

Historic Preservation Commission Preliminary Consultation Report

Address: 38 Philadelphia Ave., Takoma Park

Applicant(s): Damien Peters (Rick Vitullo, Architect)

Proposal: 2nd story addition, building addition, window replacement, and hardscape alteration

Staff Contact: Dan Bruechert

HPC Commissioners Providing Comments: Karen Burditt (acting chair), Jeff Hains (acting vice-chair), Michael Galway, Julie Pelletier, and James Doman.

Recommendations

The commissioners were uniform in their appreciation for the extensive revisions based on the feedback from the 9/4 Preliminary Consultation.

3 of the 5 commissioners present expressed a preference for proposal A with the hipped roofs, but the two who expressed a preference for proposal B indicated they would support proposal A as a HAWP.

Commissioners provided additional feedback, including:

- Eliminating one of the siding materials in the new construction, so the house would only have 2 siding materials above the foundation (the existing asbestos shingles and whichever siding was selected for the building additions).
- One commissioner recommended utilizing a single gable roof form and extending it rearward from the 2nd floor expansion.
- Most commissioners found that adding more Craftsman embellishments would overshadow the historic house massing.

Additional materials that need to be submitted with the HAWP application include:

- City of Takoma Park Arborist tree impact;
- Door replacement specifications; and
- Additional details for proposed hardscaping (though Staff notes, the hardscaping could be presented as a separate HAWP at a later date).

Return for an additional preliminary consultation

Return for a HAWP in accordance with the Commission's recommendations