CHABUK: Well, it would affect, if you know,
- 20 no matter what we do, it would affect the trees, yes. If
- 21 this addition is not approved and then I have to do it in
- 22 the backyard, yes, we would cut a few trees. If we build a
- 23 carriage house, we would have to cut a few trees.
- 24 MR. DUFFY: If the mass of the side addition
- 25 proposed were pushed back such that its front face were
- 26 approximately five feet behind the back plane of the house,

- 1 do you know approximately how many trees would be affected?
- 2 MR. CHABUK: There is no trees here. This is just
- 3 a blank -- where we're proposing to build right now, there's
- 4 already concrete slab there. There is no tree. We're not
- 5 cutting any trees right now.
- 6 MR. DUFFY: No. I mean, if it moved back --
- 7 MR. CHABUK: Five feet?
- 8 MR. DUFFY: If it moved back a total of about 35
- 9 feet.
- 10 MR. CHABUK: Thirty-five feet away from the house
- 11 or 35 feet from where it is?
- MR. DUFFY: If the front plane of the proposed
- 13 side addition were approximately five feet behind the back
- 14 of the house, do you know approximately how many trees would
- 15 be affected?
- MR. CHABUK: I would guess at least four.
- MR. DUFFY: Do we have any better images to give
- 18 us an idea of that?
- MR. CHABUK: All the trees at the end of the
- 20 driveway, yes.
- MR. SILVER: So, yeah, the concrete slab, the
- 22 gravel driveway, the concrete slab, and then there's a set
- 23 of trees that begin right there.
- MR. CHABUK: Yes. And it's about a 22,000 square
- 25 foot lot. So we have a backyard where we'd like to build a
- 26 carriage house.

- 1 MR. SILVER: If you look at the top left,
- 2 Commissioner Duffy, on the left of the house there you see
- 3 the tree leaning in, those trees are, the one leaning in is
- 4 toward the concrete drive, back part of the concrete drive.
- 5 MR. DUFFY: Okay, thank you.
- 6 MR. FULLER: Other questions?
- 7 MR: CHABUK: And also, may I say this that we
- 8 weren't looking at this addition just for storing things or
- 9 a hobby. We believe it really takes away this European
- 10 Chateau towering look, give it some depth. We felt, the
- 11 architect felt it adds to the house. It's not just having
- 12 so many square foot of a workshop. It was, we thought it,
- 13 we're adding to the way the house looks, and we thought this
- 14 balancing it.
- MR. ROTENSTEIN: I have a question for the
- 16 applicant and perhaps staff. Is there any evidence that
- 17 there was a window in that east side gable and wall at any
- 18 time?
- MR. CHABUK: East side?
- MR. ROTENSTEIN: The side that's the blank, there
- 21 are no piercings in that wall.
- MR. CHABUK: Well, that's a bathroom window.
- 23 MR. ROTENSTEIN: No. Josh, could you get the
- 24 slide, the oblique. There you go. Is there any evidence
- 25 there was a first floor window at any point in that wall?
- MR. CHABUK: The kitchen window?

- 1 MR. SILVER: Not to my knowledge. I would direct
- 2 that to the applicant.
- 3 MR. CHABUK: That's a kitchen window. Has been
- 4 there since --
- 5 MR. ROTENSTEIN: No. In the front block of the
- 6 house towards the front.. Right in that area.
- 7 MR. CHABUK: There was no window.
- 8 MR. ROTENSTEIN: And I can see your point.
- 9 MR. CHABUK: I mean, right now if you permit us to
- 10 build this addition, we would be blocking that kitchen
- 11 window on the first floor and we're proposing a matching
- 12 window exactly on the outside wall of the addition. There
- 13 is nothing else being blocked except here on the side.
- MR. JESTER: And your plan is accurate, that is to
- 15 say that there's no connection between this office/workshop
- 16 and the house? There are no doors proposed between the --
- MR. CHABUK: No.
- MR. JESTER: So really it's kind of acting as a
- 19 garage/workshop that just happens to be abutted to the --
- MR. CHABUK: Well, we gave up the garage a year
- 21 ago. So it's going to be a hobby shop for me. I'm a
- 22 cabinetmaker by trade, and so, and shed. Like I said, all
- 23 the rakes and shovels and wheelbarrow, everything is in the
- 24 basement. So, like I said, I like to in a few years build a
- 25 carriage house in the back corner of the lot similar to my
- 26 neighbor's which was approved already. She is here, by the

- 1 way, if you'd like to talk to her. And I think Mr. Silver
- 2 is familiar with that approved carriage house addition. So
- 3 having this addition also leaves space for me for the later
- 4 carriage house addition.
- 5 MR. FULLER: Other questions for the applicant?
- 6 MR. DUFFY: If you could build the carriage house
- 7 now, would you rather do that than build the addition?
- 8 MR. CHABUK: No, because carriage house is going
- 9 to cost some money, and this is very simple, easy, fast and,
- 10 you know, something that can be done in two months.
- 11 Carriage house would be a little bit costly. Because the
- 12 carriage house that my neighbor approved has a loft, like
- 13 living quarters in the second floor. It's a little bit more
- 14 than just a garage.
- MR. DUFFY: So, but this is described as two and a
- 16 half story addition. So basically, --
- 17 MR. CHABUK: Is it? It's one floor. Where do you
- 18 see that?
- 19 MR. DUFFY: Maybe I'm reading wrong.
- 20 MR. SILVER: You're reading the description of the
- 21 house.
- 22 MR. DUFFY: I'm sorry. The house is two and a
- 23 half stories. That's right. So basically, this is a one
- 24 story, one floor addition, but inside, not that we're
- 25 usually concerned, but from the outside it's going from the
- 26 front, the outside is going to look like an addition to the

- 1 house when in effect on the inside it's really just going to
- 2 be an attached shed, is that correct?
- MR. CHABUK: Physically it will be free standing,
- 4 but it is attached because there will not be any gap between
- 5 the existing house, but no load will be carried by the
- 6 original house. There will be, you know, another wall of
- 7 this addition against the house.
- 8 MR. DUFFY: Will you be able to get from inside of
- 9 the existing house into this addition without going outside?
- 10 MR. CHABUK: No. Only way we would do it by
- 11 really destroying the inside of the dining room and the
- 12 kitchen, and it would be really unwise.
- MR. DUFFY: So basically it's just going to be a
- 14 framed structure --
- MR. CHABUK: Yes.
- 16 MR. DUFFY: -- with a facade on the outside to
- 17 look like part of the house.
- 18 MR. CHABUK: Yes. But it will not, it will be
- 19 free standing. All the load will be carried by the
- 20 concrete. It will be bolted or screwed to the existing
- 21 house so that, I read the staff report that at any time if
- 22 this addition was removed, there will not be any marks on
- 23 the existing house except maybe some caulk marks.
- MR. DUFFY: Are you going to have heat and air
- 25 conditioning out there?
- 26 MR. CHABUK: No. We may have a space heater if

- 1 I'm doing something there in winter.
- 2 MR. FULLER: Okay, at this point what I'd like to
- 3 do is sort of go down the line of commissioners and let them
- 4 provide you the input. We'll try to summarize it so that,
- 5 hopefully give you a consensus.
- 6 MR. JESTER: I guess, my point of view, I
- 7 generally find the, we talked a lot about the side addition.
- 8 We haven't talked at all about the rear addition. I
- 9 generally find the rear addition to be pretty sympathetic
- 10 and comfortable with this house. I think it's a nice
- 11 design. As far as the side addition, I guess I have a
- 12 little bit of concern about, not so much about whether
- 13 there's an addition on the side of the house, but where it's
- 14 located.
- 15 I think the two and a half feet that's shown where
- 16 the setback is from the front of the house, I don't think
- 17 that's adequate. I think you quite a bit more than that to
- 18 have kind of the legibility of the original mass of the
- 19 house. I think what was very evident in the very first
- 20 photograph is a very nice Victorian house kind of sitting in
- 21 the landscape, and I think the addition should be a little
- 22 bit more, set back quite a bit more if that's possible.
- In other words, Commissioner Duffy suggested
- 24 moving it back as a detached structure, but I'm wondering if
- 25 it couldn't be pushed back, maybe still attached, but more
- 26 towards the rear of the house.

- 1 MR. CHABUK: Well, it could be if this commission
- 2 tells us to do that, we will do it. But we were following,
- 3 if you look at the drawing, the peak of the existing house
- 4 with the peak of the addition. We were using the house as a
- 5 guide.
- 6 MR. JESTER: I understand that.
- 7 MR. CHABUK: We would not be following that, but
- 8 we can do that. And the architect is here so maybe he can
- 9 start explaining.
- MR. TRESEDER: Paul Treseder.
- MR. FULLER: Basically, I think we have a fairly
- 12 good understanding of what the application is in front of
- 13 us. I think your documents are very straightforward.
- 14 There's been concern expressed, or most of the discussion
- 15 has been on the side addition. Commissioner Jester, who I
- 16 believe you heard his comments. At this point what we're
- 17 really trying to do is just go down and give you the input
- 18 from the commission. We'll try to sum it up in the end as
- 19 to what's there.
- 20 MS. MILES: I would agree that the rear addition
- 21 is sympathetic and appropriate massing and appropriate
- 22 placement, and uses well the existing L. But I feel pretty
- 23 strongly that the side addition needs to be relocated. I
- 24 wouldn't even want to see it pushed back behind the plane.
- 25 I would like to see it relocated to the rear. You have a
- 26 very large rear yard, and it's hard for me to perceive

1 exactly where the trees are. But I suspect there might be a

- 2 way to make this work that would allow you to achieve your
- 3 program without creating a asymmetrical front elevation
- 4 where symmetry is plainly like the dominant theme of the
- 5 house. I really wouldn't want to see the side addition.
- 6 And my little usual pet peeve, I actually, I would
- 7 propose, I'd suggest that if you're going to put Azek or
- 8 some other artificial product on the outside, I would
- 9 suggest that you not use real wood for the trim and the
- 10 corner boards. I think that that actually looks more
- 11 artificial when the real wood is up against the artificial
- 12 product.
- MR. ROTENSTEIN: I attend to agree with
- 14 Commissioner Miles. This is a very nice characteristic turn
- 15 of the 20th Century Folk Victorian house that reads very
- 16 well in its front facade symmetry: I too would prefer to
- 17 see it in the rear detached from the house. Commissioner
- 18 Jester had some good points about pushing it back, building
- 19 off of Commissioner Duffy's comments and attaching it or
- 20 locating it next to the rear L, though that's going to still
- 21 be visible from the street, and I think that would not only
- 22 diminish the integrity of this property, but also diminish
- 23 the integrity of the streetscape and the surrounding
- 24 historic district.
- The rear addition, I think that's perfectly
- 26 sympathetic with the existing historic house and I don't

- 1 have any comments about that. But I would prefer on a
- 2 property like this to not have a side addition that is
- 3 visible, and especially as visible as the one we have before
- 4 us.
- 5 MR. DUFFY: I agree with the previous three
- 6 commissioners. I'm positive about the rear addition. I
- 7 think what's shown here is fine and I don't have any real
- 8 negative comments about that. I do think that the side
- 9 addition should be behind the rear plane of the house as I
- 10 was saying before. And I also think that that opens up an
- 11 opportunity you might want to think about which is that, as
- 12 it is right now you'd have to walk outside to get into that
- 13 addition.
- 14 If it were a detached structure several feet
- 15 behind the rear plane of the house, you could have a covered
- 16 walk connecting into your stoop in the back. So you might
- 17 get a benefit out of doing that.
- 18 MR. FULLER: Commissioner Burstyn.
- MR. BURSTYN: I would say it's all right as it is.
- I don't care for the copula on top.
- MR. TRESEDER: I was going to ask about that. I
- 22 wasn't sure about it either. I thought it was a little
- 23 much.
- MR. BURSTYN: I was wondering if it's functional
- 25 or is it just decor?
- MR. TRESEDER: No, it was very functional and

- 1 that's what, that was the inspiration for it was getting a
- 2 whole house fan because it's a non air conditioning space,
- 3 we wanted to do natural ventilation. But we can achieve
- 4 that by other methods. So yes, that was one thing actually
- 5 I was looking for some feedback on that specifically.
- If I can just mention something that is a
- 7 consideration in designing. As you probably know the
- 8 Montgomery County zoning requires any structure that's
- 9 physically detached to be beyond the rear plane of the
- 10 house. So as soon as this becomes a detached structure, it,
- 11 by definition, would have to go behind the rear plane of the
- 12 house which in that case would actually be behind the rear
- 13 plane of the rear addition.
- 14 And I was sort of, as I was sitting here
- 15 listening, I was thinking that if it could shove back into
- 16 the rear corner of the existing house and have a nice little
- 17 connection to that stoop, then it would still have, because
- 18 we have a physical attachment, it wouldn't have to meet that
- 19 requirement. And yet it would still be beyond the back
- 20 plane of the existing house, although not beyond the back
- 21 plane of the proposed rear addition.
- MR. JESTER: What's the rear yard set back
- 23 requirement?
- MR. TRESEDER: Twenty feet.
- MR. JESTER: So is part of the reason why you
- 26 don't want to detach it is because you're trying to preserve

- 1 some space for the future carriage house?
- 2 MR. TRESEDER: I think so. But I just wanted to
- 3 make sure that that is part of my, works into my
- 4 calculations.
- 5 MR. FULLER: Let me just finish going through the
- 6 commissioners opinions of things. Personally, I would
- 7 concur with everybody else as it relates to the rear
- 8 addition. I think it's appropriate as proposed. I think
- 9 the detailing is starting to come together nicely. I think
- 10 I could be convinced of a side addition that might be able
- 11 to work, but this is certainly not it.
- I definitely would want to see it further back. I
- 13 would definitely want it not look a shed that's been pushed
- 14 on the side of the house, and I kind of have a problem with
- 15 the shed program just being pushed on the side of the house.
- 16 So, from my perspective, it would take a lot of convincing
- 17 and I definitely would recommend you coming back personally
- 18 for a second preliminary if you really wanted to pursue
- 19 that. I'd prefer to see this, because the function really
- 20 is the kind of things that most people would put in a
- 21 carriage house or put into a shed to make it a detached
- 22 piece.
- That being said, I think what you've heard tonight
- 24 is three commissioners are very strongly opposed to having
- 25 the addition of any size on the side of the house. You
- 26 heard one commissioner say that they would accept it as

- 1 proposed, and you've heard two say that maybe in some
- 2 configuration it could be proposed. So certainly your path
- 3 of least resistance is something not on the side of the
- 4 house.
- 5 The rear addition, I think, if that were to come
- 6 back in front of us, I'd suggest you could come straight
- 7 back in with a HAWP on that.
- MR. TRESEDER: One reason why, I'm familiar with
- 9 the fact that additions are preferred in the rear. I mean,
- 10 that's right in the ordinance. But because this was a
- 11 category, a contributing resource as opposed to a primary
- 12 resource, I thought there was a little bit more give. Was
- 13 that under consideration. I mean, I know that you like the
- 14 house, but it's not considered a number one category.
- MR. FULLER: I can't speak for all the
- 16 commissioners at this point, but I think that probably
- 17 entered into some of those that were more favorable to
- 18 saying that something could be done. But, as I said, I
- 19 think you're hearing there's very much of a mixed opinion as
- 20 to whether any side addition would be approvable. I think
- 21 that's probably about as much as we're going to be able to
- 22 give you tonight.
- 23 MR. TRESEDER: Sounds like it, yes. It sounds
- 24 very straightforward. Thank you.
- 25 MR. FULLER: Thank you. Next this evening is Case
- 26 B, the Brookville Road alterations. Is there a staff



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APPLICATION FOR HISTORIC AREA WORK PERMIT

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Daytime Phone No.: 301.320-1580 Tax Account No.: 00 95 2708 Tax Account No.: 00 95 2708
Name of Property Owner: Hasan Bashi Chabuk Daytime Phone No.: (202) 291-0529 Address 9.309 LINDEN LANE SILVER SPRING 20910 Contractor Registration No.: Agent for Owner: LOCATION OF BUILDING/PREMISE House Number: 2309 WHOER LANE Town/Gity: SILVER SPUNG Nearest Cross Street: HALE PLACE Black: 4 Subdivision: LIHOEN FORES PART ONE: TYPE OF PERMIT ACTION AND USE CHECK ALL APPLICABLE: 1A. CHECK ALL APPLICABLE: AC Slab Room Addition Porch Deck Shed Construct D Extend D Alter/Renovate ☐ Solar ☐ Fireplace ☐ Woodburning Stove ☐ Move 🗀 Install 1" Wreck/Raze ☐ Fence Well (complete Section 4) ☐ Other: ☐ Revocable 🗌 Hepair C Revision 18. Construction cost estimate: \$ 1C. If this is a revision of a previously approved active permit, see Permit #_ PART TWO: COMPLETE FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION AND EXTEND/ADDITIONS DI WSSC Type of servage disposal: 01 WSSC 02 🗀 Well 28. Type of water supply: PART THREE: COMPLETE ONLY FOR FENCE/RETAINING WALL ladicate whether the tence or retaining wall is to be constructed on one of the following locations: On public right of way/easement Con party line/property line I hereby certify that I have the authority to make the foregoing application, that the application is correct, and that the construction will comply with plans Oct 15, 2007 H. Barri Chalenh For Chairperson, Historic Preservation Commission

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2309 LINDON LANE, SLIVER SPRING, MD

A. Description of the existing structure and environmental setting.

The existing house is a 2 story frame structure on a large treed corner lot. It was built before 1900 in a simple farmhouse gothic style, with a symmetrical steep front gable, porch, and a 2 story ell in the back. It was remodeled in the 1980's, mainly in the rear. The neighboring houses are a mixture of a few similar vintage houses and many late 20th century houses.

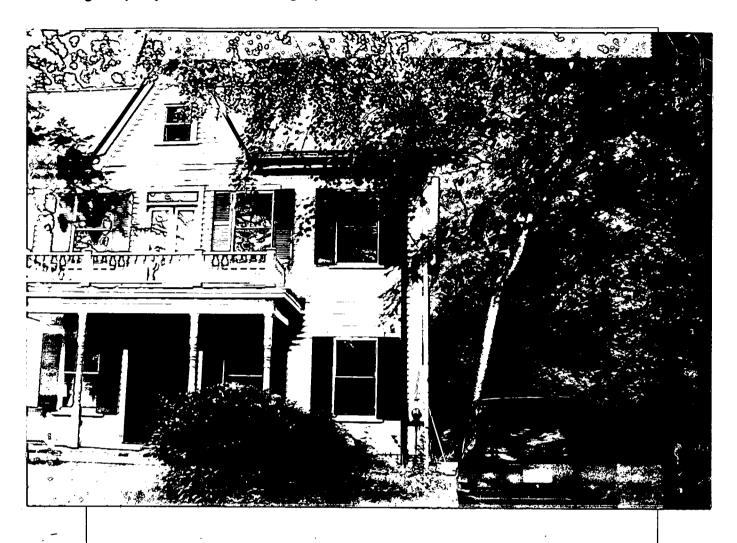
B. General description of the project and its effect on the historic resource and environmental setting.

