31/6-94F 10316 Armory Avenue

MEMORANDUM

TO:

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FROM:

Robin Ziek

SUBJECT:

Changes to approved HAWP at 10316 Armory Avenue, Kensington

DATE:

October 20, 1995

Mr. Huggins has begun work at this property, and I went over today to inspect the work, and speak with his contractor, and approved installation of turned columns instead of the modified posts which were approved by HPC.

[I had received a call from Alison Oppenheim at 10312 Armory about the work, and sent her a copy of the approved drawings so she could check on the work.]

Mr. Huggins' contractor had informed him that the existing 6x6 posts are much too rough to modify to match the proposal in the approved drawings. In addition, he has discovered the original columns under the porch. Since the modifications to the existing posts was a way to save money/labor costs, and they will be removed entirely, I considered the new proposal in light of the existing columns in the neighborhood, the original column found under the porch, and the decorative posts approved by the HPC.

The original columns were 5x5 posts, with chamfered corners. There are very similar columns at the rear of Ms. Oppenheim's house...simple posts with chamfered corners.

Mr. Huggins proposes to install stock turned columns instead of modifying the existing posts. The turned columns would be 5-1/2" square, with a turned section above the railing and below a squared portion (designed to receive a decorative bracket).

I discussed the idea of copying the original column with the contractor. It would be somewhat more expensive that the turned column, because of the handwork involved. It would be very plain.

Since the HPC had approved a decorative column treatment in their decision, I felt that the decorative turned column was in-line with their decision. The adjacent two houses are "sister" houses, and they both have turned columns.

I spoke to Ms. Oppenheim and asked her opinion. Since she has both types of columns on her house, we could get a good idea of how they would look. The plainer columns look fine on the simple rear porch. Her porch, of course, does have the decorative brackets in place, and the turned columns on the front porch are much of the decoration on the house.

I will take a picture of the original columns for the file.

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April 26, 1994

Mr. William B. Huggins Huggins & Harrison, Inc. 10615 Connecticut Avenue Kensington, MD 20895

Dear Mr. Huggins:

Thank you for filing a Historic Area Work Permit for review of work done at your parents' home at 10316 Armory Avenue, Kensington. Unfortunately, you seem to have received only half of the application form. I am enclosing the application attachment, which requires a very brief description (you can reference your letter and the information you have provided on the green application form) and the names and mailing addresses of the adjacent and confronting property owners.

In addition, please include information on the design of the "ornamental trim" and a sketch showing where on the porch you would install it. This information is needed as part of the application, since the Historic Preservation Commission will vote on it along with the other porch alterations already completed.

In addition, if you have the original photos from which the photocopies you submitted were made, would you please mail them to me. I can return them to you if necessary. Your application will be disseminated in the neighborhood as well as to the Commission members, and I would like the images to be as clear as possible.

Please mail the materials directly to me. When your application is complete, we will schedule your case for the next available Historic Preservation Commission meeting. The filing deadline for the May 25 HPC meeting is Friday, May 6, for example.

Please call me if you need further information on filing the HAWP application or have questions about the HPC's review procedures. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Nancy Witherell Historic Preservation Planner June 6, 1994

10314 Armory Avenue Kensington, Md. 20895

Historic Preservation Commission 8787 Georgia Avenue Silver Spring, Md. 20910

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Once again, thank you for your courtesy in approving our recent HAWP and for considering our views here.

Sincerely,

Anna R. McHale

Minutes Kensington LAP Meeting

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Meeting attended by Basle, Jones and Shulman with opinions by Little and Gurney submitted.

There was unanimous agreement that the porch posts should be turned and similar in dimensions to those of the other 2 houses of the same style on Armory Ave. Brackets at the top of posts should also be similar to those of the other 2 houses. A picture of 10312 Armory details these structures. All supports and detailing should be painted.

Basle and Jones felt the present flooring could be permitted if painted and if a railing with pickets were placed around the porch as well as the deck and painted. Little, Gurney and Shulman thought the floor of the porch should be classic tongue and groove and painted and that a railing possibly with modified supports as on the other 2 houses rather than pickets would be adequate. All porch wood should be painted. Little and Shulman thought the deck added to the side and back could remain as is while Gurney felt the deck floor should be the same as the porch.

Landscaping would obscure the deck from Warner Street. It would be nice if the original siding of the house were restored. Discussion brought out the long delay (well over a year) from initial notification by the town that inappropriate unapproved construction took place till the present hearing on restoration.

N.R. Shulman

June 8, 1994
10312 Armory Avenue
Kensington
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20895

Dear Commissioners,

We are writing to encourage you to deny an Historic work Permit to Mr. Huggins for work on the front porch of 10316 Armory Avenue in Kensington. We feel it would be infair and inappropriate to approve the proposed plan for the following reasons:

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Thank you for your time.

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Dear Ms. Witherell,

I am writing to you about the parch on 10316 Armony Avenue, Kens, hyton, MD 20895. I live on the same block, in the house next to the Town Hall. I can see the 10316 Armony Avenue parch from my house.

For years, my husband and I have been appalled at the lack of maintenance and care at this property. The gran was not cut for over a year, the large tree in the front yard is overgroun with iny that blooms in a 3 foot diameter out from the tree and is encircled by thousand of wasps some summers, weeds abound and basically, no attention has been paid to the yard in the eight years we have lived here. We have repeatedly tried to contact the owners, Huggins and Harrison, but have received no response on this rental property.

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Sincerely,

Stephen J.

Anna R. McHale

July 15, 1994

Mr. William Huggins 14 Massapoag Avenue Sharon, MA 02067

Dear Mr. Huggins:

Thank you for your phone call following up on the Historic Preservation Commission's discussion of your family's property at 10316 Armory Avenue in Kensington. I have waited geveral days before responding in order to be able to enclose a copy of the transcript of the discussion so that you can read it firsthand. Transcripts are always slow reading, but you'll be able to see the specific points and suggestions that were made.

The porch extension around the rear corner was approved. As you see, there is some leeway on the columns--it will be up to you to give us a drawing or description of what you choose to use, and whether you will replace the posts or chamfer and reuse the existing posts. Vertical square pickets and a shaped railing will be needed, as will tongue and groove flooring.

