Murphy HPC #31/6-96A 3814 Washington Street Kensington Historic District



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



DATE: < Sanuary 18, 1996

MEMORANDUM

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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- 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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Applican	t: John B & D.A. Murphy	
Address:	3814 Washington Street; Kensington, Md. 2089	5
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HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

Address: 3814 Washington Street Resource: Kensington Historic District Case Number: 31/6-96A Public Notice: 12/27/95 Applicants: John B & D.A. Murphy PROPOSAL: Install new wood stair railing

Meeting Date: 1/10/96 HAWP: Alteration Tax Credit: No Report Date: 1/3/96 Staff: Patricia Parker RECOMMEND:Approval

BACKGROUND

This application concerns the construction of a front porch handrail on the west side of existing front steps on a l frame house designated as a primary resource in the Kensington Historic District. This house is adjacent to another primary resource and a secondary resource is on the other side. It is confronted by an area that is part of the Historic District, but it is excluded from regulation..

As proposed, the handrail would be simple and constructed of wood. The posts would have rounded tops on four sides, its balusters would be engaged within the top and bottom rail and the handrail would be 36" in height and 32" in length to cover two existing stone treads. The new handrail would be painted white to match existing trim.

STAFF DISCUSSION

Porches in the Kensington Historic District are important because they are a distinctive feature of the neighborhoods. They are utilitarian and expressive. Changes proposed for porches are seriously considered.

The applicant has chosen not to construct a handrail on both sides of the front stair; but to construct only as much of an alteration required to achieve its purpose. The applicant should be applauded. This proposal is not to enclose the porch, remove the porch or replace a documented feature. The new handrail is also separate from historic fabric. This is a proposal to enhance the utility of the porch and the materials proposed are compatible.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Commission find the proposal consistent with the purposes of Chapter 24A-8(b)1:

The proposal will not substantially alter the exterior features of an historic site, or historic resource within an historic district;





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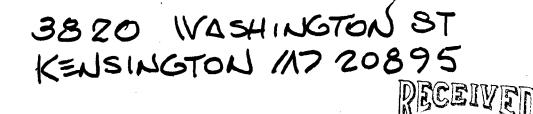
and with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation #2, and #10:

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; and

New additions and adjacent or related new construction shall 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.