The owner proposes to build a 1 story addition to the house. This addition consists of a family room, back porch, and shop/studio. The bulk of the addition is in the rear of the house, and is designed with its massing pulled away from the main structure and connected with a lower roofed section. This allows the existing house to read clearly and the second floor windows to remain unobstructed. This lower roofed section extends around the back of the ell to become the rear porch, and then further wraps the house on the side to cover the shop/studio. It stops 10 back from the front of the house. It is intended that the low, shallow (3:12 or less) pitched porchlike roof of this one story side extension, held behind the centerline of the main gable, not detract from the strong symmetry of the front of the main house when viewed from Linden Lane. Materials used will be wood German lap siding, wood trim, and wood double-hung sash windows. Roofing will be standing seam metal to match the existing house. Existing fixed glass and sliding glass doors in the rear from the earlier remodel will be replaced with periodappropriate double hung windows.

Also shown on the site plan, but not part of this application, is the location where the owner hopes to build a carriage house/garage, similar to the one on the adjoining property. This, along with the location of the large trees in the vicinity, is shown to

clarify the constraints on this design.

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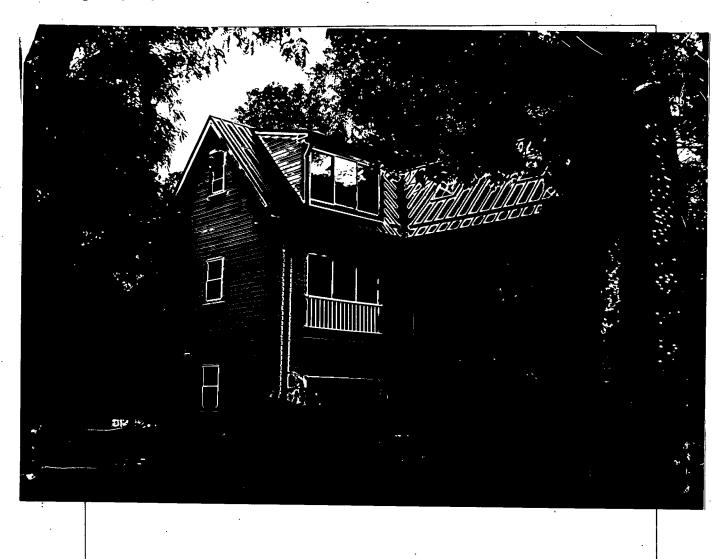
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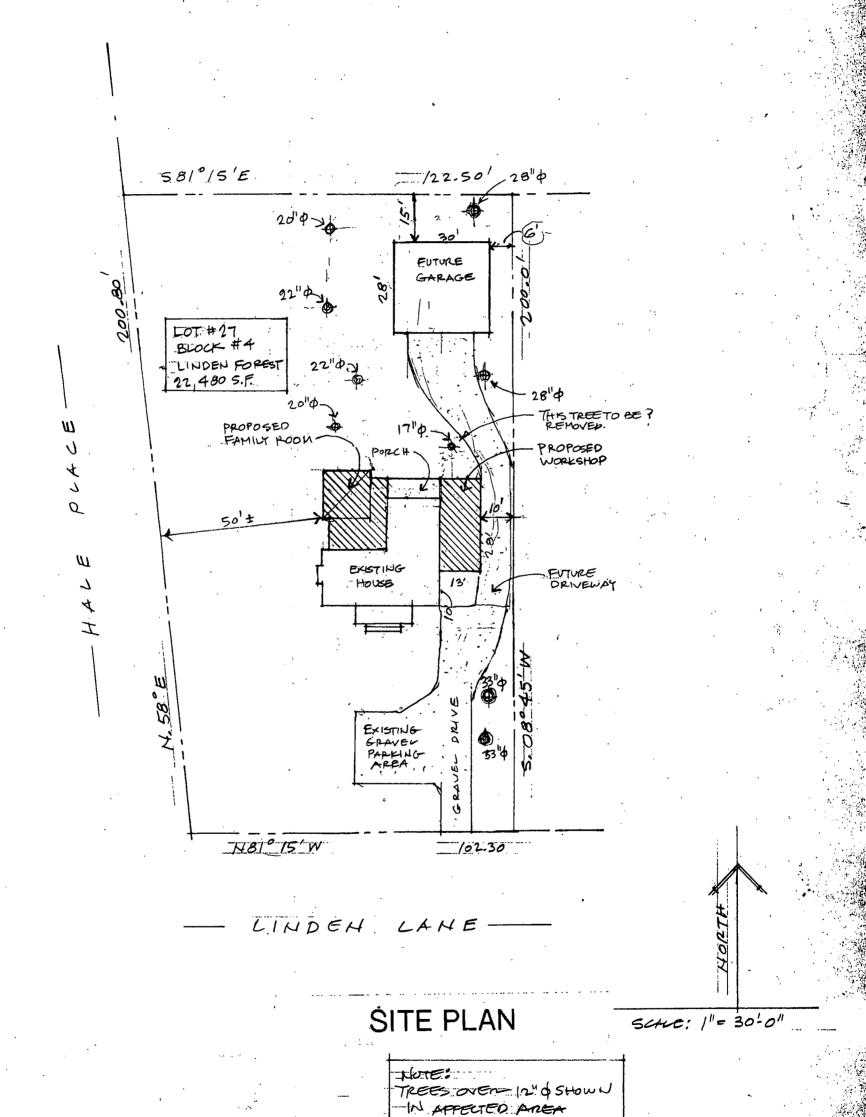


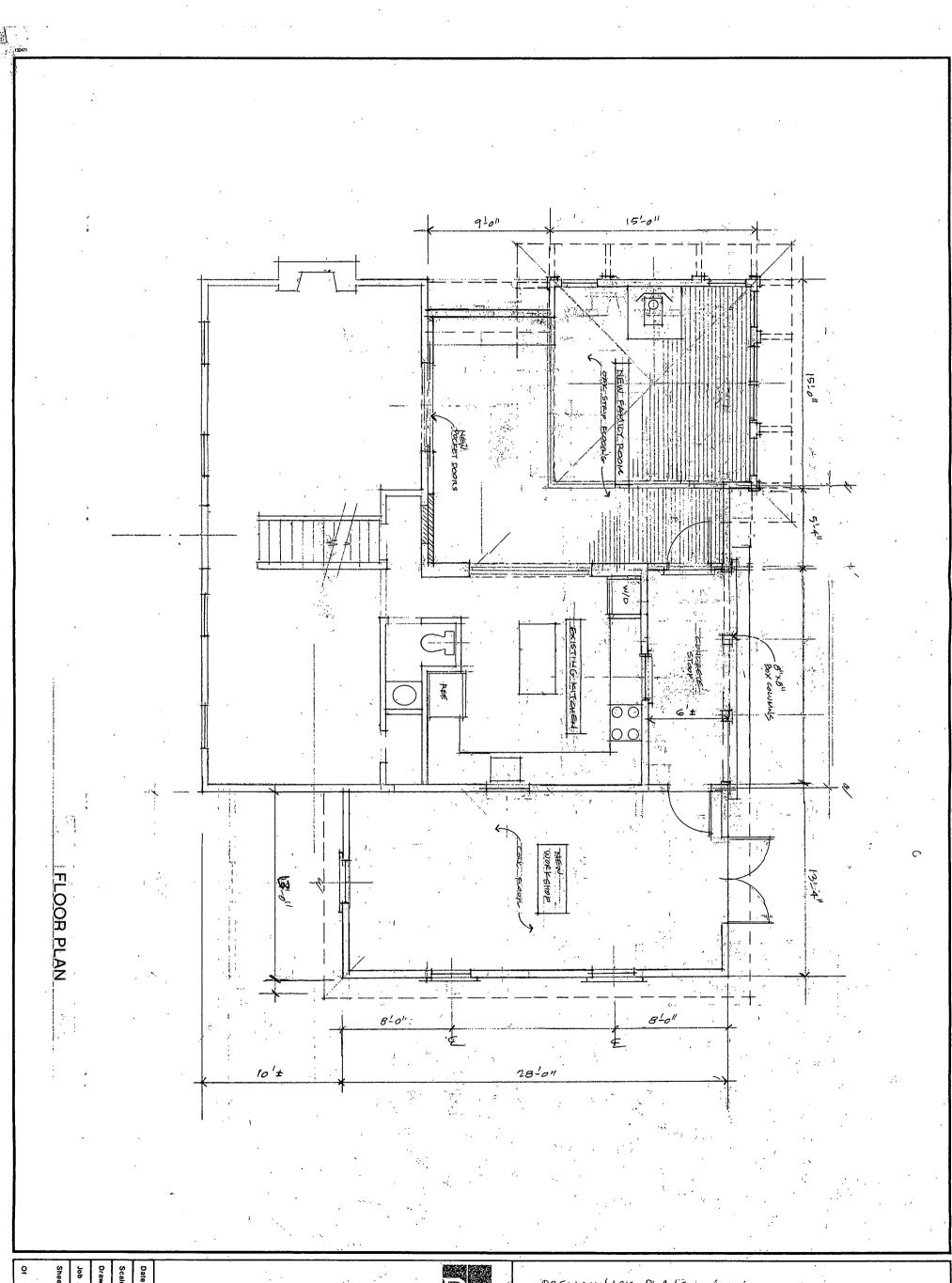
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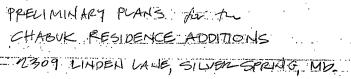
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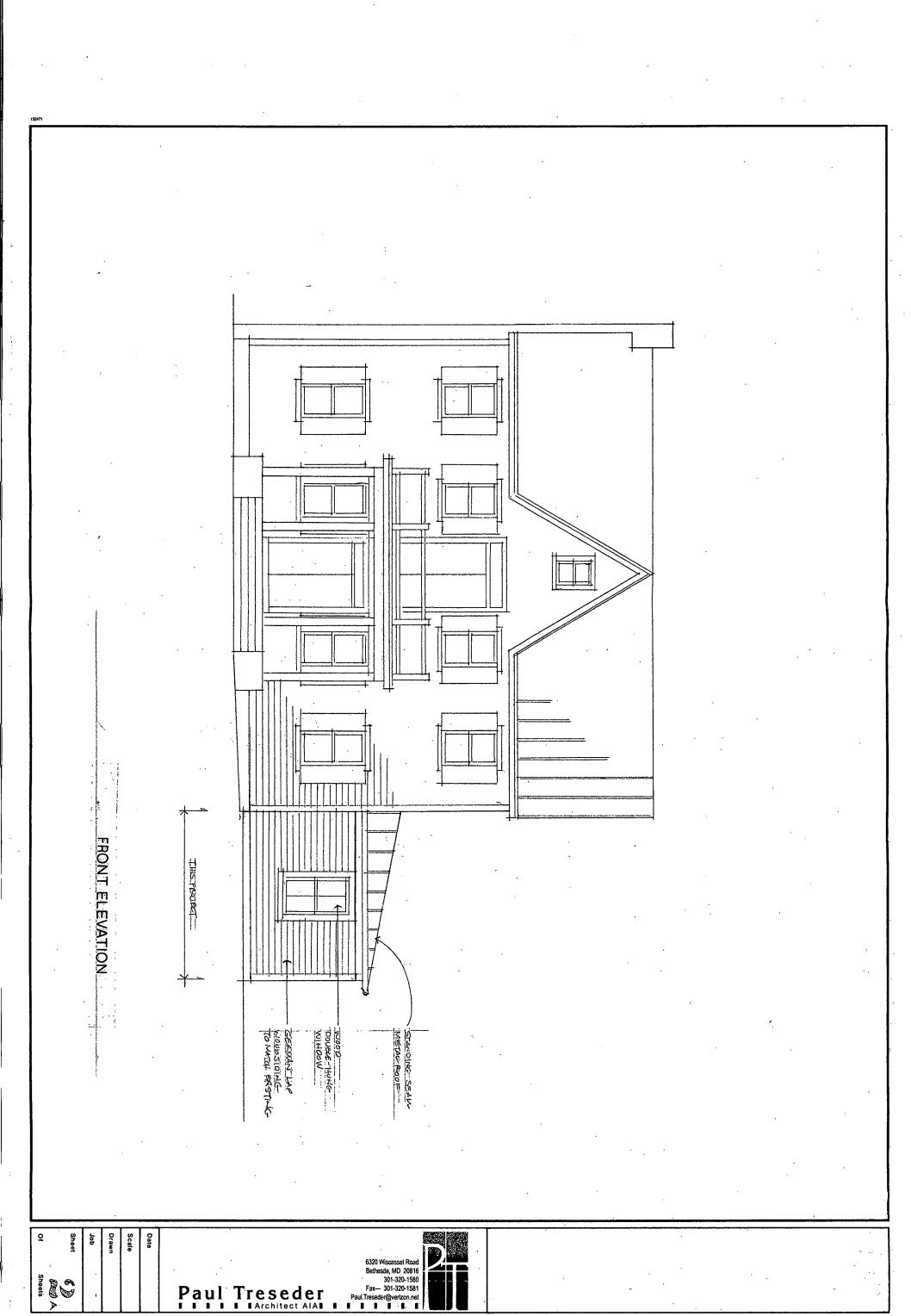
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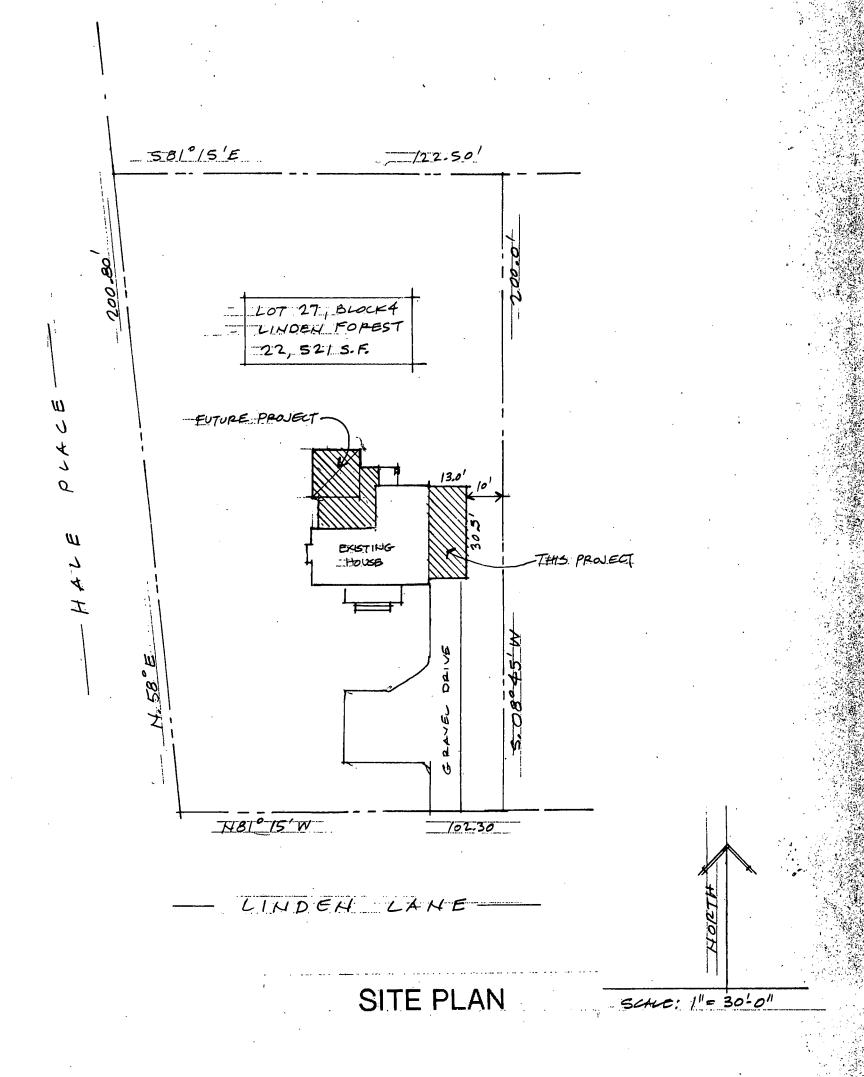