As Commissioner Brenneman suggested, you may want to save some money by building the new tongue and groove flooring on top of the existing flooring (and using a bandboard around the front edge). Tongue and groove is stipulated here as in all porches (as distinguished from decks) the Commission reviews. Standard 3" pine tongue and groove boards should be used. For the exposed area of the porch, make sure the slope of the porch floor will allow for adequate drainage. The need for porch brackets will depend on the style of porch post. Include them in your drawing if you want to use them. It was understood that the porch would be painted.

Please submit a drawing of your proposal directly to me. I will need it in order to approve the Historic Area Work Permit, which I am still holding until receipt of a drawing, and in order to provide documentation for your county building permit. I will notify Jay Calloway when I hear from you so that he can record that the case has been concluded satisfactorily. It was understood that the work would be completed in about 90 days from the date of the meeting. If it will take much longer than that, please let me know in your letter.

I would be happy to discuss any of this with you. My phone number is 301-495-4570. Again, thank you very much for your help in following through with the application.

Sincerely,

Nancy Witherell

Historic Preservation

Planner

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

MEETING

Wednesday, June 8, 1994

PRESENT:

WALTER BOOTH, Chairman
ALBERT RANDALL, Commissioner Clauman
PAULA BIENENFELD, Commissioner
JOSEPH B. BRENNEMAN
GREGG CLEMMER, Commissioner
ELLEN PRATT HARRIS, Commissioner
MARTHA LANIGAN, Commissioner

ALSO PRESENT:

Gwen Marcus, Historic Preservation Coordinator Patricia Parker, Staff Nancy Witherell, Staff

> JOHNSON & WARREN REPORTING UPPER MARLBORÖ, MD 20772 (301) 952-0511

(7:30 p.m.)

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3	CHAIRMAN RANDALL: Good evening, and welcome to
4	the June 8th meeting of the Montgomery County Historic
5	Preservation Commission. I'm Bert Randall, Chairman of
6	the Commission, from Clarksburg.
7	If the Commissioners starting on my far left
8	could introduce themselves, please?
9	MS. BIENENFELD: Paula Bienenfeld from
10	Rockville.
11	MR. CLEMMER: Gregg Clemmer from Darnestown.
12	MS. HARRIS: Ellen Harris, Takoma Park.
13	MS. LANIGAN: Martha Lanigan, Silver Spring.
14	MR. BOOTH: Walter Booth from Forest Glen.
15	MR. BRENNEMAN: Joe Brenneman, Silver Spring.
16	MS. MARCUS: Gwen Marcus, Historic Preservation
17	Coordinator.
18	MS. WITHERELL: Nancy Witherell, Staff.
19	MS. PARKER: Patricia Parker, Staff.
20	CHAIRMAN RANDALL: The first order of business
21	this evening will be Historic Area Work Permits. Have
22	all these cases been advertised?
23	MS. WITHERELL: Yes. These appeared in <u>The</u>
24	Journal
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25	CHAIRMAN RANDALL: We could say recently. I

1	CHAIRMAN RANDALL: Any discussion on the
2	motion?
3	(No response)
4	CHAIRMAN RANDALL: There being no discussion on
5	the motion, I close the public record. Those in favor of
6	the motion please signify by raising your hand.
7	(Vote taken)
8	CHAIRMAN RANDALL: The motion carries
9	unanimously. Thank you very much.
10	MR. BLOWER: Thank you. And I'd like to thank
11	the Commissioners for reconsidering the application.
12	CHAIRMAN RANDALL: The next case is Case H.
13	Has the applicant arrived? Okay, then if we could
14	proceed with the staff report, please?
15	MS. WITHERELL: This is 10316 Armory Avenue.
16	It's on the corner of Armory and Warner, and I'm standing
17	at the middle of the intersection. Just to my left,
18	across the street from this house is the Town Hall for
19	Kensington and the Kensington Armory.
20	You can see, because where the unpainted
21	wood is, this is the part of the porch that was replaced
22	about two years ago. Here's a view of the front of the
23	property. Parts of the porch that were replaced were the
24	posts, the railing, and the decking, that is, the

flooring.

The applicant has offered in the application to put on bracket trim and to paint, but I'm making a point of showing you the unpainted portions because those are the parts that are replaced. Notice the existing railing. The decking is about ten inches or so in width and the posts are now just six-by-six.

Also, in addition to the new work on the existing porch, it was extended around the side and rear as you see here, just as a deck with a partial railing. The roof was not extended. And there's a view of the back.

As a comparison, I show you the two other houses that form the trio of houses there, that were originally either identical or very close to be identical, and now over time have become a little bit different.

This is 10312, the one two away from this one, and you'll note there that this has its original turn-posts. It does have a later railing.

I guess I'm missing a photograph of the McHale's House, which is in between, and that's at 10314. That has slender posts that are not original. They're the kind that you would see ordered from a catalogue. It does have vertical for the railing. It has square pickets and a shaped top rail.

The comparison I was trying to make is that these are the posts that are original to the the and that one may presume are original to the subject property.

And it's also, I think, fairly straightforward to assume that originally these three houses had vertical picket railing, either the same railing that you see on 10314 or one that's very similar to it.

The house is a late Queen Anne style house, and toward the turn of the century you would see square pickets on the railing rather than turned railings.

My recommendation is to support the extension of the porch around the side and the rear because it is a corner property and because it's fairly low scale, just at grade, if the railing were to be extended. However, I think that the six-by-six posts, which are of a nature similar to those that are used on decks at the rear of the property for recreation purposes, modern decks, is not appropriate for a house of this time period, nor is the existing railing pattern, which is a very simple two-by-fours, which are now together.

CHAIRMAN RANDALL: Would you go back to the picture of the house itself, while you're giving us your staff recommendations? Thank you.

MS. WITHERELL: In addition, the Commission has always taken great care in reviewing alterations to

visible racades of houses, particularly front porches.

There have been several cases recently in Kensington and other historic districts where the Commission has given great consideration for proposed alterations to porches.

And it was my judgment that if this was coming in to you on paper that you would not approve this as is because it is inconsistent with the architectural and historic character of the property, which is a primary resource in the Kensington Historic District.

So my recommendation is to support the extension of the deck as long as the railing is continued, but not to support the use of six-by-six posts in a railing such as this. Also, the decking here is not and tongue-war-groove, which it would have been originally.

You have received four letters from the community: three from neighbors, one across the street and two from the owners of the other two houses next to this that are similar, and also comments from the LAP. You will note that the LAP comments on the whole concur with the staff recommendations, and the comments from the adjacent property owners also are very similar.