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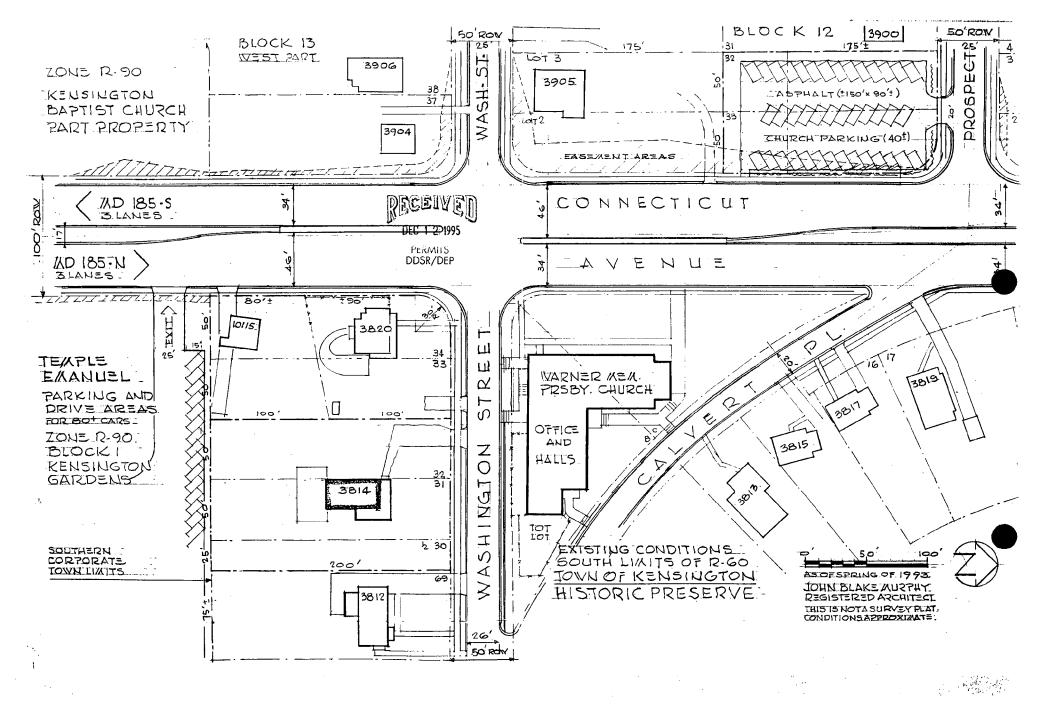
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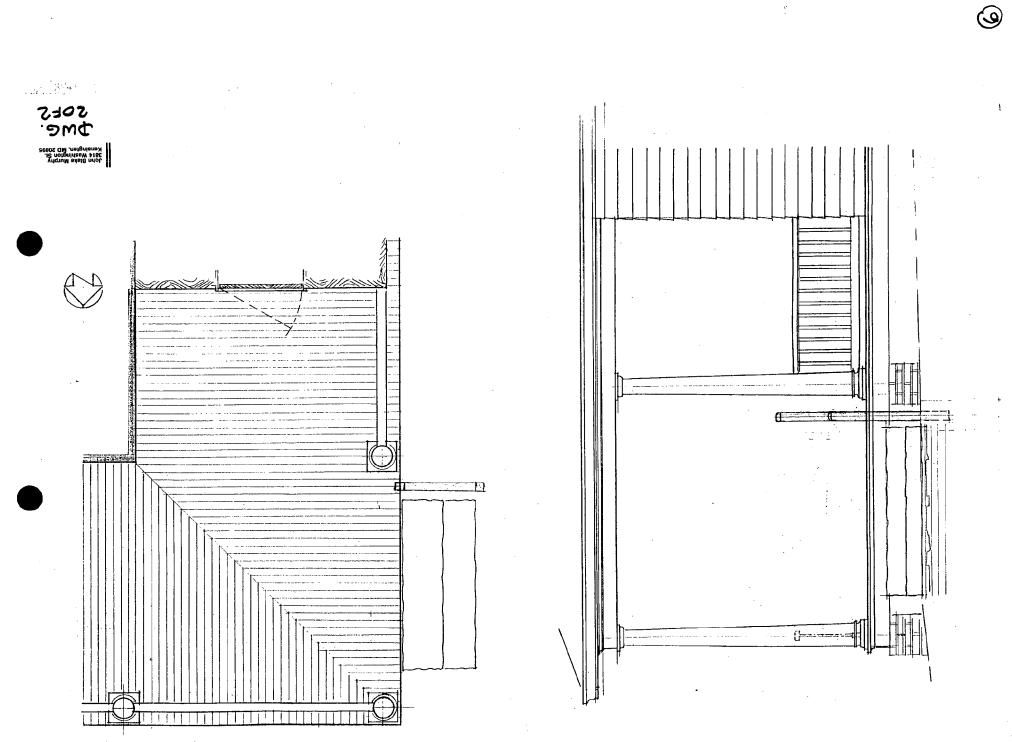
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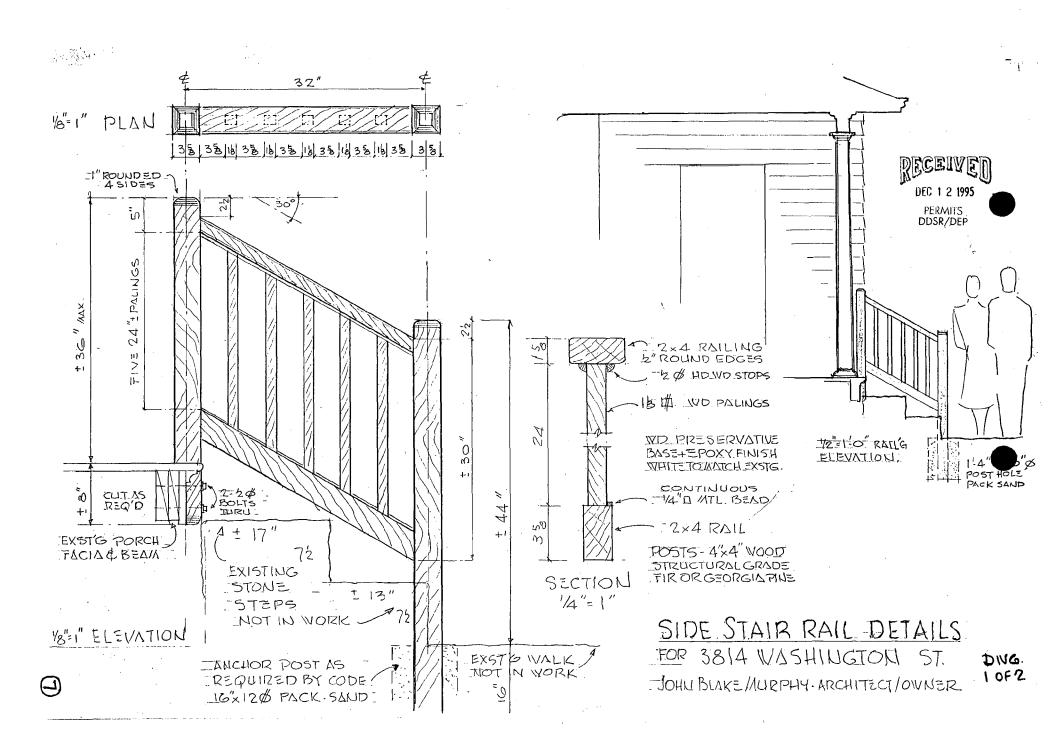
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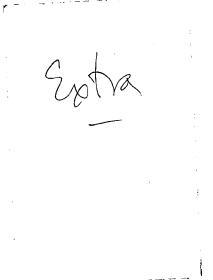
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