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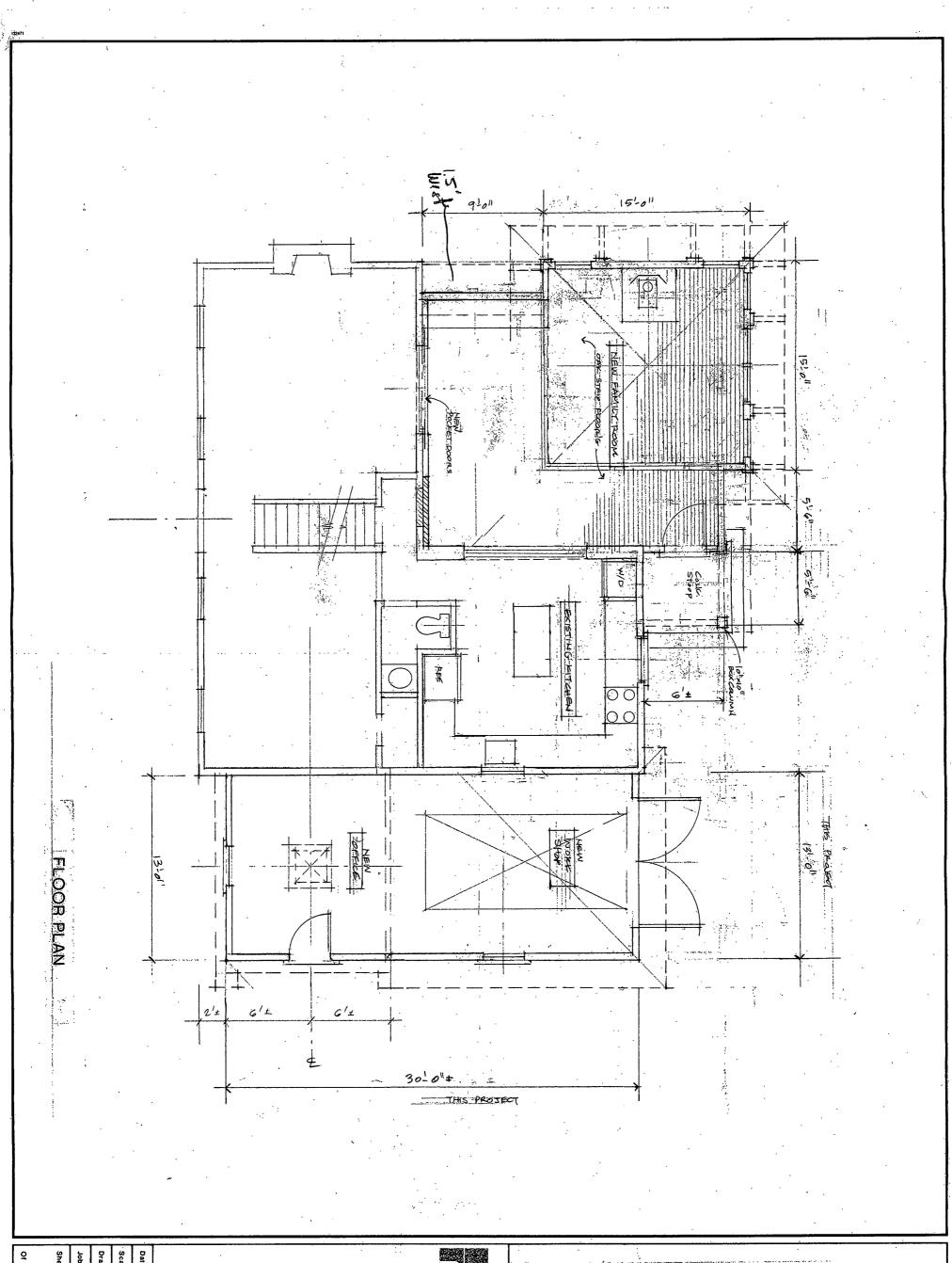
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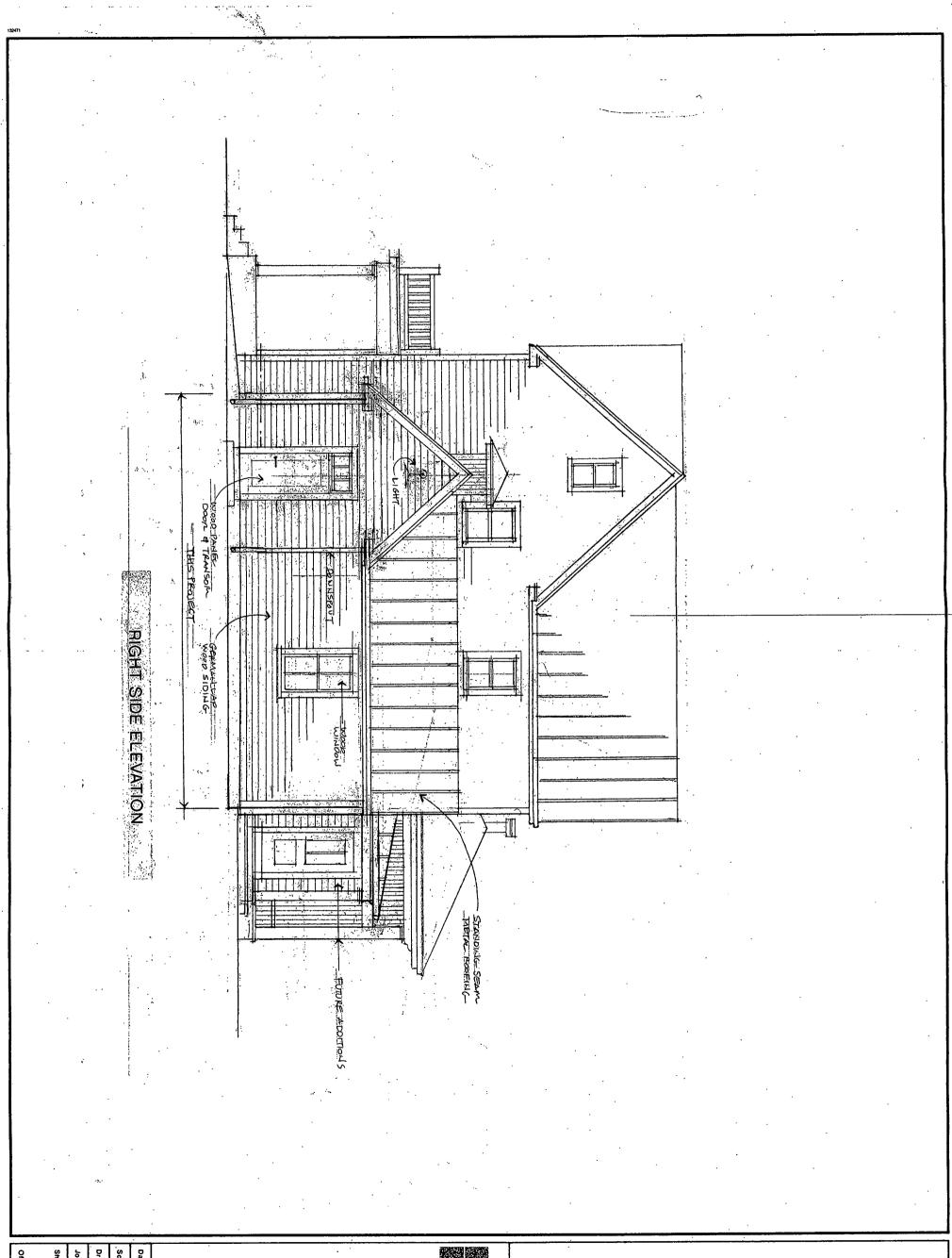
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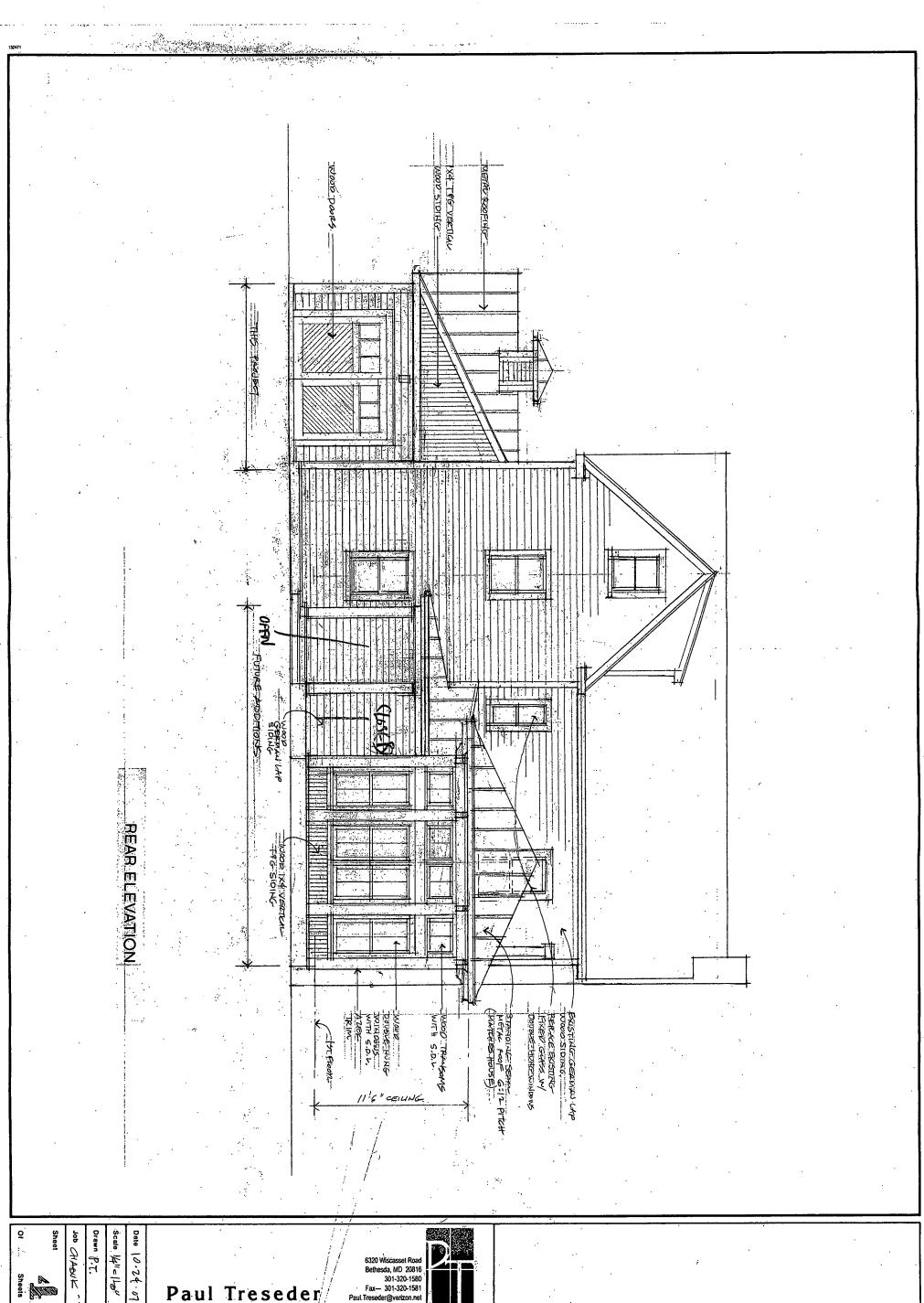
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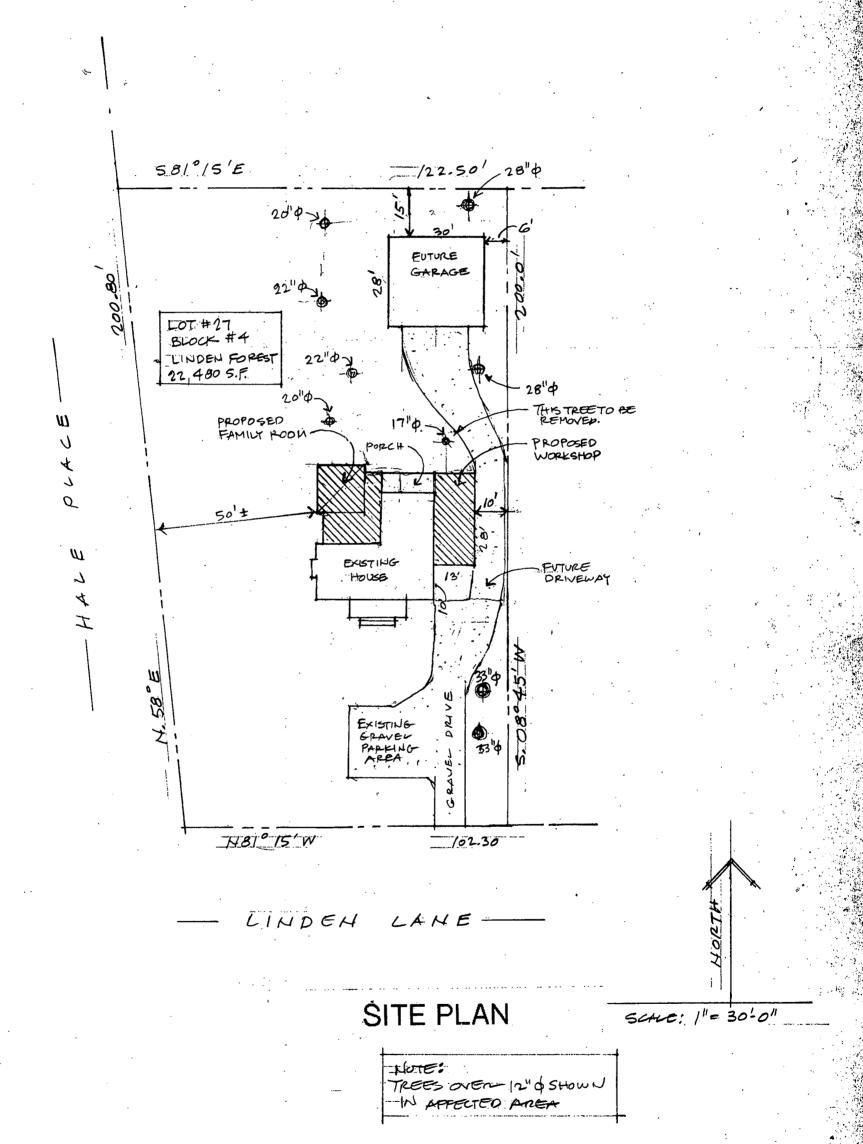


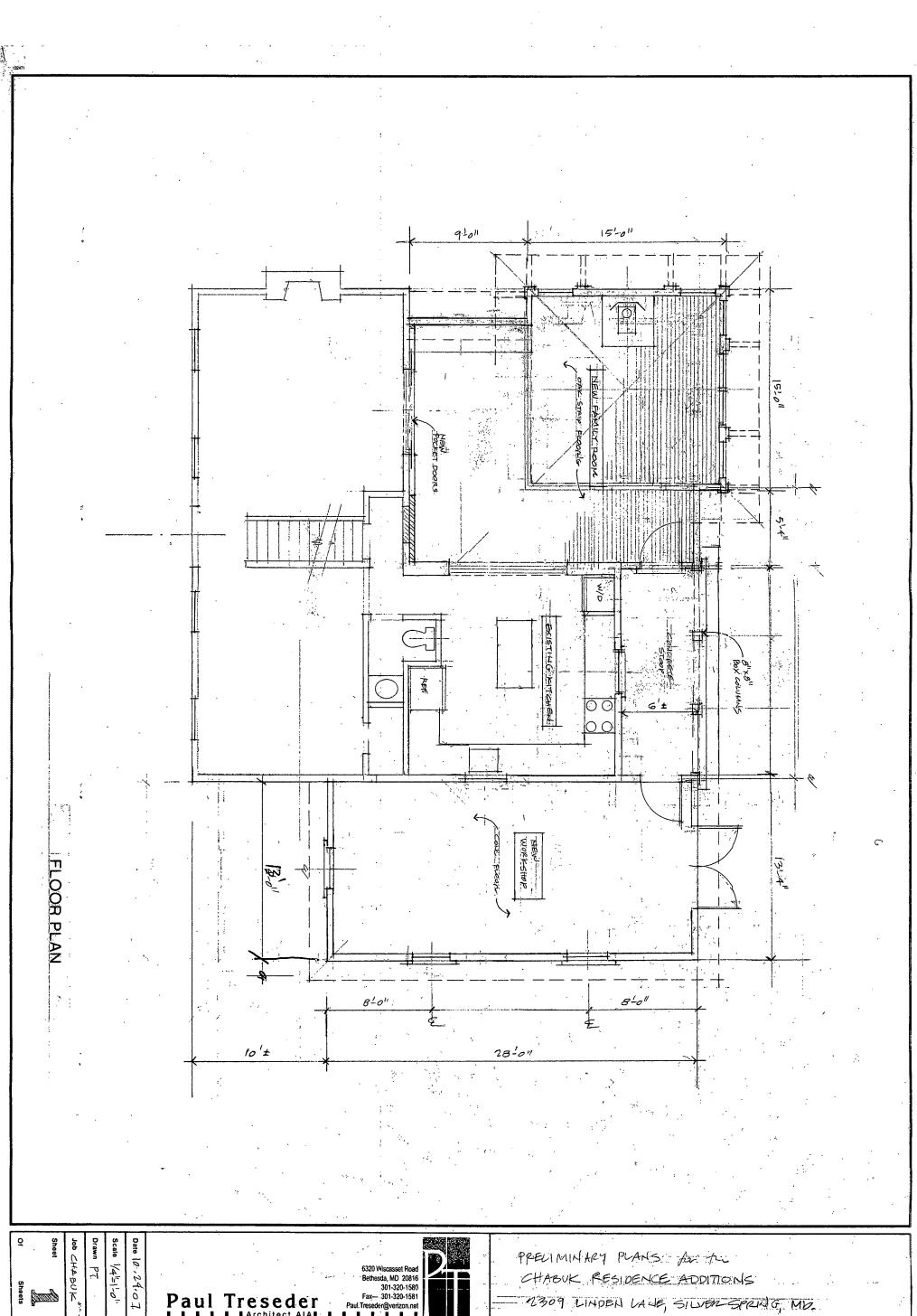


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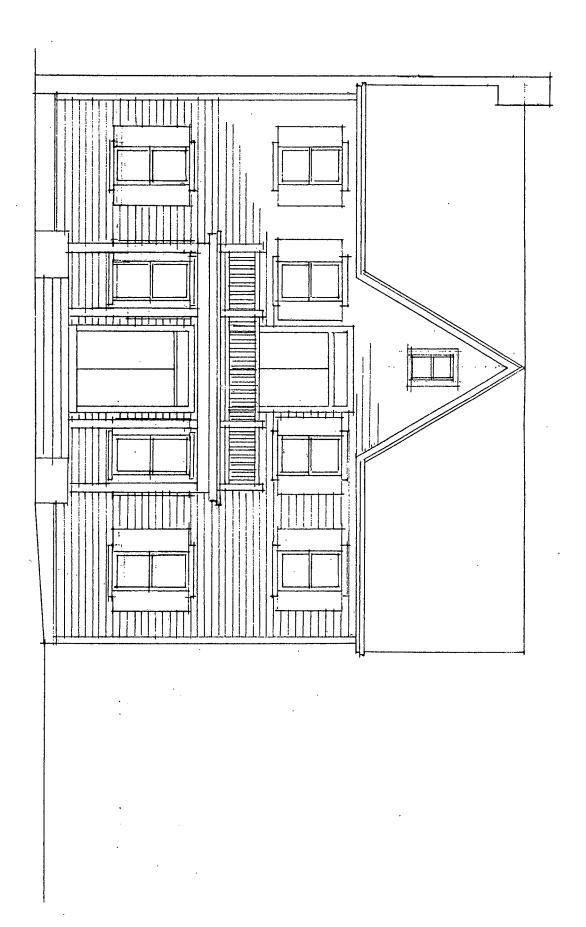
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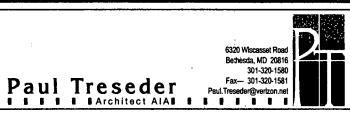
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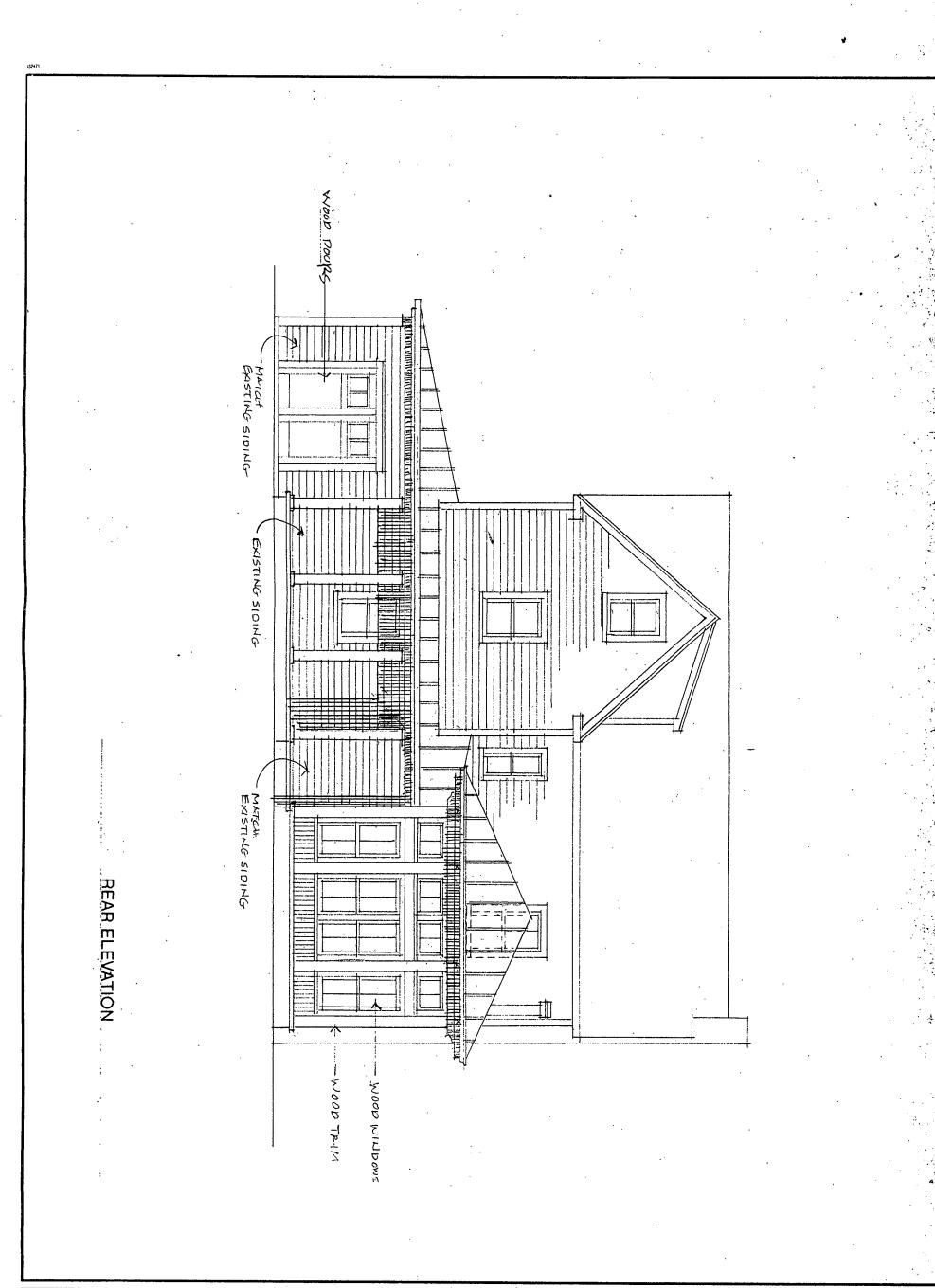