CHAIRMAN RANDALL: Did the applicant wish to make a statement? Please come forward. Identify yourself for the record, please, and then proceed.

MS. HUGGINS: I'm Linda Huggins. This house

aware that the community apparently doesn't like the structure of the house. We have not been able to take care of painting it and putting the trim on it and what have you. 5 My father, as I said, was very ill and passed away last year. I almost died last year, and I was 7 taking care of the house and have not been able to do 8 anything for the year. We are planning on painting it 9 and doing whatever you suggest we do to the house. 10 CHAIRMAN RANDALL: Have you had a chance to see 11 the staff report? 12 MS. HUGGINS: Not really, no. 13 CHAIRMAN RANDALL: Well, I guess you had at 14 least a chance to hear it this evening. The tongue in-15 groove and the turn-posts and so forth, those things are 16 things you would readily agree to doing? 17 MS. HUGGINS: Right, right. 18 CHAIRMAN RANDALL: Does anybody have any 19 20 opposition to the approach taken in the staff report? 21 (No response) 22 CHAIRMAN RANDALL: It seemed to me to be a 23 reasonable solution, what was contained in the staff 24 report. And with the applicant agreeing that that would

be amenable, and I think the Commission would be feeling

belongs to my father, who passed away last year. We're

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that those things would be necessary anyway, we probably should proceed with business then.

MR. BRENNEMAN: I had said earlier, and I don't know if that would be of any help, but the planks that are on the porch now, if you don't want to bother taking them up, it would make a much more solid porch. If you just left that and went over it with the tongue-and-groove flooring, it would at least save the tearing out and that sort of thing. And then put a band-board around the front where they show. They do show from the street pretty badly. I drove by today. So you don't see the end of the plank, the two-by-six or two-by-eight, whatever it is.

I think that would do it. And also the posts, Carolingus I think if you would take a look up at the Architectural Firm on Armory Avenue, they have the square posts, but they have been milled down. They look good and they've decorated them with paint. And I think it would be very fitting. That way, you wouldn't have to even move the posts and go about jacking up the porch again, and that sort of thing.

But that's only an idea that I had. And staff could work with you on that. But I definitely think you need to change the rails and the pickets to standard porch rail and picket.

MS. WITHERELL: Do you have an opinion on brackets? We saw on the neighboring house two doors down, I think they have their original brackets. I don't know whether you want to talk about those in relation to this property or not.

CHAIRMAN RANDALL: Well, it's my sense that some decorative features similar to that should be there because otherwise it's going to be -- in comparison to what's there, it's a very, very plain kind of treatment.

MR. BRENNEMAN: I think the house up the street has the brackets on it, also. But you can buy those brackets --

MS. WITHERELL: I was looking in a catalogue just recently and I can get you information on it. You can just purchase them and have your contractor just install them and then paint it. They're not that expensive.

CHAIRMAN RANDALL: I don't recall, does the staff report mention specifically the brackets?

MS. WITHERELL: I don't think I did. I think I commented on the -- the brackets that are proposed are not appropriate for a Queen Anne house. It needs to be something very similar to this. The LAP also commented that they would like to see brackets.

CHAIRMAN RANDALL: Okay. So the brackets could

and so forth were removed? 1 MS. HUGGINS: When were they removed? 2 CHAIRMAN RANDALL: Right. 3 MS. HUGGINS: Loosely, about a year-and-a-half, 4 two years ago. 5 CHAIRMAN RANDALL: Okay. And they were similar 6 to what is here? 7 MS. HUGGINS: No, they weren't. They were 8 similar to what's up there now. Very similar. The only 9 difference is they were painted. Same thing with the 1.0 floor, the floor was painted blue, but they were similar 11 to what's on the floor now. 12 CHAIRMAN RANDALL: So somebody had already done 13 a little --14 MS. HUGGINS: Exactly. When we bought the 15 house, which was quite a few years ago. 16 CHAIRMAN RANDALL: All right. Why don't we 17 proceed, then, leaving it at the staff level. 18 Otherwise --19 MS. MARCUS: Just so we're clear, you're saying 20 that it can be approved at a staff level and they could 21 22 be either turn-posts, which are the rounded ones, or 23 chamfered posts, which is what I think Joe was 24 describing, which is a square post with just areas

beveled in? So you're saying that either one would be

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acceptable from an HPC perspective?

MR. BRENNEMAN: I think the house up the street is a Queen Anne, isn't it?

MS. WITHERELL: Yeah.

MR. BRENNEMAN: And I think they look quite nice.

CHAIRMAN RANDALL: I would think --

MS. WITHERELL: This is the model.

CHAIRMAN RANDALL: -- what the staff would find compatible and the staff could work with the applicant. We can't really design it tonight. But I would be inclined to leave that to the staff, of whichever design is apparently most compatible with what's there around it, and then appropriately with brackets, if it's the right kind of post and so forth.

Is there any dissension in the ranks over that?

That seems to me to be the --

MS. HARRIS: No, that's fine with me. We can't require them to restore it. What we can ask is for something that's compatible. If they want to restore it, that's wonderful. But what we're talking about is something that's a compatible design, and I'm just saying that can run the gamut and it's just too difficult. We'd have to wind up designing it.

I would like to -- you know, that the rail --

Avenue in the Kensington Historic District be approved

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for alterations to the post and railings on the front and 1 side porch. This recommendation also approves the 2 extension of that porch into a deck on the side and the 3 4 rear. The HAWP application is approved with the staff 5 recommendations as noted in the staff report, and that 6 the applicant will work with staff for a specific 7 compatible design to the porch elements that need to be 8 replaced, and that this work be completed within a 90-day 9 time frame. 10 CHAIRMAN RANDALL: Is there a second? 11 MR. BRENNEMAN: Second. 12 CHAIRMAN RANDALL: There is a second. Any 13 discussion on the motion? 14 15 (No response) CHAIRMAN RANDALL: There being no discussion on 16 17 the motion, I close the public record. Those in favor of 18 the motion please signify by raising your hand. (Vote taken) 19 CHAIRMAN RANDALL: The motion carries 20 21 unanimously. Thank you very much. 22 MS. HUGGINS: Thank you. CHAIRMAN RANDALL: The next order of business 23 is the minutes. Does anybody have any objection to 24

approving the minutes?

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CHAIRMAN RANDALL: There being no objection to approving the minutes, the minutes are approved.

Commission items, we can take up to a minute on that if somebody has got something very pressing.

