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MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION 8787 Georgia Avenue • Silver Spring, Maryland 20910-3760

THE

DATE: 7-10-96

MEMORANDUM

TO: Robert Hubbard, Chief Division of Development Services and Regulation Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)

FROM: Gwen Marcus, Historic Preservation Coordinator Design, Zoning, and Preservation Division M-NCPPC

SUBJECT: Historic Area Work Permit

The Montgomery Historic Preservation Commission has reviewed the attached application for a Historic Area Work Permit. The application was:

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TO: Historic Area Work Permit Applicants

FROM: Gwen Marcus, Historic Preservation Coordinator Design, Zoning, and Preservation Division M-NCPPC

SUBJECT: Historic Area Work Permit Application - Approval of Application/ Release of Other Required Permits

Enclosed is a copy of your Historic Area Work Permit application, approved by the Historic Preservation Commission at its recent meeting, and a transmittal memorandum stating conditions (if any) of approval.

You may now apply for a county building permit from the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), at 250 Hungerford Drive, Second Floor, in Rockville. Please note that although your work has been approved by the Historic Preservation Commission, it must also be approved by DEP before work can begin.

When you file for your building permit at DEP, you must take with you the enclosed forms, as well as the Historic Area Work Permit that will be mailed to you directly from DEP. These forms are proof that the Historic Preservation Commission has reviewed your project. For further information about filing procedures or materials for your county building permit review, please call DEP at 217-6370.

If your project changes in any way from the approved plans, either before you apply for your building permit or even after the work has begun, please contact the Historic Preservation Commission staff at 495-4570.

Please also note that you must arrange for a field inspection for conformance with your approved HAWP plans. Please inform DEP/Field Services at 217-6240 of your anticipated work schedule.

Thank you very much for your patience and good luck with your project!

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

| Address: 7115 Sycamore Avenue, Takoma Park | Meeting Date: 7/10/96 |
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| Resource: Takoma Park Historic District | Review: HAWP |
| Case Number: 37/2-96W | Tax Credit: None |
| Public Notice: 6/26/96 | Report Date: 7/3/96 |
| Applicant: Bruce and Margaret W. Edwards | Staff: Perry Kephart |
| PROPOSAL: Remove live trees. | RECOMMEND: Deny |

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: Ca. 1915-25

<u>SIGNIFICANCE</u>: Contributing Resource in Takoma Park Historic District.

<u>ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION</u>: Two-story frame and stucco Craftsman-style Bungalow with frame front porch.

PROPOSAL:

Remove four trees all 6-8 inches in diameter:

- a. Chestnut oak in front yard on right side.
- b. Oak on right side of house in narrow strip between driveway and lot boundary.
- c. Ash in space on right side of lot between garage and lot boundary.
- d. Black walnut on left side of house.

STAFF DISCUSSION:

Staff does not support the removal of the chestnut oak, oak, or ash as all are in excellent health. All three are listed on the Native Species List of the <u>Trees</u>, <u>Approved Technical Manual</u> published by the Montgomery County Planning Department which states that "forest conservation begins with preservation of existing trees wherever possible." Furthermore, as stated in the Takoma Park Master Plan, one factor to be considered in reviewing HAWPS is that "all changes and additions should respect existing environmental settings, landscaping, and patterns of open space."

The staff arborist made a site visit and rendered the opinion that the three trees on the right side of the house were in excellent health and their removal as diseased, dying or creating a hazard could not be supported.

The black walnut to the left of the house, in the staff arborist's opinion, was less healthy than the other three trees under consideration as it had been stunted by vines growing up into the tree. He would support removal of the tree if it failed to thrive now that the vines have been removed.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends denial of this HAWP with the understanding that the black walnut tree may be removed at a later date if the City Forester of Takoma Park ascertains that the tree is diseased and dying.

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| PPROVED | For Chairperson, Historic Preservation Commission | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · |

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS MUST BE COMPLETED AND THE REQUIRED DOCUMENTS MUST ACCOMPANY THIS APPLICATION.

1. WRITTEN DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT

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

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

2. SITE PLAN

Site and environmental setting, drawn to scale. You may use your plat. Your site plan must include:

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- a. the scale, north arrow, and date;
- b. dimensions of all existing and proposed structures; and
- c. site features such as walkways, driveways, fences, ponds, streams, trash dumpsters, mechanical equipment, and landscaping.