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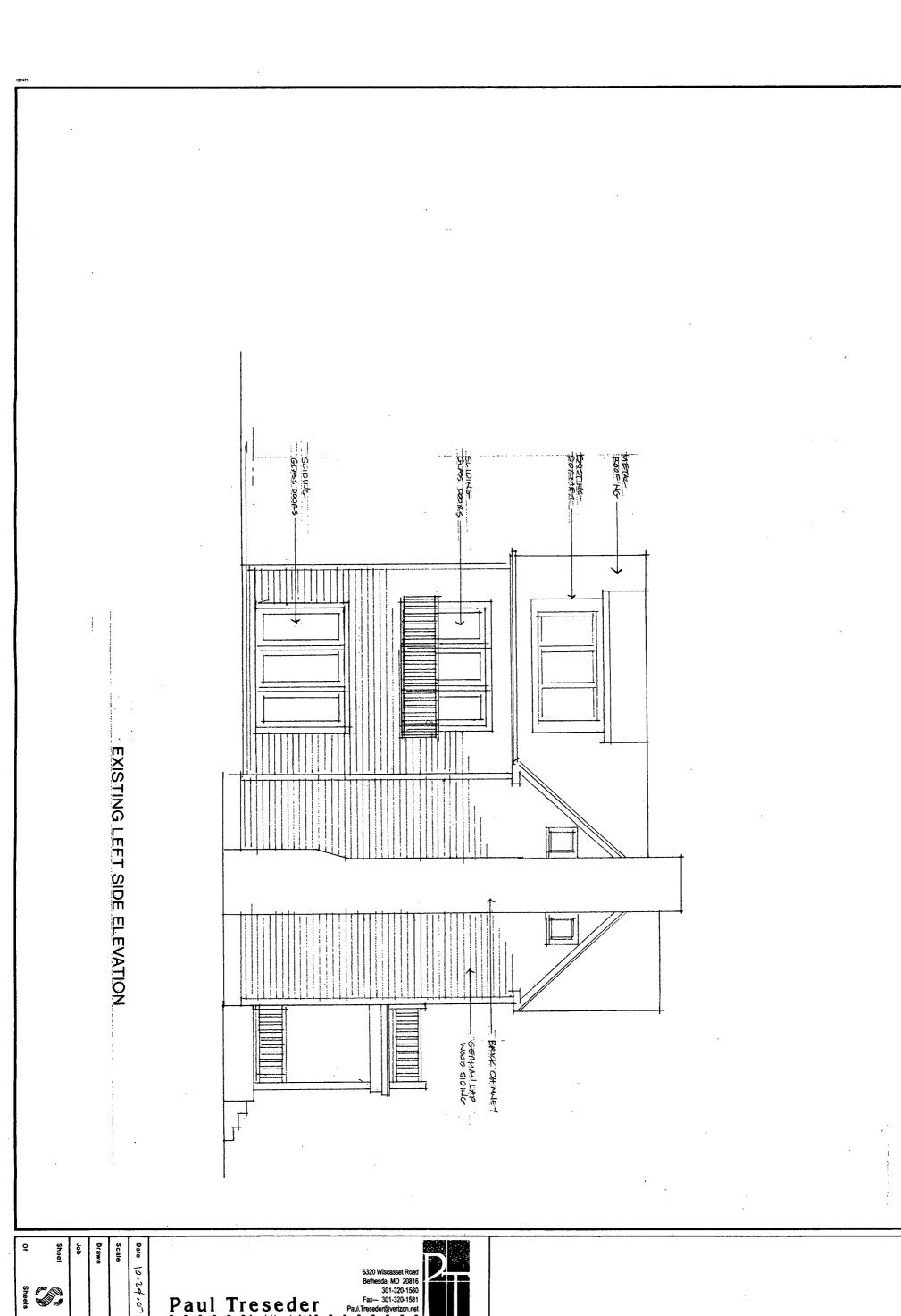




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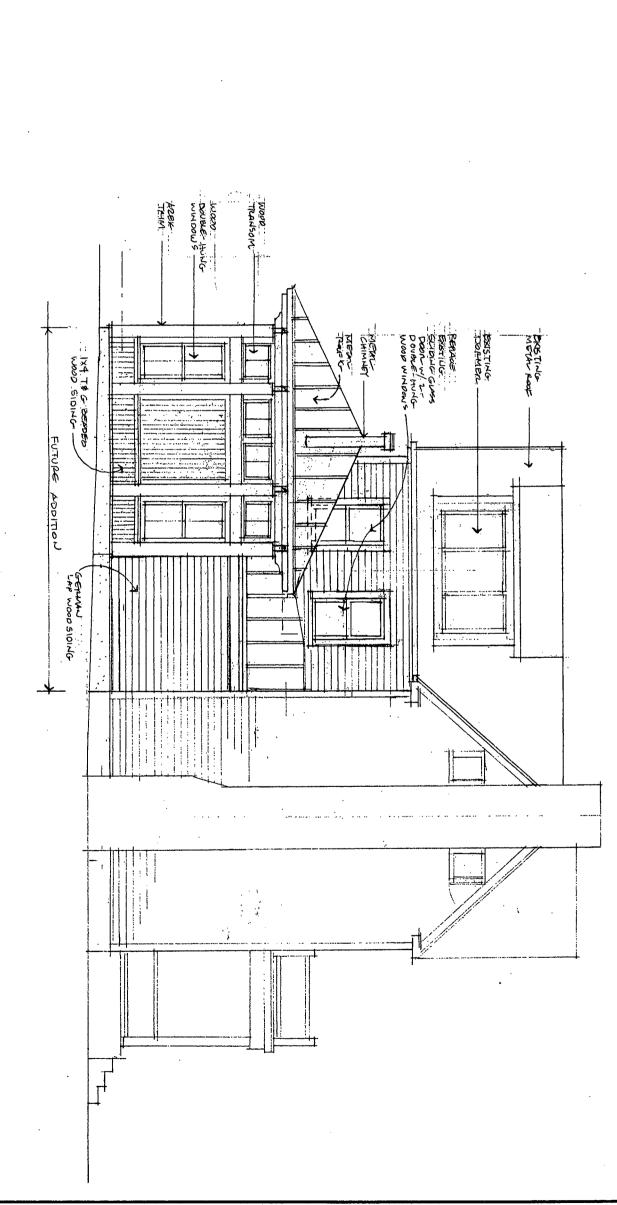
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2309 Linden Lane, Silver Spring 2nd Preliminary Consultation February 13, 2008

Anathar:

- Approvable side addition
- Likes wraparound porch element at rear of the house

Alderson:

- Agrees with Anathar and Jester
- Far set back makes side addition approvable

Jester:

- Agrees with Anathar comments
- Pushed back far enough
- New proposal is a big improvement from 1st Preliminary Consultation

Miles:

- Thinks new proposal is a big improvement
- Would like to see side addition pushed back another 5-10' from the front plane of house

Rotenstein:

- Agrees with Miles
- Provide Isometric views to show oblique

Fleming:

Would approve back and side additions as proposed

Fuller:

- Future development of the site seems like it would maximize the lot
- Would not support side addition
- Issue with property line to pavement. Driveway area between property line and proposed side addition is very tight.
- Would like to see side addition included as an addition to future carriage house.

Approvable Opposed Absent

1111 Burstyn - Would appear a 1st Proliminary

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- 1 MR. RUMINSKI: At any height?
- 2 MR. FULLER: At any height. Thank you. Next on
- 3 the agenda tonight are the preliminary consultations. Could
- 4 we please have a staff report then for Case A at 2309 Linden
- 5 Lane.
- 6 MR. SILVER: Certainly. 2309 Linden Lane is a
- 7 contributing resource located in the Linden Lane Historic
- 8 District. The house is a Folk Victorian Style dating to
- 9 circa 1900. It is a two and a half story, four bay frame
- 10 structure with a standing seam metal gabled roof. It
- 11 includes a two story porch detailed with turn columns on the
- 12 first level and balusters on the second level which are
- 13 located on the front elevation.
- 14 The second level of the porch is an open deck
- 15 style and contains a double door with horizontal transom
- 16 light. The rear of the house contains a two story L that
- 17 was extensively remodeled in the 1980's. The house
- 18 primarily contains one over one double hung windows on all
- 19 elevations, and a later period single fixed door on the rear
- 20 elevation, and two triple sliding glass doors on the first
- 21 and second story of the left elevation.
- The house is sited on a corner lot and contains
- 23 several mature trees and vegetation. The applicant is
- 24 proposing to construct a 30 by 13 one story side addition on
- 25 the east elevation of the house. The addition is intended
- 26 to be utilized, I was corrected that it's going to be

- 1 utilized as a hobby shop and not as an office space and
- 2 workshop.
- 3 The proposed addition will be clad in German lap
- 4 wood siding sheathed with a standing seam metal roof and
- 5 contain two over two double hung wooden windows. The east
- 6 elevation will contain a single hung wooden door with a
- 7 horizontal transom light, and the north elevation will be
- 8 detailed with two wooden doors which would serve as the
- 9 primary point of entry for the side addition.
- The applicant is also proposing to construct a 15
- 11 by 15 one story addition at the rear of the house. The
- 12 proposed addition will be constructed in the corner of the
- 13 house created by the existing L and connect to the historic
- 14 massing of the house by a new lower roof section. The
- 15 addition will be detailed with a combination of wood and
- 16 German lap siding and vertical tongue and groove siding.
- 17 The walls would contain simulated divided light wooden
- 18 windows and be sheathed with a standing seam metal roof.
- 19 Staff is generally supportive of the proposed rear
- 20 addition. The design of this addition is subordinate to the
- 21 historic massing and utilizes wooden and door treatments
- 22 that are appropriate for the style of the house. The
- 23 proposed lower roof section connecting the historic massing
- 24 of the house with a one story addition is inset
- 25 approximately one and a half feet on the west, the left
- 26 elevation, to allow the existing house to read clearly on

- 1 the side which is most visible from the public right of way.
- 2 Again, it's a corner lot.
- 3 The proposed design also maintains the concept of
- 4 differentiation between the existing house and the newer
- 5 construction. The proposed removal of the single fixed door.
- 6 and windows on the rear elevation and the two triple sliding
- 7 glass doors on the left side elevation of the house were
- 8 installed as part of the remodeling effort in the 1980's.
- 9 So removal of these features will have no adverse impact on
- 10 the structure.
- These features will be replaced by one over one
- 12 double hung wooden windows to match the existing windows on
- 13 the house. And the use of the German lap and vertical
- 14 tongue and groove siding, the simulated divided light wooden
- 15 hung windows and standing seam metal roof are considered
- 16 desirable material selections. The applicant is also
- 17 proposing to use the Azek wood for the corner boards, and
- 18 staff is recommending the use of wood instead of the
- 19 synthetic Azek.
- 20 And also the addition is located at the rear of
- 21 the house. And because it is a corner lot, it will
- 22 inevitably be visible from the public right of way. As a
- 23 result of that, staff is supportive of the proposed design
- 24 of this addition as it attempts to minimize any impact on
- 25 the streetscape of the historic district by utilizing the
- 26 existing L in the house.

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The other element of the application is the
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- 2 proposed one story side addition, The front plane of the
- 3 proposed addition is set back one and a half feet from the
- 4 front of the historic massing, and I'd also like to add that
- 5 this is probably the component of this preliminary or this
- 6 proposal that is of staff's greatest concern, as the
- 7 commission does not generally support side addition.
- 8 It's significantly smaller in scale than the
- 9 house, but it would be a very visible side addition. So
- 10 staff has met with the applicant and discussed the use of
- 11 the proposed addition, that now has, has been corrected as a
- 12 hobby shop, not a workshop or office. And staff had
- 13 recommended the applicant consider a detached building on
- 14 another part of the property to satisfy the need for his
- 15 additional work space. However, since meeting with the
- 16 applicant, staff has spoken extensively with the project
- 17 architect who explained the construction of a detached
- 18 building on this property would be problematic for meeting
- 19 the county building setback requirements.
- 20 And then staff's other concern with the side
- 21 addition was the appearance of the existing gravel driveway.
- 22 If a side addition was constructed, the driveway which
- 23 currently serves as the primary parking area for the
- 24 residence would just kind of terminate at this side
- 25 addition. This would give sort of this uncharacteristic
- 26 effect of an attached single car garage which is not

- 1 typically found in the historic district.
- I know the applicant is here. I don't see his
- 3 architect, but I know that they wanted to discuss the design
- 4 strategy for the side addition and find an alternative that
- 5 the HPC would approve. I do, of course, have a slide
- 6 presentation I can share with you as well.
- 7 MR. FULLER: Please, why don't we go through that
- 8 quickly?
- 9 MR. SILVER: We're currently lacking a microphone
- 10 at the moment, but I can move through these rather quickly.
- 11 So I think the other important thing I think here too really
- 12 quick is that this property is located on the edge of the
- 13 historic district, of the Linden Historic District, meaning
- 14 this section over here is outside of the historic district.
- 15 And this is just looking at it from the rear.
- The front elevation. This, of course, is where
- 17 the side addition is being proposed. And then a couple of
- 18 rear elevation shots. And then the last one, this would be,
- 19 this is taken from Linden Lane from the street, obviously
- 20 facing west as the slide indicates. And this section right
- 21 here is where the side addition is proposed. And that's all
- 22 I have for slides.
- 23 MR. FULLER: Are there questions for staff at this
- 24 point? Would the applicant please come forward. Welcome,
- 25 if you would state your name for the record and you'll have
- 26 seven minutes this evening.