(No response)

CHAIRMAN RANDALL: Okay, I don't see any significant Commission items.

thought it was -- well, we're going to do that just as soon as I finish noting on the record. I thought that the recent case before the Planning Board was an exceptionally well done thing. I know it had to be a very, very difficult case for us to get our points across. I would like to commend the three Commissioners that were there advancing the Commission's case.

Martha?

MS. LANIGAN: Gwen, were you going to bring up the Open House?

MS. MARCUS: Yes.

MS. LANIGAN: I don't have anything, then.

MS. MARCUS: I think one other Commission item that maybe Walter might want to talk about is the fact that the Banfield Case went on at the Board of Appeals and maybe just report on how that went.

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June 8, 1994
10312 Armon Avenue
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Dear Commissioners,

we are writing to encourage you to deny an Historic Work Permit to Mr. Huggins for work on the front porch of 10316 Armory Avenue in Kensington. We feel it would be unfair and inappropriate to approve the proposed plan for the following reasons:

I) the plan clearly is out of character with the historic features of the house and the neighboring homes. The pressure treated plank hooring and the square posts are not appropriate construction materials for the exterior

of a house built in the 1890s.

2) We spent a lot of time and money designing and building an addition to our house, which is two doors down from the one inquestion, in 1990 and 1991. We followed the rules and went through your hearings and approval process and eventually came up with a design that was compatible with the house and the reighborhood. To have to look at that parch every day is like a slap in the face!

3) if you approve the plan as it stands, what is to stop other residents of historic homes from making repairs to their houses in a similar manner? Will there be a proliferation of porches with decking and square posts on historic homes in the tounty?

Surcorely.
Alison & John
Apenheim

4) you approve Mr. Degins plan, hose feel that this makes a markery of the H.P.C.'s purpose in monitoring and policing exterior renovations and additions con historic house in Montgonony County.

Thank you for your time.

Dear Mo, Witherell,

Armony throwns, hourshyton, MD 2089S. I have on the I am uniting to you about the porch on 10316

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good shape (for example, all the posts and rails,) We realize that we had to spend a lot more money to do this, but, win the end result is we have a beautiful parch which is historically appropriate. The parchian 10316 Armony Are, mocks all the hard work we put into our parch in following the historical suidelines.

I urge you not to approve any retroactive application. The highly visible floor, posts and rails are all unacceptable. The parch and deek should be redone properly.

Juna Booth
10309 Armony Ave,
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p. S. My husband and I shudder to Think of what has been mined inside the house and what the owners will next do to the exterior.

Minutes Kensington LAP Meeting

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Meeting attended by Basle, Jones and Shulman with opinions by Little and Gurney submitted.

There was unanimous agreement that the porch posts should be turned and similar in dimensions to those of the other 2 houses of the same style on Armory Ave. Brackets at the top of posts should also be similar to those of the other 2 houses. A picture of 10312 Armory details these structures. All supports and detailing should be painted.

Basle and Jones felt the present flooring could be permitted if painted and if a railing with pickets were placed around the porch as well as the dack and painted. Little, Gurney and Shulman thought the floor of the porch should be classic tongue and groovs and painted and that a railing possibly with modified supports as on the other 2 houses rather than pickets would be adequate. All porch wood should be painted. Little and Shulman thought the added to the side and back could remain as is while Gurney felt the deck floor should be the same as the porch.

Landscaping would obscure the deck from Warner Street. It would be nice if the original siding of the house were restored. Discussion brought out the long delay (well over a year) from initial notification by the town that inappropriate unapproved construction took place till the present hearing on restoration.

N.R. Shulman

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

Address: 10316 Armory Avenue Meeting Date: 6/8/94

Resource: Kensington Historic District Review: HAWP/Alteration

Case Number: 31/6-94F Tax Credit: No

Public Notice: 5/25/94 Report Date: 6/1/94

Applicant: F.M. Huggins Estate Staff: Nancy Witherell

PROPOSAL: Replacement of front porch RECOMMEND: Partial approval with conditions

The application concerns the replacement of the front porch of a Queen Anne-style house designated a primary resource in the Kensington Historic District. The HPC staff and the Town of Kensington first received calls about the work in the Spring of 1992 and the case was referred to DEP for enforcement.

The application shows the porch largely completed but the applicant states that bracket trim will be added and the porch painted. The porch posts, flooring, and railing were replaced two years ago and the porch was extended as a deck (without a roof) around the rear elevation of the house.

The house is one of three originally identical or nearly identical houses, all primary resources across the street from the Armory.

STAFF DISCUSSION

The porch, as replaced, is inconsistent with the style of the house and is similar to rear decks constructed for recreational purposes. The posts, railing, and decking (flooring) are not appropriate for the small-scale, picturesque historic house. The porch should have turned posts, vertical balusters, and delicate (if any) brackets. The posts are unarticulated 6x6 posts, the railings are also unarticulated, and the flooring is not tongue and groove but rather wide plank decking.

The other two houses in the row have had alterations to their front porches; the staff believes that the front railing of 10312 was replaced and the porch posts of 10314, although turned, are probably more slender than they were originally.

The front railing of 10316 is now very similar to that at'10312, although the top railing is not shaped and the railing members are not otherwise articulated as they would normally be for a front porch of a house of this style and era. The staff includes

a photograph of the applicant's house taken in 1987 showing the earlier railing, also not original, and the original configuration of the rear stoop on concrete blocks.

The staff does not find the extension of the porch as an open deck around the rear corner of the house to be inconsistent with other decisions and alterations in the historic district. It replaces an earlier alteration, a large deck or stoop, that was less appropriate for the house.

The Historic Preservation Commission has consistently shown great care in reviewing the alteration of front porches and has been concerned with their retention and historic appearance because they are character-defining features of historic houses. This has been the case in the Kensington Historic District as well as in other historic districts. The staff believes that the HPC would not have approved this alteration if it had been presented in a HAWP application prior to construction.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

In light of the previous alterations to this house and to the two similar adjacent houses, the staff recommends the following: that the extension of the porch at the rear outside corner be approved, <u>provided</u> the porch posts, railing, and decking be replaced with materials appropriate for the front porch of a Queen Anne-style house designated a primary resource in the historic district.

The staff would recommend that turned posts similar to the other two houses be used, that tongue and groove flooring be installed, and that the railing be composed of vertical balusters. As a second choice, in consideration of the fact that the replaced railing was not original, an articulated and shaped horizontal railing could be used. Brackets would not necessarily be needed with turned posts, although they could be proposed if desired. The porch should be painted, as the applicant has offered to do.