3. PLANS AND ELEVATIONS

You must submit 2 copies of plans and elevations in a format no larger than 11" X 17". Plans on 8 1/2" X 11" paper are preferred.

- a. <u>Schematic construction plans</u>, with marked dimensions, indicating location, size and general type of walls, window and door openings, and other fixed features of both the existing resource(s) and the proposed work.
- b. Elevations (facades), with marked dimensions, clearly indicating proposed work in relation to existing construction and, when appropriate, context. All materials and fixtures proposed for the exterior must be noted on the elevations drawings. An existing and a proposed elevation drawing of each facade affected by the proposed work is required.

4. MATERIALS SPECIFICATIONS

General description of materials and manufactured items proposed for incorporation in the work of the project. This information may be included on your design drawings.

5. PHOTOGRAPHS

- a. Clearly labeled photographic prints of each facade of existing resource, including details of the affected portions. All labels should be placed on the front of photographs.
- b. Clearly label photographic prints of the resource as viewed from the public right-of-way and of the adjoining properties. All labels should be placed on the front of photographs.

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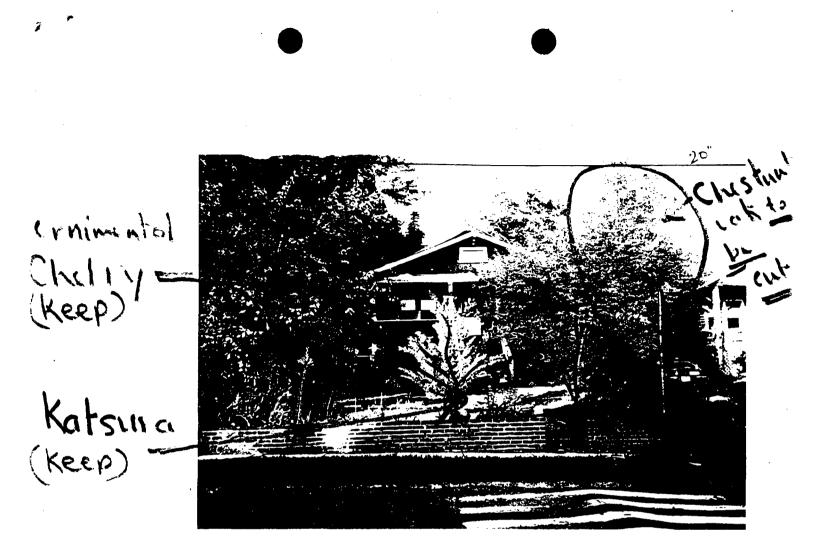
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Bruce/Peggy Edwards 7115 Sycamore Avenue Takoma Park, MD 20912 June 26, 1996

ADJOINING PROPERTY OWNERS

The list below indicates the current owners of property adjacent to the address listed above.

Fran Burwell & Jim Mean 7113 Sycamore Avenue

Toyo Biddle & Charles Schultz 7117 Sycamore Avenue

Frances & Sumner Patch 7112 Sycamore Avenue

Fred Feinstein & Karen Collins 7114 Sycamore Avenue

Tom Thomas & Terry Clifford 7116 Sycamore Avenue

Barbara & Gary Reisner 7110 Woodland Avenue

Timothy Phelps & Helen Winternitz 7112 Woodland Avenue July 8, 1996

To: Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission

From: Fran Burwell

Re: Historic Area Work Permit #37/3-96W (Edwards)

I am writing concerning the historic area work permit applied for by my neighbors, Peggy and Bruce Edwards. I understand their case will be heard on Wednesday, July 10th. Since I am the neighbor who is most directly affected by their petition for tree removal (the Edwards live at 7115 Sycamore Ave., and I live at 7113), I wanted to state my support of their petition.

The trees they have identified for removal on our shared fenceline are, for the most part, in undesirable locations. One oak poses a not inconsiderable threat to my roof (the trunk is about 6' away) while another tree (a multi-stemmed hardwood) is restraining the growth of a scarlet oak that I planted nearby several years ago. Also, I think it is important that the Commission realize that both the Edwards and myself have planted several trees and that we have identified saplings on our fenceline that we do want to save and see develop into mature trees. Furthermore, Peggy and Bruce have spent considerable funds on preserving the health of the large oak that already exists on our fenceline. Thus, I would ask that the Commission approve their petition so that we can continue to work toward having a selection of healthy, large trees in suitable locations in our gardens.

If there are any questions, I can be reached during the day at 301-405-7610.

Thank you for your consideration.

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