- 1 MR. CHABUK: The name is H. Basri Chabuk. I lived
- 2 at this house since 1977 and for all these years every time
- 3 I came to the side of this house, it looked like a
- 4 warehouse. It had no detail. It looked plain like a wall
- 5 of a castle. And after all these years we came up with the
- 6 architect and myself, this addition that would be a hobby
- 7 shop dash shed. I don't have a shed in this house for the
- 8 wheelbarrows, rakes, shelves. Everything is in the
- 9 basement.
- 10 So, not only for the practical use of the
- 11 addition, but we thought this addition adds to the character
- 12 of the house. Of course, it's based on our own taste, our
- 13 own pleasure. So as far as some of the staff report, being
- 14 set back from the front corner, it's two and a half feet,
- 15 not one and a half. And this driveway has been there all
- 16 the way to the back corner of the house. As far as I know,
- 17 it was there when we moved in. I believe it was there
- 18 hundred seven years since the house was built.
- Now with this addition, originally I dreamed of
- 20 having a garage, but I talked to the previous staff, Michele
- 21 Oaks, some about a year ago, and she said no way a garage.
- 22 It's an historic house. So we gave up on the garage. And
- 23 we put a window and because it has been a driveway all these
- 24 years, I mean, yes, Mr. Silver came over and saw it's a
- 25 gravel, you know, driveway all the way to the edge of this
- 26 addition. But we have about four or five feet of area in

- 1 front of this proposed addition that can be always, very
- 2 easily because it's a gravel, we can shovel the gravel away
- 3 and put some Evergreens.
- 4 So I like it very much. The architect is a well
- 5 seasoned architect in historical properties. I think he's
- 6 been working on several projects right now in Takoma Park.
- 7 We think it's a good project. I hope you do too.
- 8 MR. FULLER: Thank you. Are there questions for
- 9 the applicant?
- 10 MR. DUFFY: I have a couple of questions. Is the
- 11 gravel drive shown on the site plan Circle 8? Is everything
- 12 that's paving shown there existing currently?
- MR. CHABUK: Yes. It's gravel, yes. And also,
- 14 it's not the primary parking that I would pull up all the
- 15 way to the front of this addition. The primary parking is
- 16 in the front of the house where we pull in.
- 17 MR. DUFFY: But the turn around and everything
- 18 shown on Circle 8 for the paving is there already?
- 19 MR. CHABUK: Okay, on the picture right there,
- 20 that area where we park way back towards the house and pull
- 21 out forward. But the parking is right in front where that
- 22 alarm sign is.
- 23 MR. DUFFY: Okay. I just want to be clear that
- 24 you're not proposing to expand that. My next question is,
- 25 what is the rear yard setback?
- MR CHABUK: Rear yard setback. Well, I think it's

- 1 about 40 feet or something. Maybe 50 feet.
- 2 MR. DUFFY: What I don't understand is the staff
- 3 has said that your architect is saying that a detached
- 4 structure behind the building, the existing house, as
- 5 opposed to added to the side of it, is not feasible because
- 6 of setbacks.
- 7 MR. CHABUK: Oh. That I think, I mean, I wish he
- 8 was here. Maybe he's still coming because of the snow maybe
- 9 he's delayed, but I think he thought the separate in the
- 10 addition, and like to the right. We don't have the setback
- 11 to the right. We have setback in the back.
- MR. DUFFY: Well, right now you're showing that
- 13 it's 10 feet from the proposed to the side.
- MR. CHABUK: Yes.
- 15 MR. DUFFY: So, presumably the side yard setback
- 16 is no more than 10 feet.
- 17 MR. CHABUK: Well, the requirement is seven feet.
- 18 I checked with the permitting services.
- 19 MR. DUFFY: Okay. So seven foot side yard
- 20 setback. I don't understand why it would be a problem based
- 21 on setbacks to push this workshop back behind the back plane
- 22 of the house.
- MR. CHABUK: Well, number one, there are all these
- .24 mature trees. We have to cut down quite a lot of trees, and
- 25 it will cost much more, you know, money wise. And this is
- 26 not a garage. I plan to build a garage, you know, down the

- 1 road in the back. My next door neighbor is here. She
- 2 already has a carriage house approved by this commission.
- 3 I'd like to copy the same carriage house in the back. This
- 4 addition is, I'm a cabinetmaker by trade. I had a business
- 5 for 32 years. I'm in the process of getting ready and
- 6 retire. I thought it would be nice to have a shed right
- 7 next to the house and eventually have a garage carriage
- 8 house in the back very similar to my next door neighbor's
- 9 approved plans. That would be the garage.
- 10 MR. JESTER: And if you did that separate
- 11 structure, how would you access that?
- MR. CHABUK: Well, the architect suggested from
- 13 the side, here place sidewalk.
- MR. DUFFY: Well, it sounds like that would affect
- 15 a lot of mature trees.
- MR. CHABUK: It would be what?
- MR. DUFFY: It sounds like that would affect a lot
- 18 of mature trees.
- 19 MR. CHABUK: Well, it would affect, if you know,
- 20 no matter what we do, it would affect the trees, yes. If
- 21 this addition is not approved and then I have to do it in
- 22 the backyard, yes, we would cut a few trees. If we build a
- 23 carriage house, we would have to cut a few trees.
- 24 MR. DUFFY: If the mass of the side addition
- 25 proposed were pushed back such that its front face were
- 26 approximately five feet behind the back plane of the house,

- 1 do you know approximately how many trees would be affected?
- 2 MR. CHABUK: There is no trees here. This is just
- 3 a blank -- where we're proposing to build right now, there's
- 4 already concrete slab there. There is no tree. We're not
- 5 cutting any trees right now.
- 6 MR. DUFFY: No. I mean, if it moved back --
- 7 MR. CHABUK: Five feet?
- 8 MR. DUFFY: If it moved back a total of about 35
- 9 feet.
- 10 MR. CHABUK: Thirty-five feet away from the house
- 11 or 35 feet from where it is?
- MR. DUFFY: If the front plane of the proposed
- 13 side addition were approximately five feet behind the back
- 14 of the house, do you know approximately how many trees would
- 15 be affected?
- MR. CHABUK: I would guess at least four.
- MR. DUFFY: Do we have any better images to give
- 18 us an idea of that?
- MR. CHABUK: All the trees at the end of the
- 20 driveway, yes.
- MR. SILVER: So, yeah, the concrete slab, the
- 22 gravel driveway, the concrete slab, and then there's a set
- 23 of trees that begin right there.
- MR. CHABUK: Yes. And it's about a 22,000 square
- 25 foot lot. So we have a backyard where we'd like to build a
- 26 carriage house.

- 1 MR. SILVER: If you look at the top left,
- 2 Commissioner Duffy, on the left of the house there you see
- 3 the tree leaning in, those trees are, the one leaning in is
- 4 toward the concrete drive, back part of the concrete drive.
- 5 MR. DUFFY: Okay, thank you.
- 6 MR. FULLER: Other questions?
- 7 MR. CHABUK: And also, may I say this that we
- 8 weren't looking at this addition just for storing things or
- 9 a hobby. We believe it really takes away this European
- 10 Chateau towering look, give it some depth. We felt, the
- 11 architect felt it adds to the house. It's not just having
- 12 so many square foot of a workshop. It was, we thought it,
- 13 we're adding to the way the house looks, and we thought this
- 14 balancing it.
- 15 MR. ROTENSTEIN: I have a question for the
- 16 applicant and perhaps staff. Is there any evidence that
- 17 there was a window in that east side gable and wall at any
- 18 time?
- 19 MR. CHABUK: East side?
- MR. ROTENSTEIN: The side that's the blank, there
- 21 are no piercings in that wall.
- MR. CHABUK: Well, that's a bathroom window.
- MR. ROTENSTEIN: No. Josh, could you get the
- 24 slide, the oblique. There you go. Is there any evidence
- 25 there was a first floor window at any point in that wall?
- MR. CHABUK: The kitchen window?

- 1 MR. SILVER: Not to my knowledge. I would direct
- 2 that to the applicant.
- 3 MR. CHABUK: That's a kitchen window. Has been
- 4 there since --
- 5 MR. ROTENSTEIN: No. In the front block of the
- 6 house towards the front.. Right in that area.
- 7 MR. CHABUK: There was no window.
- 8 MR. ROTENSTEIN: And I can see your point.
- 9 MR. CHABUK: I mean, right now if you permit us to
- 10 build this addition, we would be blocking that kitchen
- 11 window on the first floor and we're proposing a matching
- 12 window exactly on the outside wall of the addition. There
- 13 is nothing else being blocked except here on the side.
- 14 MR. JESTER: And your plan is accurate, that is to
- 15 say that there's no connection between this office/workshop
- 16 and the house? There are no doors proposed between the --
- MR. CHABUK: No.
- 18 MR. JESTER: So really it's kind of acting as a
- 19 garage/workshop that just happens to be abutted to the --
- MR. CHABUK: Well, we gave up the garage a year
- 21 ago. So it's going to be a hobby shop for me. I'm a
- 22 cabinetmaker by trade, and so, and shed. Like I said, all
- 23 the rakes and shovels and wheelbarrow, everything is in the
- 24 basement. So, like I said, I like to in a few years build a
- 25 carriage house in the back corner of the lot similar to my
- 26 neighbor's which was approved already. She is here, by the

way, if you'd like to talk to her. And I think Mr. Silver is familiar with that approved carriage house addition. So having this addition also leaves space for me for the later carriage house addition.

- 5 MR. FULLER: Other questions for the applicant?
- 6 MR. DUFFY: If you could build the carriage house
- 7 now, would you rather do that than build the addition?
- 8 MR. CHABUK: No, because carriage house is going
- 9 to cost some money, and this is very simple, easy, fast and,
- 10 you know, something that can be done in two months.
- 11 Carriage house would be a little bit costly. Because the
- 12 carriage house that my neighbor approved has a loft, like
- 13 living quarters in the second floor. It's a little bit more
- 14 than just a garage.
- MR. DUFFY: So, but this is described as two and a
- 16 half story addition. So basically, --
- MR. CHABUK: Is it? It's one floor. Where do you
- 18 see that?
- 19 MR. DUFFY: Maybe I'm reading wrong.
- 20 MR. SILVER: You're reading the description of the
- 21 house.
- MR. DUFFY: I'm sorry. The house is two and a
- 23 half stories. That's right. So basically, this is a one
- 24 story, one floor addition, but inside, not that we're
- 25 usually concerned, but from the outside it's going from the
- 26 front, the outside is going to look like an addition to the

- 1 house when in effect on the inside it's really just going to
- 2 be an attached shed, is that correct?
- 3 MR. CHABUK: Physically it will be free standing,
- 4 but it is attached because there will not be any gap between
- 5 the existing house, but no load will be carried by the
- 6 original house. There will be, you know, another wall of
- 7 this addition against the house.
- 8 MR. DUFFY: Will you be able to get from inside of
- 9 the existing house into this addition without going outside?
- MR. CHABUK: No. Only way we would do it by
- 11 really destroying the inside of the dining room and the
- 12 kitchen, and it would be really unwise.
- MR. DUFFY: So basically it's just going to be a
- 14 framed structure --
- MR. CHABUK: Yes.
- 16 MR. DUFFY: -- with a facade on the outside to
- 17 look like part of the house.
- 18 MR. CHABUK: Yes. But it will not, it will be
- 19 free standing. All the load will be carried by the
- 20 concrete. It will be bolted or screwed to the existing
- 21 house so that, I read the staff report that at any time if
- 22 this addition was removed, there will not be any marks on
- 23 the existing house except maybe some caulk marks.
- MR. DUFFY: Are you going to have heat and air
- 25 conditioning out there?
- MR. CHABUK: No. We may have a space heater if

- 1 I'm doing something there in winter.
- 2 MR. FULLER: Okay, at this point what I'd like to
- 3 do is sort of go down the line of commissioners and let them
- 4 provide you the input. We'll try to summarize it so that,
- 5 hopefully give you a consensus.
- 6 MR. JESTER: I guess, my point of view, I
- 7 generally find the, we talked a lot about the side addition.
- 8 We haven't talked at all about the rear addition:
- 9 generally_find=the_rear_addition_to_be_pretty_sympathetic
- 10 and-comfortable=wi-th-this=house: I<think-it samice,
- 11 cdesign. As far as the side addition, I guess I have a
- 12 _little_bit_of_concern_about,_not_so=much_about=whether
- 13 there's-an-addition-on-the-side-of-the-house, but=where it's
- 142_located.
- I think the two and a half feet that's shown where
- 16 the setback is from the front of the house, I don't think
- 17 that's adequate. I think you quite a bit more than that to
- 18 have_kind_of_the_legibility_of_the_original-mass_of_the
- 19 house I think what was very evident in the very first
- 20 photograph is a very nice Victorian house kind of sitting in
- 21 the landscape, and I think the addition should be a little
- 22 bit more, set back quite a bit more if that's possible.
- In other words, Commissioner Duffy suggested
- 24 moving it back as a detached structure, but I'm wondering if
- 25 it couldn't be pushed back, maybe still attached, but more
- 26 towards_the=rear_of_the_house._

- 1 MR. CHABUK: Well, it could be if this commission
- 2 tells us to do that, we will do it. But we were following,
- 3 if you look at the drawing, the peak of the existing house
- 4 with the peak of the addition. We were using the house as a
- 5 guide.
- 6 MR. JESTER: I understand that.
- 7 MR. CHABUK: We would not be following that, but
- 8 we can do that. And the architect is here so maybe he can
- 9 start explaining.
- 10 MR. TRESEDER: Paul Treseder.
- MR. FULLER: Basically, I think we have a fairly
- 12 good understanding of what the application is in front of
- 13 us. I think your documents are very straightforward.
- 14 There's been concern expressed, or most of the discussion
- 15 has been on the side addition. Commissioner Jester, who I
- 16 believe you heard his comments. At this point what we're
- 17 really trying to do is just go down and give you the input
- 18 from the commission. We'll try to sum it up in the end as
- 19 to what's there.
- 20 MS. MILES: I would agree that the rear addition
- 21 is sympathetic and appropriate massing and appropriate
- 22 placement, and uses well the existing L. But I feel pretty
- 23 cstrongly=that=the-side addition=needs-to-be=relocated.__I=
- 24 wouldn't even_want_to_see_it_pushed=back=behind=the plane.
- 25 _I_would_like_to-see_it_relocated_to-the_rear. You have a
- 26 very large rear yard, and it's hard for me to perceive

- 1 exactly where the trees are. But I suspect there might be a
- 2 way to make this work that would allow you to achieve your
 - 3 program without creating a asymmetrical front elevation
 - 4 where symmetry=is=plainly-like the dominant theme of the
- 5 house I really wouldn't want to see the side addition.
- 6 And my little usual pet peeve, I actually, I would
- 7 propose, I'd suggest that if you're going to put Azek or
- 8 some other artificial product on the outside, I would
- 9 suggest that you not use real wood for the trim and the
- 10 corner boards. I think that that actually looks more
- 11 artificial when the real wood is up against the artificial
- 12 product.
- MR. ROTENSTEIN: I attend to agree with
- 14 Commissioner Miles. This is a very nice characteristic turn
- 15 of the 20th Century Folk Victorian house that reads very
- 16 well in its front facade symmetry? I-too-would-preferato
- 17—see-it-in-the rear-detached_from_the-house. Commissioner
- 18 Jester had some good_points_about_pushing_it_back building
- 19 off of Commissioner Duffy's comments and attaching it or
- 20 locating it next to the rear L, though=that's going to still
- 21 be_visible_from_the_street,_and_I_think_that_would_not only
- 22 diminish_the_integrity_of_this=property, but=also-diminish
- 23 the integrity of the streetscape=and=the=surrounding
- 24 historic district.
- The rear addition, I think that's perfectly
- 26 sympathetic with the existing historic house and I don't

- 1 have any comments about that. But I would prefer on a
- 2 property like this to not have a side addition that is
- 3 (visible, and especially as visible as the one we have before
- 4 us....
- 5 MR. DUFFY: I agree with the previous three
- 6 commissioners. I'm positive about the rear addition. I
- 7 think what's shown here is fine and I don't have any real
- 8 negative comments about that. I do think that the side
- 9 addition should be behind the rear plane of the house as I
- 10 was saying before. And I also think that that opens up an
- 11 opportunity you might want to think about which is that, as
- 12 it is right now you'd have to walk outside to get into that
- 13 addition.
- 14 If it were a detached structure several feet
- 15 behind the rear plane of the house, you could have a covered
- 16 walk connecting into your stoop in the back. So you might
- 17 get a benefit out of doing that.
- 18 MR. FULLER: Commissioner Burstyn.
- 19 MR. BURSTYN: I would say it's all right as it is.
- 20 I don't care for the copula on top.
- 21 MR. TRESEDER: I was going to ask about that. I
- 22 wasn't sure about it either. I thought it was a little
- 23 much.
- MR. BURSTYN: I was wondering if it's functional
- 25 or is it just decor?
- 26 MR. TRESEDER: No, it was very functional and

- 1 that's what, that was the inspiration for it was getting a
- 2 whole house fan because it's a non air conditioning space,
- 3 we wanted to do natural ventilation. But we can achieve
- 4 that by other methods. So yes, that was one thing actually
- 5 I was looking for some feedback on that specifically.
- 6 If I can just mention something that is a
- 7 consideration in designing. As you probably know the
- 8 Montgomery County zoning requires any structure that's
- 9 physically detached to be beyond the rear plane of the
- 10 house. So as soon as this becomes a detached structure, it,
- 11 by definition, would have to go behind the rear plane of the
- 12 house which in that case would actually be behind the rear
- 13 plane of the rear addition.
 - And I was sort of, as I was sitting here listening, I was thinking that if it could shove back into the rear corner of the existing house and have a nice little connection to that stoop, then it would still have, because we have a physical attachment, it wouldn't have to meet that requirement. And yet it would still be beyond the back plane of the existing house, although not beyond the back plane of the proposed rear addition.
- MR. JESTER: What's the rear yard set back
- 23 requirement?

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- MR. TRESEDER: Twenty feet.
- MR. JESTER: So is part of the reason why you
- 26 don't want to detach it is because you're trying to preserve

- some space for the future carriage house?
- 2 MR. TRESEDER: I think so. But I just wanted to
- -3 make sure that that is part of my, works into my
- 4 calculations.
- 5 MR. FULLER: Let me just finish going through the
- 6 commissioners opinions of things. Personally, I would
- 7 concur with everybody else as it relates to the rear
- 8 addition. I think it's appropriate as proposed. I think
- 9 the detailing is starting to come together nicely. Tathink,
- 10 I could be convinced of a side addition that might be able
- 11 to work, but=this-is-certainly not it.
- 12 , I definitely would want to see_it_further_back-__I
- 13 would definitely want it not look a shed that's been pushed
- 14 on the side of the house, and I kind of have a problem with
- 15 the shed program just being pushed on the side of the house.
- 16 So, from my perspective, it would take a lot of convincing
- 17 and-I-definitely=would_recommend_you coming back personally
- 18 for a second-preliminary-if you really wanted to pursue
- 19 that: I'd prefer to see this, because the function really
- 20 is the kind of things that most people would put in a
- 21 carriage house or put into a shed to make it a detached
- 22 piece.
- That being said, I think what you've heard tonight
- 24 cis=three commissioners are very strongly opposed-to=having
- 25 <u>the_addition_of_any_size=on=the=side=of=the=house</u>. You>
- 26 heard one_commissioner=say=that=they=would=accept it as

- 1 proposed, and you've heard two say that maybe in some
- 2 configuration it could be proposed. So certainly your path
- 3 of least resistance is something not on the side of the
- 4 house.
- The rear addition, I think, if that were to come
- 6 back in front of us, I'd suggest you could come straight
- 7 back in with a HAWP on that.
- MR. TRESEDER: One reason why, I'm familiar with
- 9 the fact that additions are preferred in the rear. I mean,
- 10 that's right in the ordinance. But because this was a
- 11 category, a contributing resource as opposed to a primary
- 12 resource, I thought there was a little bit more give. Was
- 13 that under consideration. I mean, I know that you like the
- 14 house, but it's not considered a number one category.
- 15 MR. FULLER: I can't speak for all the
- 16 commissioners at this point, but I think that probably
- 17 entered into some of those that were more favorable to
- 18 saying that something could be done. But, as I said, I
- 19 think you're hearing there's very much of a mixed opinion as
- 20 to whether any side addition would be approvable. I think
- 21 that's probably about as much as we're going to be able to
- 22 give you tonight.
- 23 MR. TRESEDER: Sounds like it, yes. It sounds
- 24 very straightforward. Thank you.
- 25 MR. FULLER: Thank you. Next this evening is Case
- 26 B, the Brookville Road alterations. Is there a staff

MONTGOMERY COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

Address:

2309 Linden Lane, Silver Spring

Linden Lane Historic District

Meeting Date:

2/13/2008

Resource:

Contributing Resource

Report Date:

2/6/2008

Applicant:

Hasan Basri Chabuk

Public Notice:

1/30/2008

(Paul Treseder, Architect) 2nd Preliminary Consultation

Tax Credit:

None

Review:

PROPOSAL:

Construction of side and rear addition

Staff:

Josh Silver

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the applicants make revisions based on comments from staff and the Historic Preservation Commission and return for a Historic Area Work Permit.