The staff recommendation is consistent with previous decisions by the HPC, particularly as related to alterations to the front and visible side elevations of historic resources in historic districts.

If these revisions to the HAWP proposal were made, the following ordinance criterion would be met:

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

and the proposal would be consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards, particularly #2:

The historic character of a property shall be retained and preserved. The removal of historic materials or alteration of features and spaces that characterize a property shall be avoided.

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SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION FOR HISTORIC AREA WORK PERMIT REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS

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2. Statement of Project Intent:

Short, written statement that describes:

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c. the way in which the proposed work conforms to the specific
requirements of the Ordinance (Chapter 24A):

3. Project Plan:

Site and environmental setting, drawn to scale (staff will advise on area required). Plan to include:

- a. the scale, north arrow, and date;
- b. dimensions and heights of all existing and proposed structures;
- c. brief description and age of all structures (e.g., 2 story, frame house c.1900);
- d. grading at no less than 5' contours (contour maps can be obtained from the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, 8787 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring; telephone 495-4610); and
- e. site features such as walks, drives, fences, ponds, streams, trash dumpsters, mechanical equipment, and landscaping.
- 4. <u>Tree Survey</u>: If applicable, tree survey indicating location, caliper and species of all trees within project area which are 6" in caliper or larger (including those to be removed).

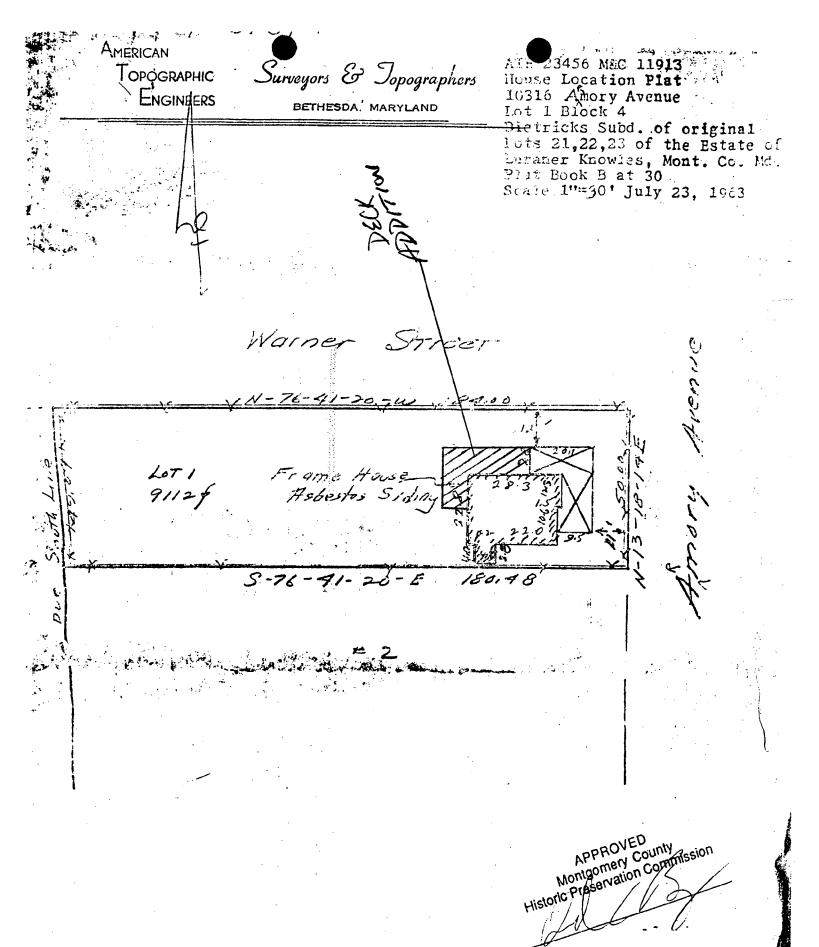
- 5. <u>Design Features</u>: Schematic construction plans drawn to scale at 1/8" = 1'-0", or 1/4" = 1'-0", indicating location, size and general type of walls, window and door openings, roof profiles, and other fixed features of both the existing resource(s) and the proposed work.
- 6. <u>Facades</u>: Elevation drawings, drawn to scale at 1/8" = 1'0", or 1/4" = 1'0", clearly indicating proposed work in relation to existing construction and, when appropriate, context. All materials and fixtures proposed for exterior must be noted on the elevations drawings. <u>An existing and a proposed elevation drawing of each facade affected by the proposed work is required</u>.
- 7. <u>Materials Specifications</u>: General description of materials and manufactured items proposed for incorporation in the work of the project.
- 8. <u>Photos of Resources</u>: Clearly labeled color photographic prints of each facade of existing resource, including details of the affected portions. All labels should be placed on the front of photographs.
- 9. <u>Photos of Context</u>: Clearly labeled color photographic prints of the resource as viewed from the public right-of-way and from adjoining properties, and of the adjoining and facing properties.

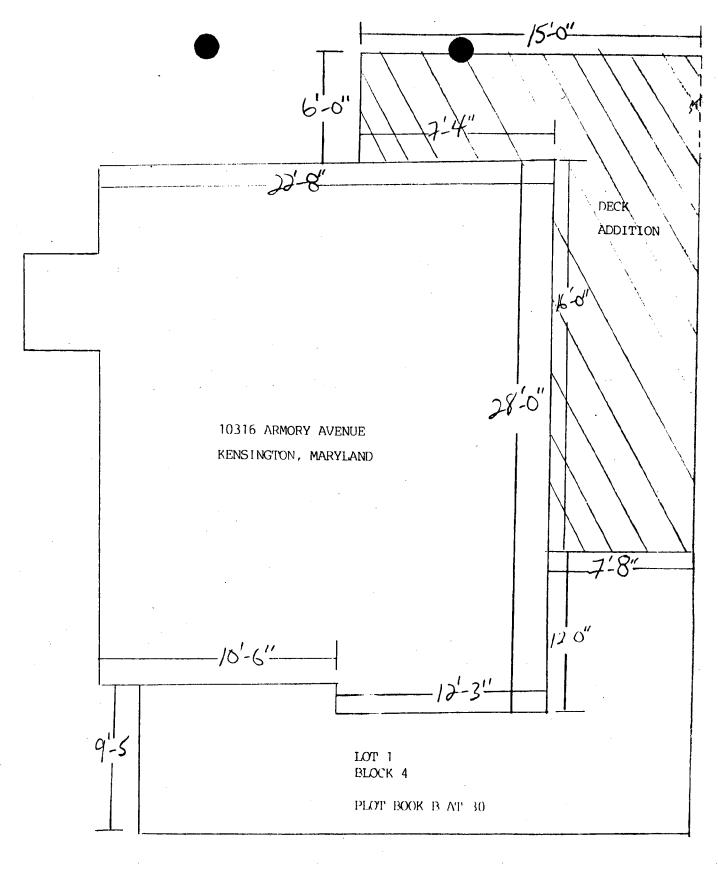
Color renderings and models are encouraged, but not generally required.

Applicant shall submit 2 copies of all materials in a format no larger than $8\ 1/2$ " x 14"; black and white photocopies of color photos are acceptable with the submission of one original photo.

10. Addresses of Adjacent Property Owners. For all projects, provide an accurate list of adjacent and confronting property owners (not tenants), including names, addresses, and zip codes. This list should include the owners of all lots or parcels which adjoin the parcel in question, as well as the owner(s) of lot(s) or parcel(s) which lie directly across the street/highway from the parcel in question. If you need assistance obtaining this information, call the Department of Assessments and Taxation, at 279-1355.

1.	Name SPENCER J + BARDARA HARRILL
	Address 3810 WARNER ST.
	City/Zip KENSINGTON, MD. 20895
2.	Name STEPHEN + ANN MCHACE
	Address 10314 ARMORY AVE,
	City/Zip KENSIN HON, MD 20895





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DAVID BERG HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

15 NOVEMBER 1994

DEAR DAVID.

HERE ARE SOME SCETCHES DETAILING THE WORK TO BE COMPLETED AT 10316 ARMORY AVE., KENSINGTON, MD. OF COURSE, THE FLOORING WILL ALSO BE REPLACED WITH 1X3 OR 1X4 TONGUE IN GROOVE LUMBER. THE ENTIRE STRUCTURE TO BE PAINTED WHITE TO MATCH COLOR OF HOUSE.

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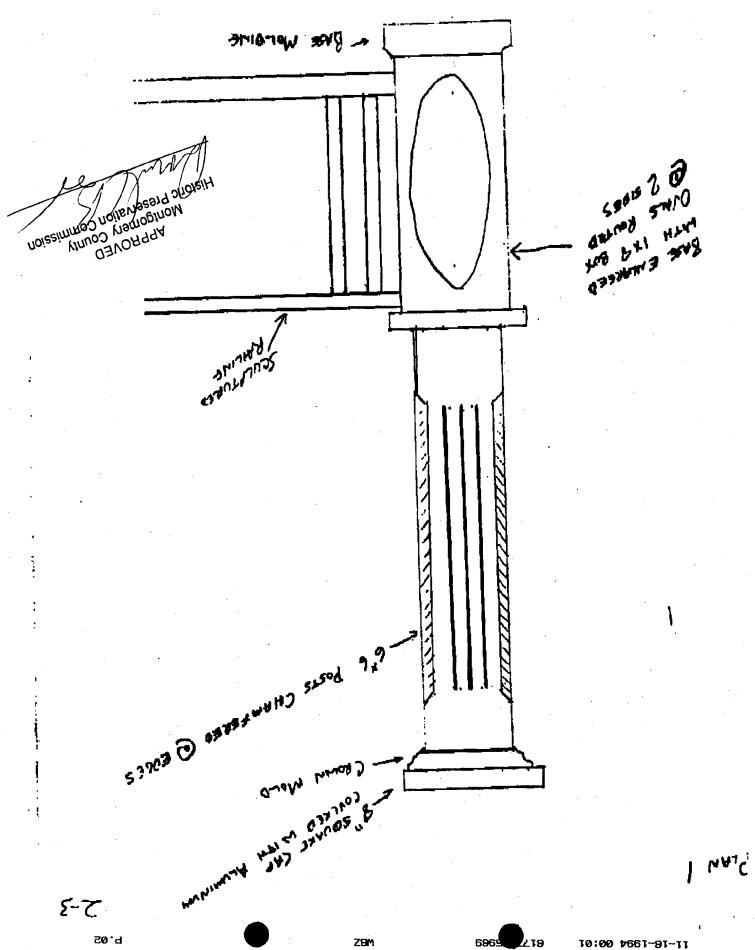
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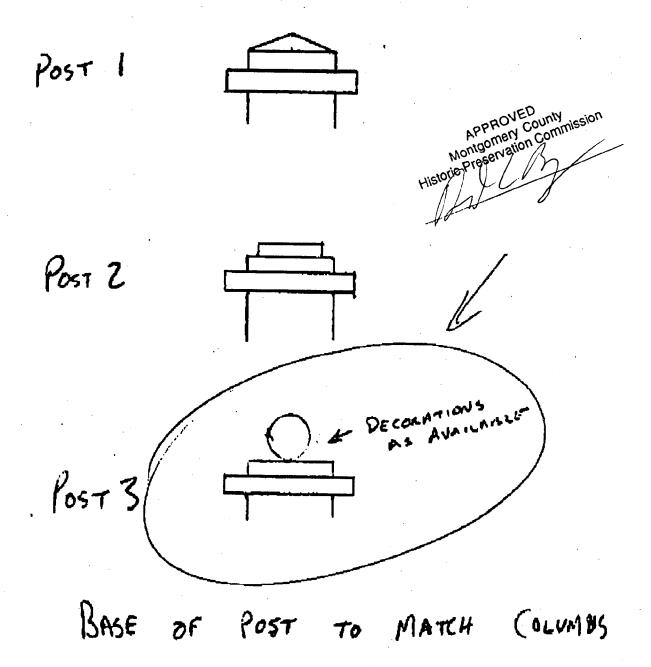
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HUGGINS & HARRISON, INC. 10615 Connecticutt Avenue Kensington, Maryland 20895 April 9, 1994

DEPT. OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION 250 Hungerford Drive Rockville, Maryland 20850 Att: Edward J. Callaway

Re: Proposed porch repair and deck addition to

10316 Armory Avenue
Kensington, Maryland
Owned by the Estate of Francis M. Huggins

Dear Mr. Callaway,

Enclosed is an application, plot plan, elevation, and photographs detailing the improvements underway at 10316 Armory Ave. The front porch vertical supports, railing, and flooring had become structurally unsafe and it was decided that replacement was necessary. Also, it was thought that attaching a deck to the rear of the porch would be attractive and enhance the flow around the main room of the first floor.