BACKGROUND:

On December 5, 2007 the HPC reviewed a proposal for construction of a rear and side addition at the subject property. The HPC was supportive of the massing, scale and location of the proposed rear addition, and agreed it was sympathetic to the existing house, and that it could be approved as is if submitted as part of an HAWP application.

Both staff and the HPC expressed a similar concern with the siting of the proposed side addition toward the front plane of the house. There was general consensus among the HPC that in order for the addition to be an approvable HAWP it would need to be either detached or substantially setback from the front plane of the historic massing.

Since the 1st Preliminary Consultation the applicant has submitted a revised proposal that includes a smaller side addition that is still attached to the historic massing, but is pushed further back (10') from the front plane of the house. The proposal for the rear addition remains identical to what the HPC reviewed at the 1st Preliminary Consultation. (See attached transcripts on Circle

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

SIGNIFICANCE: Contributing Resource Within The Linden Lane Historic District

STYLE:

Folk Victorian

DATE:

c.1900

The house is a 2-1/2-story, four-bay frame structure with a standing seam metal gabled roof. A two story porch detailed with turned columns on the first level, and balusters on the second level is located on the front elevation of the house. The second level of the porch is an open deck style, and contains a double door with a horizontal transom light. The rear of the house contains a 2-story ell that was extensively remodeled in the 1980s. The house contains 1/1 double-hung windows on all elevations, and a later period single fixed door on the rear elevation, and two triple sliding glass doors on the first and

second-story of the left elevation.

The house is sited on a corner lot and contains mature trees and vegetation.

HISTORIC CONTEXT

The following was excerpted from <u>Place from the Past: The Tradition of Gardez Bien in Montgomery</u> County, Maryland

As the first railroad suburb in Montgomery County, Linden represents an early step in the county's transition from a rural, agrarian region to a commuter suburb. In 1873, the same year that the Metropolitan Branch of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad was completed, Charles M. Keys subdivided thirty-two acres of his 185-acre farm and platted Linden. Keys was the founder of a District coal and wood company, E. C. Keys and Sons.

Linden had its own railroad station, located at the end of Montgomery Street. Early houses were built on Salisbury Road, which was originally a walkway known as Maple Drive. The houses faced the walkway with vehicular access from Linden Lane and Montgomery Street. This arrangement is found in Washington Grove, a religious retreat also platted in 1873. Early dwellings in both communities were designed in the Gothic Revival style. Among Linden's earliest houses are a pair of Gothic Revival houses built on Salisbury Road, probably in the 1870s: the *Baxter House*, 2201 Salisbury Road, and the *Doolittle House*, 2209 Salisbury Road. One of the earliest residences in the community is the Lawrence House of 1874.

By 1889, the Washington Star reported that a number of "beautiful homes" had already been constructed in Linden by "well known Washingtonians." Curtis and Elizabeth Holcomb built the Second Empire style *Holcomb House* in 1887, at 2200 Salisbury Road. Queen Anne style houses dating from the 1890s are the *Wolfe House*, 9310 Brookeville Road, and the *William Simpson House*, 2303 Linden Lane. By the turn of the century, there were about a dozen houses in Linden. In the early 1900s, citizens built Craftsman influenced residences on Warren Street. The historic district of 17 houses was designated in 1993.

PROPOSAL:

The applicant is proposing to construct a 28' x 13' one-story side addition on the east elevation of the house. The proposed addition will be clad in German lap wood siding, sheathed with a standing seam metal roof, and contain 2/2 double-hung wooden windows. A covered concrete stoop will be installed at the rear of the existing house to connect the proposed rear and side additions. A single-hung door will be located on the west elevation of the addition and serve as the primary point of entry from the rear of the house. The north elevation of the side addition will be detailed with two wooden doors for rear yard ingress/egress.

The applicant is also proposing to construct a 15' x 15' one-story addition at the rear of the house. The proposed addition will be constructed in the corner of the house created by the existing ell, and connect to the historic massing of the house by a new lower roofed section. The addition will be detailed with a combination of wooden German lap and vertical tongue and groove siding, and contain simulated divided light wooden windows, and be sheathed with a standing seam metal roof.

APPLICABLE GUIDELINES:

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

Montgomery County Code; Chapter 24A

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.

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 a historic site or historic resource within a historic district; or
- 2. The proposal is compatible in character and nature with the historical archaeological, architectural or cultural features of the historic site or the historic district in which a historic resource is located and would not be detrimental thereto of to the achievement of the purposes of this chapter; or

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

Proposed one-story rear addition- this remains identical to the Ist Preliminary Consultation where the HPC was supportive of it.

Staff is supportive of the proposed rear addition. The design of this addition is subordinate to the historic massing and utilizes window and door treatments that are appropriate for the style of the house. The proposed lower roof section connecting the historic massing of the house with the one-story addition is inset 1.5' on the west (left) elevation allowing the existing house to read clearly on the side most visible from the public right-of-way. The proposed design also maintains the concept of differentiation between the existing house and newer construction.

The proposed removal of the single fixed door and windows on the rear elevation, and the two triple sliding glass doors on the left side elevation of the house were installed as part of a remodeling effort

in the 1980s, removal of these features will have no adverse impact on the structure. These features will be replaced by 1/1 double-hung wooden windows to match the existing windows on the house.

The use of wooden German lap and vertical tongue and groove siding, simulated divided light double-hung wooden windows, and a standing seam metal roof are desirable material selections. Staff would recommend the use of wood for the corner boards and trim instead of Azek.

Although the addition is located at the rear of the house it will inevitably be visible from the public right-of-way as a result of the property being a corner lot. Staff is supportive of the proposed design of this addition as it attempts to minimize any impact on the streetscape of the historic district by utilizing the existing the ell of the house.

Proposed one-story side addition

At the 1st Preliminary Consultation the HPC gave the applicant and architect clear direction that a detached side addition would be the most desirable option for this property. Some Commissioners also stated they would consider a side addition if it was pushed much further back from the front plane of the house.

Staff has some concern with the revised proposal because it still includes an attached side addition. Although the addition is now pushed back 10' from the front plane of the house- a difference of 8'5" from the original proposal, which helps preserve the legibility of the historic massing from the public right-of-way, it still gives the house an asymmetrical appearance when standing either directly in front of the house or on the east side.

Since the 1st Preliminary Consultation staff has meet with the architect to discuss the revised design strategy and the future development of the site. Although this proposal is for the construction of a rear and side addition, the plans also address the future development of the site including the construction of a carriage house at the rear of the property and expansion of the existing driveway. (See Circle ______) While the future development of the site was briefly discussed at the 1st Preliminary Consultation as a possible constraint to constructing a detached structure on the property, the major limiting factors were the combination of the property containing several mature trees that would be impacted if a detached building were constructed on the property, and the limited side yard setback on the east property boundary. Staff is amenable to side addition at this property because of these factors.

This proposal presents an opportunity for the HPC to comment on, and support in concept the future construction of a carriage house and a driveway expansion at this property. While the future development of this site is certainly a factor the HPC should consider when reviewing this proposal, the main emphasis of this review should focus on the compatibility of the side addition with the historic massing, and its potential impact on the streetscape of the historic district.

The applicant and project architect wish to consult with the Commission to discuss their design strategy for the side addition and future development of the site to find an approvable alternative before proceeding to a HAWP.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the applicants make revisions based on comments from staff and the Historic Preservation Commission and return for a Historic Area Work Permit.





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HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION 301/563-3400

APPLICATION FOR HISTORIC AREA WORK PERMIT

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2309 LINDON LANE, SLIVER SPRING, MD

A. Description of the existing structure and environmental setting.

The existing house is a 2 story frame structure on a large treed corner lot. It was built before 1900 in a simple farmhouse gothic style, with a symmetrical steep front gable, porch, and a 2 story ell in the back. It was remodeled in the 1980's, mainly in the rear. The neighboring houses are a mixture of a few similar vintage houses and many late 20th century houses.

B. General description of the project and its effect on the historic resource and environmental setting.

The owner proposes to build a 1 story addition to the house. This addition consists of a family room, back porch, and shop/studio. The bulk of the addition is in the rear of the house, and is designed with its massing pulled away from the main structure and connected with a lower roofed section. This allows the existing house to read clearly and the second floor windows to remain unobstructed. This lower roofed section extends around the back of the ell to become the rear porch, and then further wraps the house on the side to cover the shop/studio. It stops 10 back from the front of the house. It is intended that the low, shallow (3:12 or less) pitched porchlike roof of this one story side extension, held behind the centerline of the main gable, not detract from the strong symmetry of the front of the main house when viewed from Linden Lane. Materials used will be wood German lap siding, wood trim, and wood double-hung sash windows. Roofing will be standing seam metal to match the existing house. Existing fixed glass and sliding glass doors in the rear from the earlier remodel will be replaced with period-appropriate double hung windows.

Also shown on the site plan, but not part of this application, is the location where the owner hopes to build a carriage house/garage, similar to the one on the adjoining property. This, along with the location of the large trees in the vicinity, is shown to clarify the constraints on this design.

HAWP APPLICATION: MAILING ADDRESSES FOR NOTIFING

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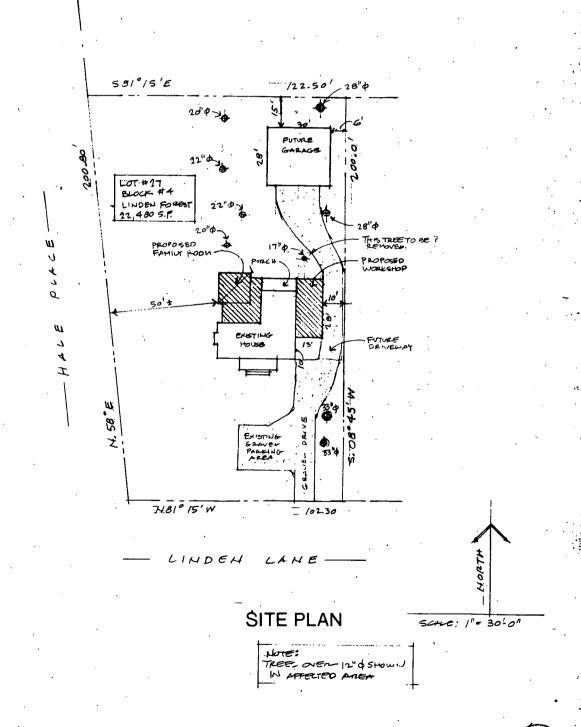
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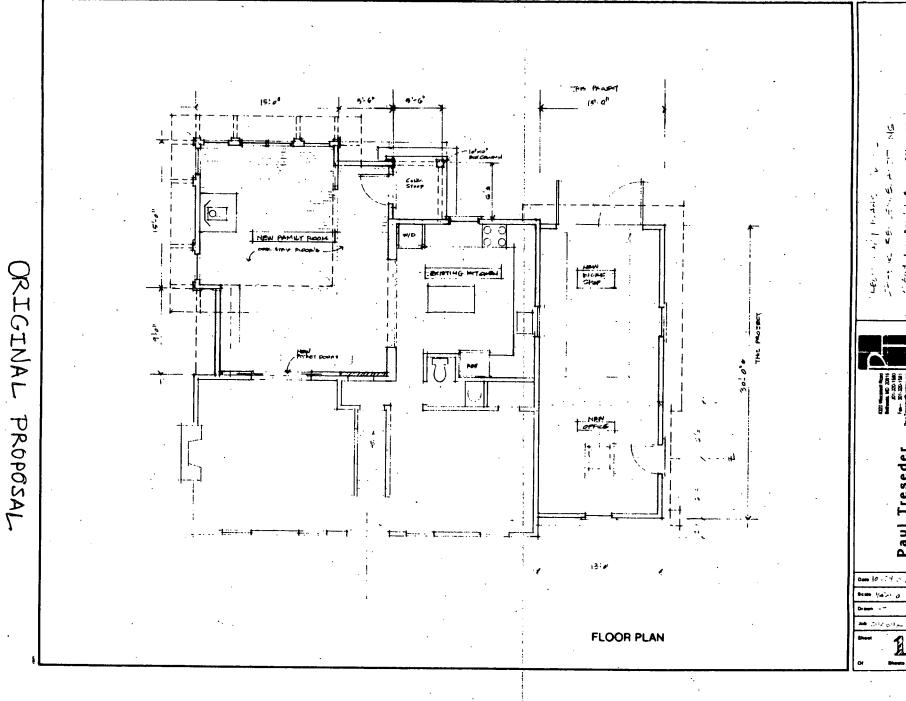


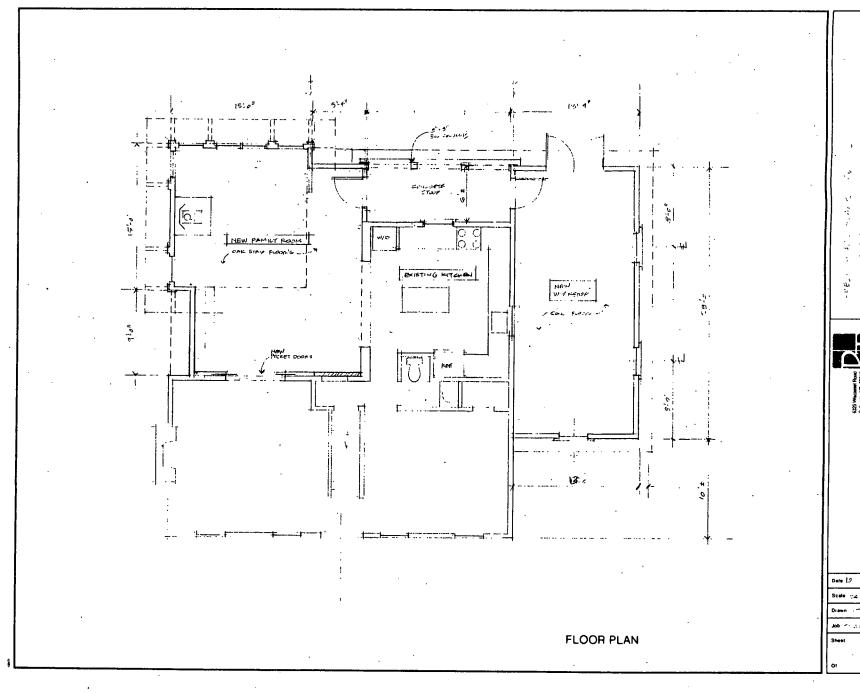
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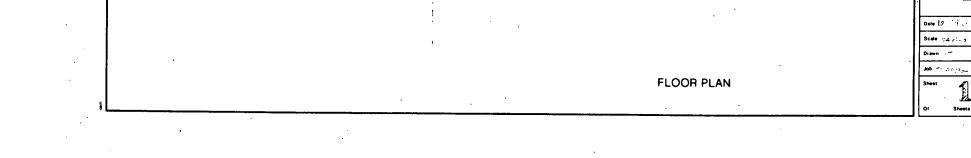


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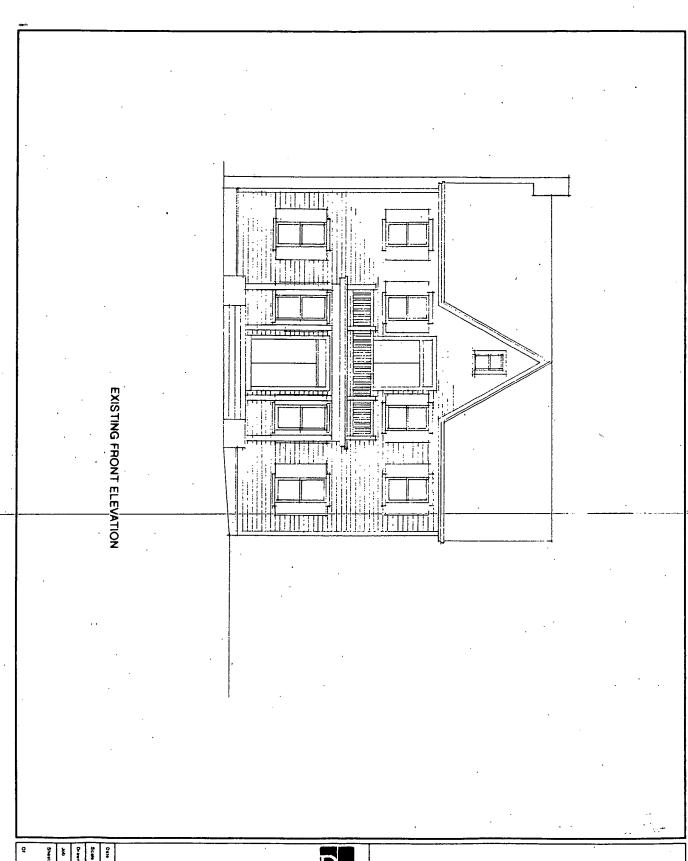
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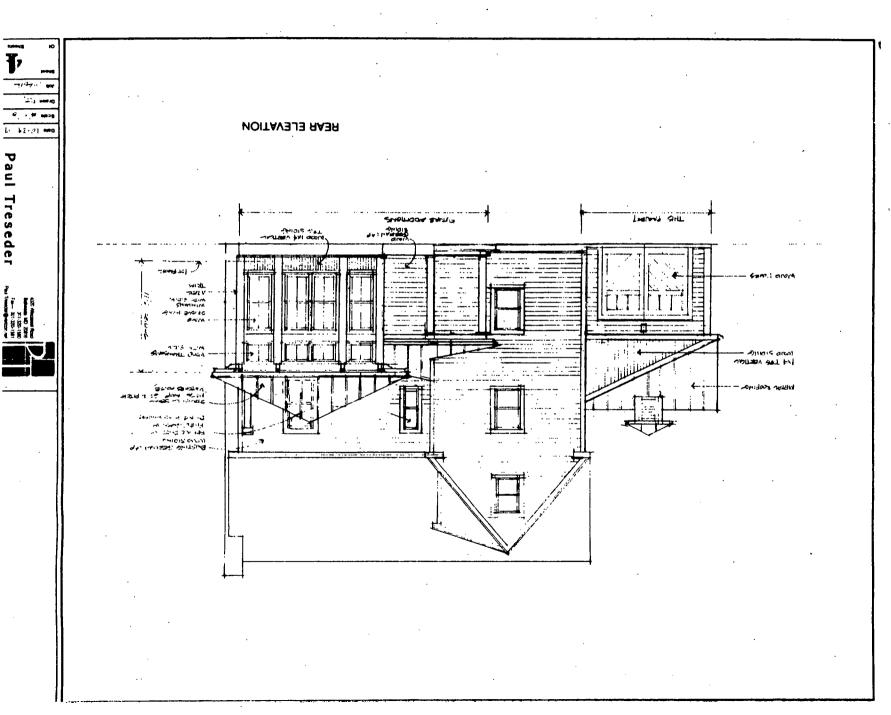