This home has been owned by my family for many years and is part of the estate of my late father, Francis M. Huggins, who passed away in March of last year. It is currently being rented to provide income for my mother's retirement. Unfortunately, because of the extended illness which preceded my father's death, this project was not closely supervised, nor was it completed.

It is my intention to complete the work by adding ornamental trim and painting the structure so that it will more closely conform to the original style of the architecture. Any advice you might offer would be welcome.

I regret that this application was not filed sooner, however, I was not aware that any work was being done that was not in full compliance with local ordinances or Historic Preservation Commission guidelines.

There is presently a court date pending of April 19th. If for any reason you have any further requirements or questions concerning this matter, I would appreciate your postponing that hearing to allow time for further action.

Thank you for your kind attention to this case.

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William B. Huggins



Historic Preservation Commission

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NAME	E OF PROPERTY OWNER F.M. HUGGINGS ESTATE TELEPHONE NO. 300 949-2800
	(Contract/Purchaser) (Include Area Code)
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CONT	RACTOR HULLINS - HARRISON INC. TELEPHONE NO. (30) 949-2800
/	CONTRACTOR REGISTRATION NUMBER
PLANS	S PREPARED BY WILLIAM B. HUFGINS TELEPHONE NO. (617) 784-7848
	(Include Area Code) REGISTRATION NUMBER
	ITION OF BUILDING/PREMISE
House	Number 10316 Street ARMORY AVE.
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	Wreck/Raze Move Install Revocable Revision Fence/Wall (complete Section 4) Other
1B.	construction costs estimate \$ 1,800.00
10. 10.	IF THIS IS A REVISION OF A PREVIOUSLY APPROVED ACTIVE PERMIT SEE PERMIT #
1D.	INDICATE NAME OF ELECTRIC UTILITY COMPANY
1E.	IS THIS PROPERTY A HISTORICAL SITE?
	TWO: COMPLETE FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION AND EXTEND/AOOITIONS TYPE OF SEWAGE DISPOSAL 2B. TYPE OF WATER SUPPLY
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4A. 4B.	
	1. On party line/Property line

HUGGINS & HARRISON, INC. 10615 Connecticutt Avenue Kensington, Maryland 20895 May 16, 1994

Ms. Nancy Witherell
Historic Preservation Planner
The Maryland-National
Capital Park and Planning Commission
8787 Georgia Avenue
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910-3760

Re: Proposed porch repair and deck addition to 10316 Armory Avenue
Kensington, Maryland
Owned by the Estate of Francis M. Huggins

Dear Ms. Witherell,

Enclosed is the additional information you requested concerning the improvements underway at 10316 Armory Ave. Some of the information may have already been forwarded to you by J. Callaway of the Dept. of Environmental Protection.

I have also enclosed the letter I sent to him originally which details the history and scope of this project.

I hope this will satisfy the requirements of the commission and that I can take the necessary steps toward completing this project in a timely manner.

Thank you for your kind attention to this case.

Villiam B. Huggins

Sincerely yours,

HUGGINS & HARRISON, INC. 10615 Connecticutt Avenue Kensington, Maryland 20895 **April 9, 1994**

DEPT. OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION 250 Hungerford Drive Rockville, Maryland 20850

Att: Edward J. Callaway

Re: Proposed porch repair and deck addition to 10316 Armory Avenue Kensington, Maryland Owned by the Estate of Francis M. Huggins

Dear Mr. Callaway,

Enclosed is an application, plot plan, elevation, and photographs detailing the improvements underway at 10316 Armory Ave. The front porch vertical supports, railing, and flooring had become structurally unsafe and it was decided that replacement was necessary. Also, it was thought that attaching a deck to the rear of the porch would be attractive and enhance the flow around the main room of the first floor.

This home has been owned by my family for many years and is part of the estate of my late father, Francis M. Huggins, who passed away in March of last year. It is currently being rented to provide income for my mother's retirement. Unfortunately, because of the extended illness which preceded my father's death, this project was not closely supervised, nor was it completed.

It is my intention to complete the work by adding ornamental trim and painting the structure so that it will more closely conform to the original style of the architecture. Any advice you might offer would be welcome.

I regret that this application was not filed sooner, however, I was not aware that any work was being done that was not in full compliance with local ordinances or Historic Preservation Commission guidelines.

There is presently a court date pending of April 19th. If for any reason you have any further requirements or questions concerning this matter, I would appreciate your postponing that hearing to allow time for further action.

Thank you for your kind attention to this case.

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SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION FOR HISTORIC AREA WORK PERMIT REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS

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2. Statement of Project Intent:

Short, written statement that describes:

a. the proposed design of the new work, in terms of scale, massing, materials, details, and landscaping:

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3. Project Plan:

Site and environmental setting, drawn to scale (staff will advise on area required). Plan to include:

- a. the scale, north arrow, and date;
- b. dimensions and heights of all existing and proposed structures;
- brief description and age of all structures (e.g., 2 story, frame house c.1900);
- d. grading at no less than 5' contours (contour maps can be obtained from the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, 8787 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring; telephone 495-4610); and
- e. site features such as walks, drives, fences, ponds, streams, trash dumpsters, mechanical equipment, and landscaping.
- 4. <u>Tree Survey</u>: If applicable, tree survey indicating location, caliper and species of all trees within project area which are 6" in caliper or larger (including those to be removed).

- 5. <u>Design Features</u>: Schematic construction plans drawn to scale at 1/8" =1'-0", or 1/4" = 1'-0", indicating location, size and general type of walls, window and door openings, roof profiles, and other fixed features of both the existing resource(s) and the proposed work.
- 6. <u>Facades</u>: Elevation drawings, drawn to scale at 1/8" = 1'0", or 1/4" = 1'0", clearly indicating proposed work in relation to existing construction and, when appropriate, context. All materials and fixtures proposed for exterior must be noted on the elevations drawings. <u>An existing and a proposed elevation drawing of each facade affected by the proposed work is required</u>.
- 7. <u>Materials Specifications</u>: General description of materials and manufactured items proposed for incorporation in the work of the project.
- 8. <u>Photos of Resources</u>: Clearly labeled color photographic prints of each facade of existing resource, including details of the affected portions. All labels should be placed on the front of photographs.
- 9. <u>Photos of Context</u>: Clearly labeled color photographic prints of the resource as viewed from the public right-of-way and from adjoining properties, and of the adjoining and facing properties.