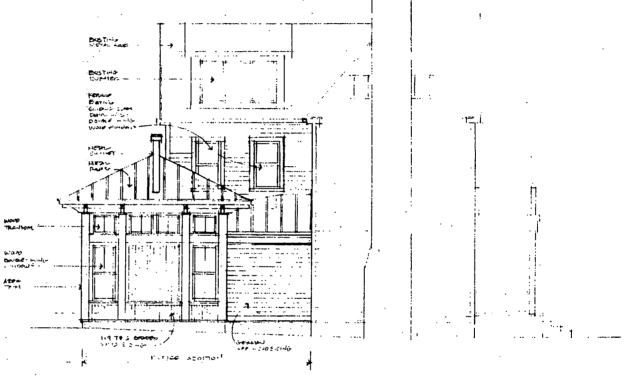
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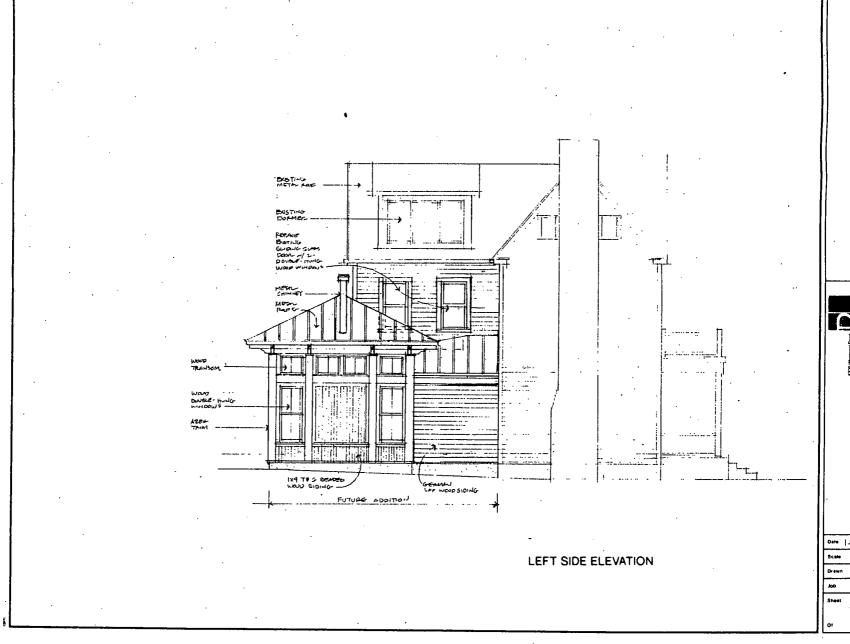


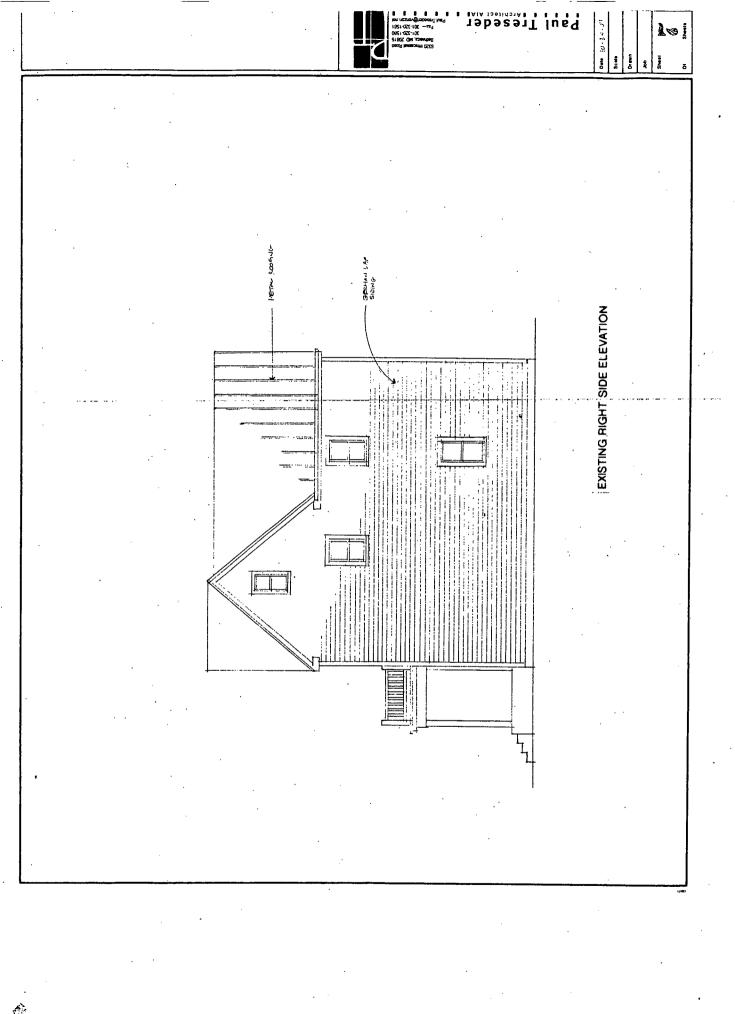
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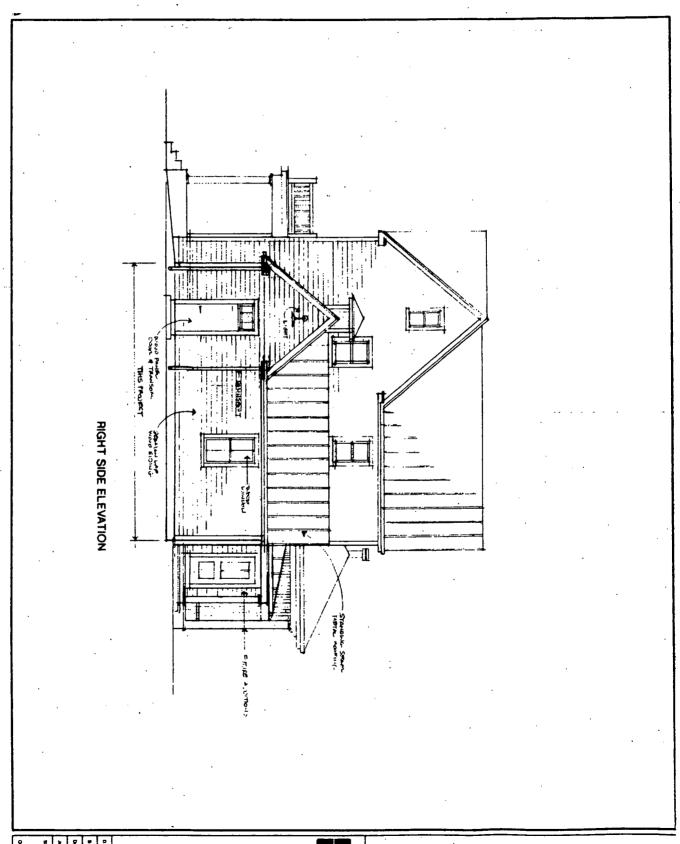
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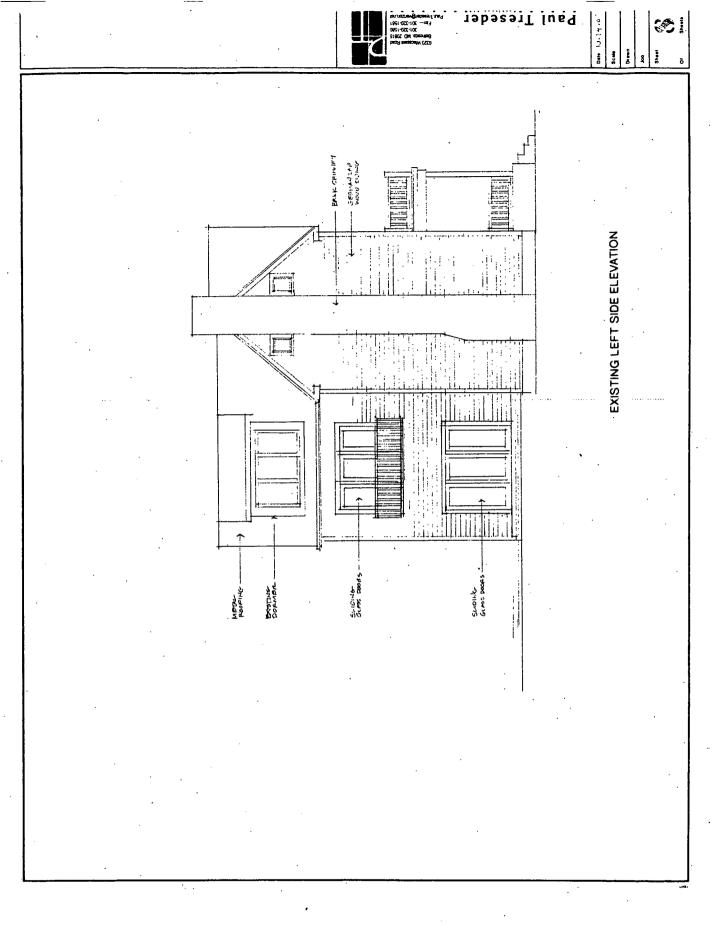


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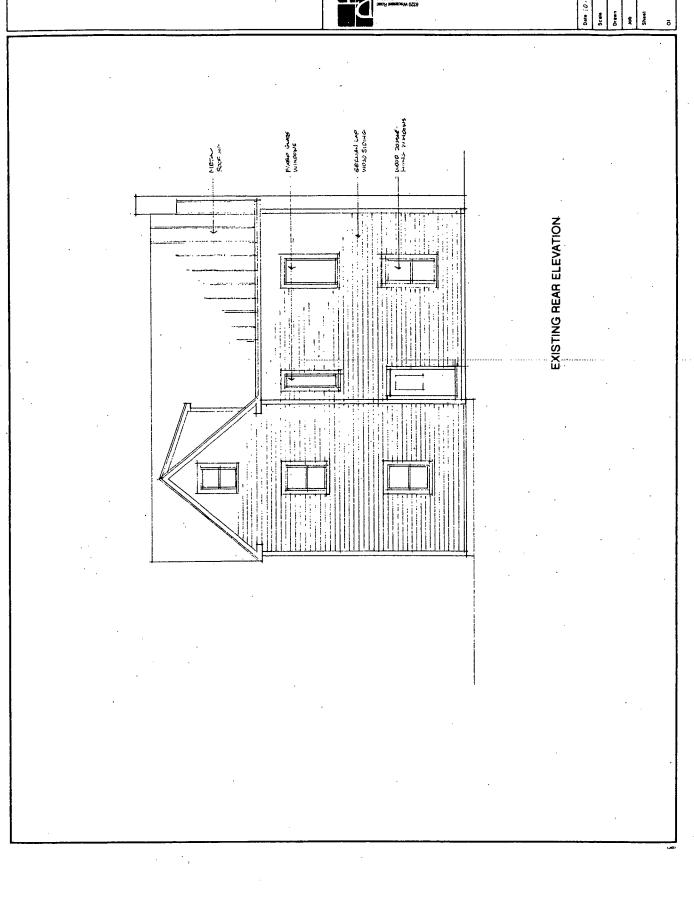


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- MR. RUMINSKI: At any height?
- 2 MR. FULLER: At any height. Thank you. Next on
- 3 the agenda tonight are the preliminary consultations. Could
- 4 we please have a staff report then for Case A at 2309 Linden
- 5 Lane.
- 6 MR. SILVER: Certainly. 2309 Linden Lane is a
- 7 contributing resource located in the Linden Lane Historic
- 8 District. The house is a Folk Victorian Style dating to
- 9 circa 1900. It is a two and a half story, four bay frame
- 10 structure with a standing seam metal gabled roof. It
- 11 includes a two story porch detailed with turn columns on the
- 12 first level and balusters on the second level which are
- 13 located on the front elevation.
- The second level of the porch is an open deck
- 15 style and contains a double door with horizontal transom
- 16 light. The rear of the house contains a two story L that
- 17 was extensively remodeled in the 1980's. The house
- 18 primarily contains one over one double hung windows on all
- 19 elevations, and a later period single fixed door on the rear
- 20 elevation, and two triple sliding glass doors on the first
- 21 and second story of the left elevation.
- The house is sited on a corner lot and contains
- 23 several mature trees and vegetation. The applicant is
- 24 proposing to construct a 30 by 13 one story side addition on
- 25 the east elevation of the house. The addition is intended
- 26 to be utilized, I was corrected that it's going to be

- 1 utilized as a hobby shop and not as an office space and
- 2 workshop.
- 3 The proposed addition will be clad in German lap
- 4 wood siding sheathed with a standing seam metal roof and
- 5 contain two over two double hung wooden windows. The east
- 6 elevation will contain a single hung wooden door with a
- 7 horizontal transom light, and the north elevation will be
- 8 detailed with two wooden doors which would serve as the
- 9 primary point of entry for the side addition.
- The applicant is also proposing to construct a 15
- 11 by 15 one story addition at the rear of the house. The
- 12 proposed addition will be constructed in the corner of the
- 13 house created by the existing L and connect to the historic
- 14 massing of the house by a new lower roof section. The
- 15 addition will be detailed with a combination of wood and
- 16 German lap siding and vertical tongue and groove siding.
- 17 The walls would contain simulated divided light wooden
- 18 windows and be sheathed with a standing seam metal roof.
- 19 Staff is generally supportive of the proposed rear
- 20 addition. The design of this addition is subordinate to the
- 21 historic massing and utilizes wooden and door treatments
- 22 that are appropriate for the style of the house. The
- 23 proposed lower roof section connecting the historic massing
- 24 of the house with a one story addition is inset
- 25 approximately one and a half feet on the west, the left
- 26 elevation, to allow the existing house to read clearly on

- 1 the side which is most visible from the public right of way.
- 2 Again, it's a corner lot.
- 3 The proposed design also maintains the concept of
- 4 differentiation between the existing house and the newer
- 5 construction. The proposed removal of the single fixed door
- 6 and windows on the rear elevation and the two triple sliding
- 7 glass doors on the left side elevation of the house were
- 8 installed as part of the remodeling effort in the 1980's.
- 9 So removal of these features will have no adverse impact on
- 10 the structure.
- These features will be replaced by one over one
- 12 double hung wooden windows to match the existing windows on
- 13 the house. And the use of the German lap and vertical
- 14 tongue and groove siding, the simulated divided light wooden
- 15 hung windows and standing seam metal roof are considered
- 16 desirable material selections. The applicant is also
- 17 proposing to use the Azek wood for the corner boards, and
- 18 staff is recommending the use of wood instead of the
- 19 synthetic Azek.
- 20 And also the addition is located at the rear of
- 21 the house. And because it is a corner lot, it will
- 22 inevitably be visible from the public right of way. As a
- 23 result of that, staff is supportive of the proposed design
- 24 of this addition as it attempts to minimize any impact on
- 25 the streetscape of the historic district by utilizing the
- 26 existing L in the house.

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1 The other element of the application is the proposed one story side addition, The front plane of the 2 proposed addition is set back one and a half feet from the 3 front of the historic massing, and I'd also like to add that this is probably the component of this preliminary or this proposal that is of staff's greatest concern, as the commission does not generally support side addition. It's significantly smaller in scale than the 8 9 house, but it would be a very visible side addition. staff has met with the applicant and discussed the use of 10 the proposed addition, that now has, has been corrected as a 11 hobby shop, not a workshop or office. And staff had 12 recommended the applicant consider a detached building on 13 another part of the property to satisfy the need for his 14 15 additional work space. However, since meeting with the 16 applicant, staff has spoken extensively with the project 17 architect who explained the construction of a detached building on this property would be problematic for meeting 18. 19 the county building setback requirements. And then staff's other concern with the side 20 21 addition was the appearance of the existing gravel driveway. 22 If a side addition was constructed, the driveway which 23 currently serves as the primary parking area for the residence would just kind of terminate at this side 24 25 This would give sort of this uncharacteristic addition.

effect of an attached single car garage which is not

- 1 typically found in the historic district.
- I know the applicant is here. I don't see his
- 3 architect, but I know that they wanted to discuss the design
- 4 strategy for the side addition and find an alternative that
- 5 the HPC would approve. I do, of course, have a slide
- 6 presentation I can share with you as well.
 - 7 MR. FULLER: Please, why don't we go through that
 - 8 quickly?
 - 9 MR. SILVER: We're currently lacking a microphone
- 10 at the moment, but I can move through these rather quickly.
- 11 So I think the other important thing I think here too really
- 12 quick is that this property is located on the edge of the
- 13 historic district, of the Linden Historic District, meaning
- 14 this section over here is outside of the historic district.
- 15 And this is just looking at it from the rear.
- The front elevation. This, of course, is where
- 17 the side addition is being proposed. And then a couple of
- 18 rear elevation shots. And then the last one, this would be,
- 19 this is taken from Linden Lane from the street, obviously
- 20 facing west as the slide indicates. And this section right
- 21 here is where the side addition is proposed. And that's all
- 22 I have for slides.
- MR. FULLER: Are there questions for staff at this
- 24 point? Would the applicant please come forward. Welcome,
- 25 if you would state your name for the record and you'll have
- 26 seven minutes this evening.