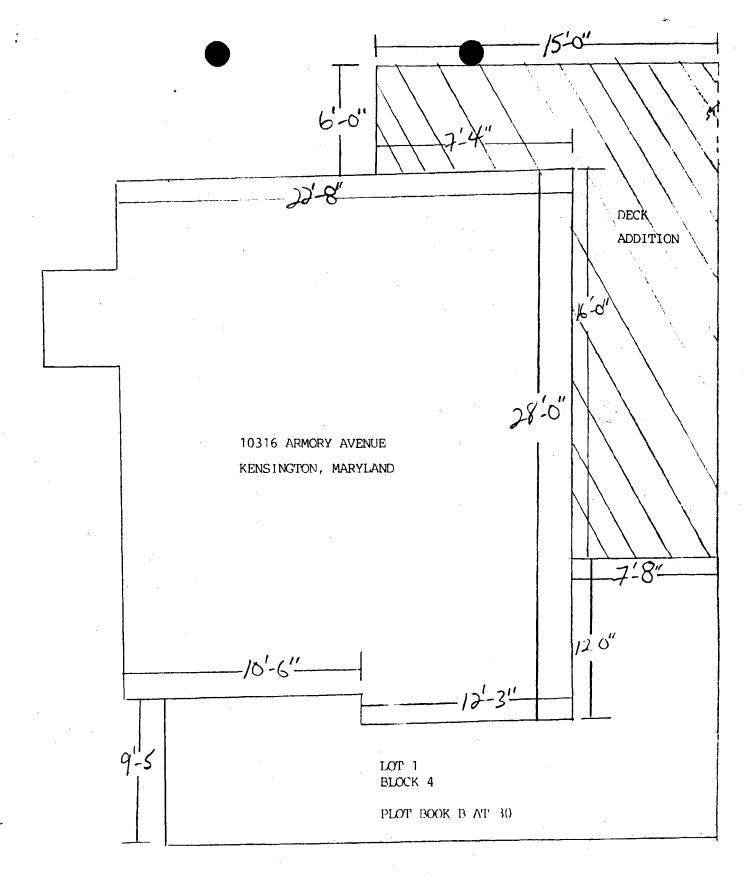
Color renderings and models are encouraged, but not generally required.

Applicant shall submit 2 copies of all materials in a format no larger than 8 1/2" x 14"; black and white photocopies of color photos are acceptable with the submission of one original photo.

10. Addresses of Adjacent Property Owners. For all projects, provide an accurate list of adjacent and confronting property owners (not tenants), including names, addresses, and zip codes. This list should include the owners of all lots or parcels which adjoin the parcel in question, as well as the owner(s) of lot(s) or parcel(s) which lie directly across the street/highway from the parcel in question. If you need assistance obtaining this information, call the Department of Assessments and Taxation, at 279-1355.

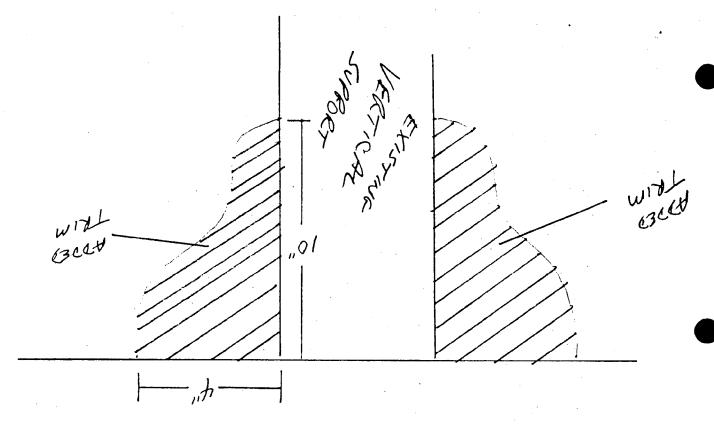
1.	Name SPENCER J& BARBARA HARRILO
	Address 3810 WARNER ST.
	City/Zip KENSINGTON, MD. 20895
2.	Name STEPHEN + ANN MCHARE
	Address 10314 ARMORY AVE,
	City/Zip KENSINGTON, MD 20895

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House Location Plat
10316 Amory Avenue
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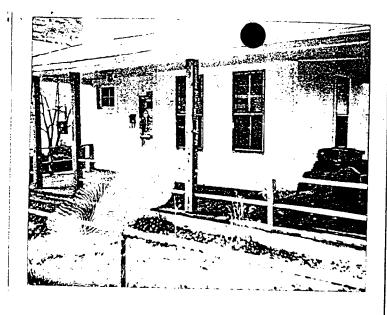


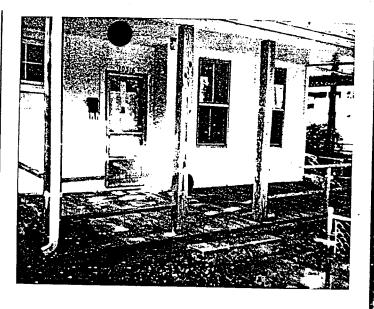
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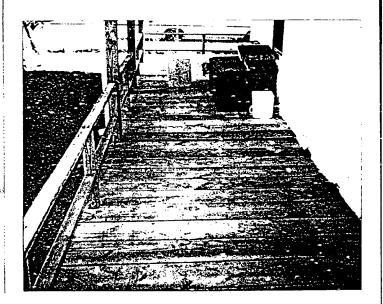
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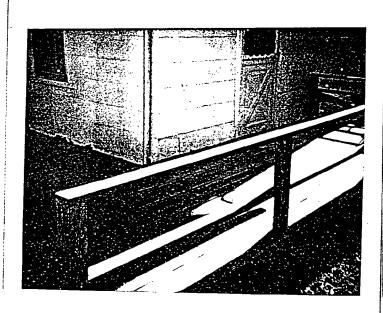
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VIEW FROM WARNER ST SHOWING REAR VIEW OF 10316, 10314, 10312 ARMORY AVENUE

> 10316 ARMORY AVE, FRONT VIEW. 10314 ARMORYTO LEFT.



10316 Armory Avenue Kensington Historic District