- 1 MR. CHABUK: The name is H. Basri Chabuk. I lived
- 2 at this house since 1977 and for all these years every time
- 3 I came to the side of this house, it looked like a
- 4 warehouse. It had no detail. It looked plain like a wall
- 5 of a castle. And after all these years we came up with the
- 6 architect and myself; this addition that would be a hobby
- 7 shop dash shed. I don't have a shed in this house for the
- 8 wheelbarrows, rakes, shelves. Everything is in the
- 9 basement.
- 10 So, not only for the practical use of the
- 11 addition, but we thought this addition adds to the character
- 12 of the house. Of course, it's based on our own taste, our
- 13 own pleasure. So as far as some of the staff report, being
- 14 set back from the front corner, it's two and a half feet,
- 15 not one and a half. And this driveway has been there all
- 16 the way to the back corner of the house. As far as I know,
- 17 it was there when we moved in. I believe it was there
- 18 hundred seven years since the house was built.
- 19 Now with this addition, originally I dreamed of
- 20 having a garage, but I talked to the previous staff, Michele
- 21 Oaks, some about a year ago, and she said no way a garage.
- 22 It's an historic house. So we gave up on the garage. And
- 23 we put a window and because it has been a driveway all these
- 24 years, I mean, yes, Mr. Silver came over and saw it's a
- 25 gravel, you know, driveway all the way to the edge of this
- 26 addition. But we have about four or five feet of area in

- 1 front of this proposed addition that can be always, very
- 2 easily because it's a gravel, we can shovel the gravel away
- 3 and put some Evergreens.
- 4 So I like it very much. The architect is a well
- 5 seasoned architect in historical properties. I think he's
- 6 been working on several projects right now in Takoma Park.
- 7 We think it's a good project. I hope you do too.
- 8 MR. FULLER: Thank you. Are there questions for
- 9 the applicant?
- 10 MR. DUFFY: I have a couple of questions. Is the
- 11 gravel drive shown on the site plan Circle 8? Is everything
- 12 that's paving shown there existing currently?
- 13 MR. CHABUK: Yes. It's gravel, yes. And also,
- 14 it's not the primary parking that I would pull up all the
- 15 way to the front of this addition. The primary parking is
- in the front of the house where we pull in.
- MR. DUFFY: But the turn around and everything
- 18 shown on Circle 8 for the paving is there already?
- MR. CHABUK: Okay, on the picture right there,
- 20 that area where we park way back towards the house and pull
- 21 out forward. But the parking is right in front where that
- 22 alarm sign is.
- MR. DUFFY: Okay. I just want to be clear that
- 24 you're not proposing to expand that. My next question is,
- 25 what is the rear yard setback?
- MR CHABUK: Rear yard setback. Well, I think it's

- 1 about 40 feet or something. Maybe 50 feet.
- 2 MR. DUFFY: What I don't understand is the staff
- 3 has said that your architect is saying that a detached
- 4 structure behind the building, the existing house, as
- 5 opposed to added to the side of it, is not feasible because
- 6 of setbacks.
- 7 MR. CHABUK: Oh. That I think, I mean, I wish he
- 8 was here. Maybe he's still coming because of the snow maybe
- 9 he's delayed, but I think he thought the separate in the
- 10 addition, and like to the right. We don't have the setback
- 11 to the right. We have setback in the back.
- MR. DUFFY: Well, right now you're showing that
- 13 it's 10 feet from the proposed to the side.
- 14 MR. CHABUK: Yes.
- MR. DUFFY: So, presumably the side yard setback
- 16 is no more than 10 feet.
- MR. CHABUK: Well, the requirement is seven feet.
- 18 I checked with the permitting services.
- 19 MR. DUFFY: Okay. So seven foot side yard
- 20 setback. I don't understand why it would be a problem based
- 21 on setbacks to push this workshop back behind the back plane
- 22 of the house.
- 23 MR. CHABUK: Well, number one, there are all these
- 24 mature trees. We have to cut down quite a lot of trees, and
- 25 it will cost much more, you know, money wise. And this is
- 26 not a garage. I plan to build a garage, you know, down the

- 1 road in the back. My next door neighbor is here. She
- 2 already has a carriage house approved by this commission.
- 3 I'd like to copy the same carriage house in the back. This
- 4 addition is, I'm a cabinetmaker by trade. I had a business
- 5 for 32 years. I'm in the process of getting ready and
- 6 retire. I thought it would be nice to have a shed right
- 7 next to the house and eventually have a garage carriage
- 8 house in the back very similar to my next door neighbor's
- 9 approved plans. That would be the garage.
- 10 MR. JESTER: And if you did that separate
- 11 structure, how would you access that?
- MR. CHABUK: Well, the architect suggested from
 - 13 the side, here place sidewalk.
 - MR. DUFFY: Well, it sounds like that would affect
 - 15 a lot of mature trees.
- MR. CHABUK: It would be what?
- 17. MR. DUFFY: It sounds like that would affect a lot
- 18 of mature trees.
- MR. CHABUK: Well, it would affect, if you know,
- 20 no matter what we do, it would affect the trees, yes. If
- 21 this addition is not approved and then I have to do it in
- 22 the backyard, yes, we would cut a few trees. If we build a
- 23 carriage house, we would have to cut a few trees.
- MR. DUFFY: If the mass of the side addition
- 25 proposed were pushed back such that its front face were
- 26 approximately five feet behind the back plane of the house,

- 1 do you know approximately how many trees would be affected?
- 2 MR. CHABUK: There is no trees here. This is just
- 3 a blank -- where we're proposing to build right now, there's
- 4 already concrete slab there. There is no tree. We're not
- 5 cutting any trees right now.
- 6 MR. DUFFY: No. I mean, if it moved back --
- 7 MR. CHABUK: Five feet?
- 8 MR. DUFFY: If it moved back a total of about 35
- 9 feet.
- 10 MR. CHABUK: Thirty-five feet away from the house
- 11 or 35 feet from where it is?
- MR. DUFFY: If the front plane of the proposed
- 13 side addition were approximately five feet behind the back
- 14 of the house, do you know approximately how many trees would
- 15 be affected?
- MR. CHABUK: I would guess at least four.
- MR. DUFFY: Do we have any better images to give
- 18 us an idea of that?
- MR. CHABUK: All the trees at the end of the
- 20 driveway, yes.
- MR. SILVER: So, yeah, the concrete slab, the
- 22 gravel driveway, the concrete slab, and then there's a set
- 23 of trees that begin right there.
- MR. CHABUK: Yes. And it's about a 22,000 square
- 25 foot lot. So we have a backyard where we'd like to build a
- 26 carriage house.

- 1 MR. SILVER: If you look at the top left,
- 2 Commissioner Duffy, on the left of the house there you see
- 3 the tree leaning in, those trees are, the one leaning in is
- 4 toward the concrete drive, back part of the concrete drive.
- 5 MR. DUFFY: Okay, thank you.
- 6 MR. FULLER: Other questions?
- 7 MR. CHABUK: And also, may I say this that we
- 8 weren't looking at this addition just for storing things or
- 9 a hobby. We believe it really takes away this European
- 10 Chateau towering look, give it some depth. We felt, the
- 11 architect felt it adds to the house. It's not just having
- 12 so many square foot of a workshop. It was, we thought it,
- 13 we're adding to the way the house looks, and we thought this
- 14 balancing it.
- 15 MR. ROTENSTEIN: I have a question for the
- 16 applicant and perhaps staff. Is there any evidence that
- 17 there was a window in that east side gable and wall at any
- 18 time?
- 19 MR. CHABUK: East side?
- MR. ROTENSTEIN: The side that's the blank, there
- 21 are no piercings in that wall.
- 22 MR. CHABUK: Well, that's a bathroom window.
- MR. ROTENSTEIN: No. Josh, could you get the
- 24 slide, the oblique. There you go. Is there any evidence
- 25 there was a first floor window at any point in that wall?
- 26 MR. CHABUK: The kitchen window?

1 MR. SILVER: Not to my knowledge. I would direct

- 2 that to the applicant.
- 3 MR. CHABUK: That's a kitchen window. Has been
- 4 there since --

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- 5 MR. ROTENSTEIN: No. In the front block of the
- 6 house towards the front.. Right in that area.
- 7 MR. CHABUK: There was no window.
- 8 MR. ROTENSTEIN: And I can see your point.
- 9 MR. CHABUK: I mean, right now if you permit us to
- 10 build this addition, we would be blocking that kitchen
- 11 window on the first floor and we're proposing a matching
- 12 window exactly on the outside wall of the addition. There
- is nothing else being blocked except here on the side.
- 14 MR. JESTER: And your plan is accurate, that is to
- 15 say that there's no connection between this office/workshop
- 16 and the house? There are no doors proposed between the --
- MR. CHABUK: No.
- 18 MR. JESTER: So really it's kind of acting as a
- 19 garage/workshop that just happens to be abutted to the --
- 20 MR. CHABUK: Well, we gave up the garage a year
- 21 ago. So it's going to be a hobby shop for me. I'm a
- 22 cabinetmaker by trade, and so, and shed. Like I said, all
- 23 the rakes and shovels and wheelbarrow, everything is in the
- 24 basement. So, like I said, I like to in a few years build a
- 25 carriage house in the back corner of the lot similar to my
- 26 neighbor's which was approved already. She is here, by the

- 1 way, if you'd like to talk to her. And I think Mr. Silver
- 2 is familiar with that approved carriage house addition. So
- 3 having this addition also leaves space for me for the later
- 4 carriage house addition.
- 5 MR. FULLER: Other questions for the applicant?
- 6 MR. DUFFY: If you could build the carriage house
- 7 now, would you rather do that than build the addition?
- 8 MR. CHABUK: No, because carriage house is going
- 9 to cost some money, and this is very simple, easy, fast and,
- 10 you know, something that can be done in two months.
- 11 Carriage house would be a little bit costly. Because the
- 12 carriage house that my neighbor approved has a loft, like
- 13 living quarters in the second floor. It's a little bit more
- 14 than just a garage.
- MR. DUFFY: So, but this is described as two and a
- 16 half story addition. So basically, --
- MR. CHABUK: Is it? It's one floor. Where do you
- 18 see that?
- MR. DUFFY: Maybe I'm reading wrong.
- MR. SILVER: You're reading the description of the
- 21 house.
- MR. DUFFY: I'm sorry. The house is two and a
- 23 half stories. That's right. So basically, this is a one
- 24 story, one floor addition, but inside, not that we're
- 25 usually concerned, but from the outside it's going from the
- 26 front, the outside is going to look like an addition to the

- 1 house when in effect on the inside it's really just going to
- be an attached shed, is that correct?
- 3 MR. CHABUK: Physically it will be free standing,
- 4 but it is attached because there will not be any gap between
- 5 the existing house, but no load will be carried by the
- 6 original house. There will be, you know, another wall of
- 7 this addition against the house.
- 8 MR. DUFFY: Will you be able to get from inside of
- 9 the existing house into this addition without going outside?
- 10 MR. CHABUK: No. Only way we would do it by
- 11 really destroying the inside of the dining room and the
- 12 kitchen, and it would be really unwise.
- MR. DUFFY: So basically it's just going to be a
- 14 framed structure --
- MR. CHABUK: Yes.
- 16 MR. DUFFY: -- with a facade on the outside to
- 17 look like part of the house.
- 18 MR. CHABUK: Yes. But it will not, it will be
- 19 free standing. All the load will be carried by the
- 20 concrete. It will be bolted or screwed to the existing
- 21 house so that, I read the staff report that at any time if
- 22 this addition was removed, there will not be any marks on
- 23 the existing house except maybe some caulk marks.
- MR. DUFFY: Are you going to have heat and air
- 25 conditioning out there?
- MR. CHABUK: No. We may have a space heater if

- 1 I'm doing something there in winter.
- 2 MR. FULLER: Okay, at this point what I'd like to
- 3 do is sort of go down the line of commissioners and let them
- 4 provide you the input. We'll try to summarize it so that,
- 5 hopefully give you a consensus.
- 6 MR. JESTER: I guess, my point of view, I
- 7 generally find the, we talked a lot about the side addition.
- 8 We haven't talked at all about the rear addition. I
- 9 generally find the rear addition to be pretty sympathetic
- 10 and comfortable with this house. I think it's a nice
- 11 design. As far as the side addition, I guess I have a
- 12 little bit of concern about, not so much about whether
- 13 there's an addition on the side of the house, but where it's
- 14 located.
- I think the two and a half feet that's shown where
- 16 the setback is from the front of the house, I don't think
- 17 that's adequate. I think you quite a bit more than that to
- 18 have kind of the legibility of the original mass of the
- 19 house. I think what was very evident in the very first
- 20 photograph is a very nice Victorian house kind of sitting in
- 21 the landscape, and I think the addition should be a little
- 22 bit more, set back quite a bit more if that's possible.
- In other words, Commissioner Duffy suggested
- 24 moving it back as a detached structure, but I'm wondering if
- 25 it couldn't be pushed back, maybe still attached, but more
- 26 towards the rear of the house.

- 1 MR. CHABUK: Well, it could be if this commission
- 2 tells us to do that, we will do it. But we were following,
- 3 if you look at the drawing, the peak of the existing house
- 4 with the peak of the addition. We were using the house as a
- 5 guide.
- 6 MR. JESTER: I understand that.
- 7 MR. CHABUK: We would not be following that, but
- 8 we can do that. And the architect is here so maybe he can
- 9 start explaining.
- 10 MR. TRESEDER: Paul Treseder.
- MR. FULLER: Basically, I think we have a fairly
- 12 good understanding of what the application is in front of
- 13 us. I think your documents are very straightforward.
- 14 There's been concern expressed, or most of the discussion
- 15 has been on the side addition. Commissioner Jester, who I
- 16 believe you heard his comments. At this point what we're
- 17 really trying to do is just go down and give you the input
- 18 from the commission. We'll try to sum it up in the end as
- 19 to what's there.
- MS. MILES: I would agree that the rear addition
- 21 is sympathetic and appropriate massing and appropriate
- 22 placement, and uses well the existing L. But I feel pretty
- 23 strongly that the side addition needs to be relocated. I
- 24 wouldn't even want to see it pushed back behind the plane.
- 25 I would like to see it relocated to the rear. You have a
- 26 very large rear yard, and it's hard for me to perceive

- 1 exactly where the trees are. But I suspect there might be a
- 2 way to make this work that would allow you to achieve your
- 3 program without creating a asymmetrical front elevation
- 4 where symmetry is plainly like the dominant theme of the
- 5 house. I really wouldn't want to see the side addition.
- And my little usual pet peeve, I actually, I would
- 7 propose, I'd suggest that if you're going to put Azek or
- 8 some other artificial product on the outside, I would
- 9 suggest that you not use real wood for the trim and the
- 10 corner boards. I think that that actually looks more
- 11 artificial when the real wood is up against the artificial
- 12 product.
- MR. ROTENSTEIN: I attend to agree with
- 14 Commissioner Miles. This is a very nice characteristic turn
- 15 of the 20th Century Folk Victorian house that reads very
- 16 well in its front facade symmetry. I too would prefer to
- 17 see it in the rear detached from the house. Commissioner
- 18 Jester had some good points about pushing it back, building
- 19 off of Commissioner Duffy's comments and attaching it or
- 20 locating it next to the rear L, though that's going to still
- 21 be visible from the street, and I think that would not only
- 22 diminish the integrity of this property, but also diminish
- 23 the integrity of the streetscape and the surrounding
- 24 historic district.
- The rear addition, I think that's perfectly
- 26 sympathetic with the existing historic house and I don't

- 1 have any comments about that. But I would prefer on a
- 2 property like this to not have a side addition that is
- 3 visible, and especially as visible as the one we have before
- 4 us.
- 5 MR. DUFFY: I agree with the previous three
- 6 commissioners. I'm positive about the rear addition. I
 - 7 think what's shown here is fine and I don't have any real
 - 8 negative comments about that. I do think that the side
 - 9 addition should be behind the rear plane of the house as I
- 10 was saying before. And I also think that that opens up an
- 11 opportunity you might want to think about which is that, as
- 12 it is right now you'd have to walk outside to get into that
- 13 addition.
- 14 If it were a detached structure several feet
- 15 behind the rear plane of the house, you could have a covered
- 16 walk connecting into your stoop in the back. So you might
- 17 get a benefit out of doing that.
- 18 MR. FULLER: Commissioner Burstyn.
- 19 MR. BURSTYN: I would say it's all right as it is.
- 20 I don't care for the copula on top.
- 21 MR. TRESEDER: I was going to ask about that. I
- 22 wasn't sure about it either. I thought it was a little
- 23 much.
- MR. BURSTYN: I was wondering if it's functional
- 25 or is it just decor?
- MR. TRESEDER: No, it was very functional and

- 1 that's what, that was the inspiration for it was getting a
- 2 whole house fan because it's a non air conditioning space,
- 3 we wanted to do natural ventilation. But we can achieve
- 4 that by other methods. So yes, that was one thing actually
- 5 I was looking for some feedback on that specifically.
- 6 If I can just mention something that is a
- 7 consideration in designing. As you probably know the
- 8 Montgomery County zoning requires any structure that's
- 9 physically detached to be beyond the rear plane of the
- 10 house. So as soon as this becomes a detached structure, it,
- 11 by definition, would have to go behind the rear plane of the
- 12 house which in that case would actually be behind the rear
- 13 plane of the rear addition.
- 14 And I was sort of, as I was sitting here
- 15 listening, I was thinking that if it could shove back into
- 16 the rear corner of the existing house and have a nice little
- 17 connection to that stoop, then it would still have, because
- 18 we have a physical attachment, it wouldn't have to meet that
- 19 requirement. And yet it would still be beyond the back
- 20 plane of the existing house, although not beyond the back
- 21 plane of the proposed rear addition.
- MR. JESTER: What's the rear yard set back
- 23 requirement?
- MR. TRESEDER: Twenty feet.
- MR. JESTER: So is part of the reason why you
- 26 don't want to detach it is because you're trying to preserve

- 1 some space for the future carriage house?
- 2 MR. TRESEDER: I think so. But I just wanted to
- 3 make sure that that is part of my, works into my
- 4 calculations.
- 5 MR. FULLER: Let me just finish going through the
- 6 commissioners opinions of things. Personally, I would
- 7 concur with everybody else as it relates to the rear
- 8 addition. I think it's appropriate as proposed. I think
- 9 the detailing is starting to come together nicely. I think
- 10 I could be convinced of a side addition that might be able
- 11 to work, but this is certainly not it.
- I definitely would want to see it further back. I
- 13 would definitely want it not look a shed that's been pushed
- 14 on the side of the house, and I kind of have a problem with
- 15 the shed program just being pushed on the side of the house.
- 16 So, from my perspective, it would take a lot of convincing
- 17 and I definitely would recommend you coming back personally
- 18 for a second preliminary if you really wanted to pursue
- 19 that. I'd prefer to see this, because the function really
- 20 is the kind of things that most people would put in a
- 21 carriage house or put into a shed to make it a detached
- 22 piece.
- 23 That being said, I think what you've heard tonight
- 24 is three commissioners are very strongly opposed to having
- 25 the addition of any size on the side of the house. You
- 26 heard one commissioner say that they would accept it as

- 1 proposed, and you've heard two say that maybe in some
- 2 configuration it could be proposed. So certainly your path
- 3 of least resistance is something not on the side of the
- 4 house.
- 5 The rear addition, I think, if that were to come
- 6 back in front of us, I'd suggest you could come straight
- 7 back in with a HAWP on that.
- 8 MR. TRESEDER: One reason why, I'm familiar with
- 9 the fact that additions are preferred in the rear. I mean,
- 10 that's right in the ordinance. But because this was a
- 11 category, a contributing resource as opposed to a primary
- 12 resource, I thought there was a little bit more give. Was
- 13 that under consideration. I mean, I know that you like the
- 14 house, but it's not considered a number one category.
- MR. FULLER: I can't speak for all the
- 16 commissioners at this point, but I think that probably
- 17 entered into some of those that were more favorable to
- 18 saying that something could be done. But, as I said, I
- 19 think you're hearing there's very much of a mixed opinion as
- 20 to whether any side addition would be approvable. I think
- 21 that's probably about as much as we're going to be able to
- 22 give you tonight.
- MR. TRESEDER: Sounds like it, yes. It sounds
- 24 very straightforward. Thank you.
- MR. FULLER: Thank you. Next this evening is Case
- 26 B, the Brookville Road alterations. Is there a staff