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#### HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

Address: 30 Columbia Avenue	Meeting Date: 9/28/94
Resource: Takoma Park Historic District	Review: HAWP/Alteration
Case Number: 37/3-94JJ	Tax Credit: No
Public Notice: 9/14/94	Report Date: 9/21/94
Applicant: Jack & Patricia Miller	Staff: David Berg
PROPOSAL: Construct 2 story addition with deck; pave driveway	RECOMMEND: Approve

#### BACKGROUND

This proposal was the subject of a Preliminary Consultation before the Commission on September 16, 1994. The house is an American Four-Square ca. 1910 with white vinyl siding and is a contributing resource to the Takoma Park Historic District. It is surrounded on all sides by contributing resources of the same period.

The applicants propose to demolish a shed roofed addition located to the rear of the structure and to utilize the existing foundation to construct a two story addition in its place. The addition would employ vinyl siding identical to that which exists on the rest of the house, and casement windows throughout. The proposal also includes changes to the existing fenestration on the rear facade.

The proposal includes the construction of a treated wood deck approximately 12'x24'in size. This deck would extend solely from the rear facade of the house and 2x6 diagonal decking would be employed. As new retaining wall will be built to tie into an existing retaining wall and the rear section of the existing driveway will be paved with concrete and extended to meet this wall.

#### STAFF DISCUSSION

The design submitted in the Preliminary Consultation on September 16 was found to be incompatible with the historic resource because of its tower-like appearance. The originally proposed roof was of a pyramid shape that was as high as the roof ridge of the historic structure and had an awkward appearance. The Commission suggested that the applicant lower the height of the roof and make the proposed addition look less separate from the existing structure. The applicant was advised to consider removing the shed roof of the entire existing two story rear addition and build a new roof that would be lower in height and would cover both the old and new additions. The applicant has re-designed the proposal with these





considerations in mind and now proposes to remove the entire roof structure of the rear addition and replace it with a single shed roof. This new roof has given the rear additions a more unified appearance and has successfully created more headroom for the rear rooms. This new roof design is approximately 5' lower than the roof height of the original proposal and is more compatible with the historic resource.

At the preliminary consultation staff was concerned with the fact that the new window on the Left Side Elevation did not line up horizontally with the existing windows. This was considered out of character with the surrounding historic structures. The applicant has agreed to have the windows of the proposed addition line up horizontally with the windows of the existing structure. This change is reflected on the revised drawings.

At the Commission meeting on September 16, some concern was also raised as to the appropriateness of a casement window on the Left Side Elevation. The applicant has requested that the casement window remain. Although the use of a casement window is not consistent with the double hung 6/1 windows of the historic resource, staff feels that the use of this casement window is appropriate in consideration of the Guidelines for Contributing Resources as found in the <u>Takoma Park Amendment to the Master Plan</u> for <u>Historic Preservation</u>, which state:

Contributing Resources should receive a more lenient level of review than those structures that have been classified as Outstanding. This design review should emphasize the importance of the resource to the overall streetscape and its compatibility with existing patterns rather than focusing on a close scrutiny of architectural detailing.

At the Commission meeting on September 16, the applicant agreed to use wood surrounds on the proposed addition equal in width to the existing wood surrounds. The existing surrounds are about 3" wide and are clad with aluminum. Staff feels that the appropriate window treatment would be to use a minimum of 4" wood surrounds on all new windows. The windows of the majority of the surrounding contributing resources employ wood surrounds wider than 4". Staff reasons that if an attempt were made to restore the historic fabric to the house in the future, that the existence of surrounds of 4" or wider would be more compatible with the restored historic resource.

Since the proposed deck will extend solely from the rear facade of the house and not be easily visible from the primary facade or streetscape, staff finds the proposed deck compatible with the historic resource and with the surrounding historic resources. Staff feels that the proposed extension of the existing retaining wall and the paving of the rear section of the existing drive are minor changes and will not substantially alter the environmental setting.

The existing addition is recessed from the historic resource by



about 7" to 8" and the applicant has agreed to retain this setback in the new addition.

Staff does not generally approve the use of vinyl siding, however, the existing historic structure is already sided with vinyl. Thus, staff finds the use of vinyl on this particular addition to be acceptable.

#### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The staff recommends that the Commission find the proposal generally consistent with the purposes of Chapter 28A, particularly 24A-8(b)1:

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

and with Standard 9:

New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction shall not destroy historic materials that characterize the property. The new work shall be differentiated from the old and shall be compatible with the massing, size, scale, and architectural features to protect the historic integrity of the property and its environment.

and provided the applicant arrange for a field inspection by calling the Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), Field Services Office, five days prior to commencement of work and within two weeks following completion of work.

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# SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION FOR HISTORIC AREA WORK PERMIT

# **REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS**

# 1. WRITTEN DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT

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

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

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### 3. <u>Project Plan</u>:

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).



<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  $1/2^{\circ}$  x 14"; black and white photocopies of color photos are acceptable with the submission of one original photo.

10. <u>Addresses of Adjacent Property Owners</u>. For <u>all</u> 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.

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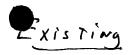
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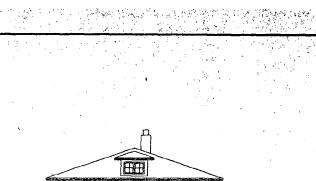
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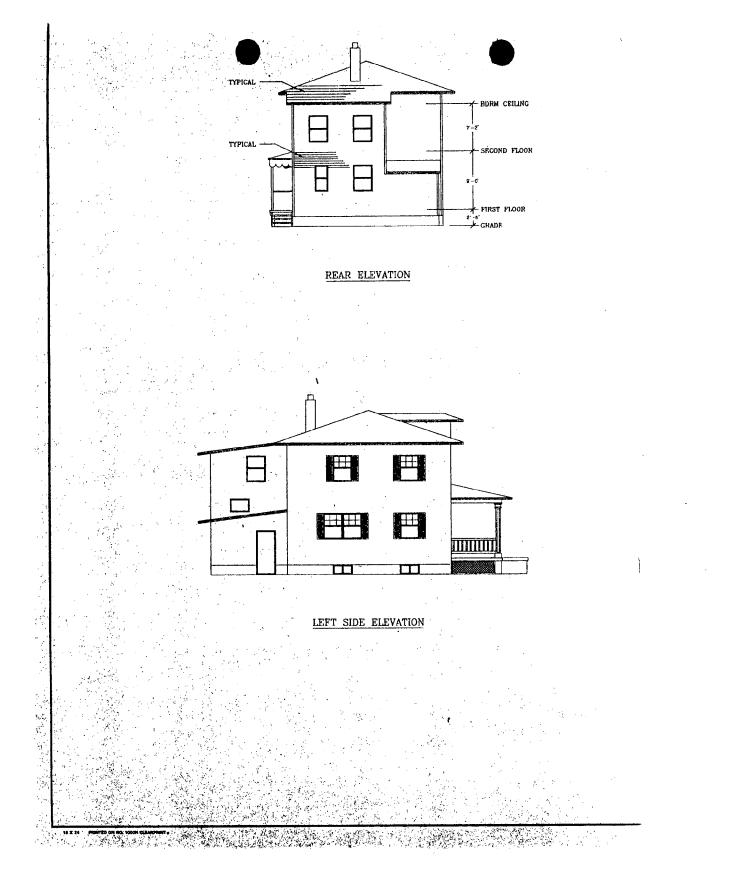
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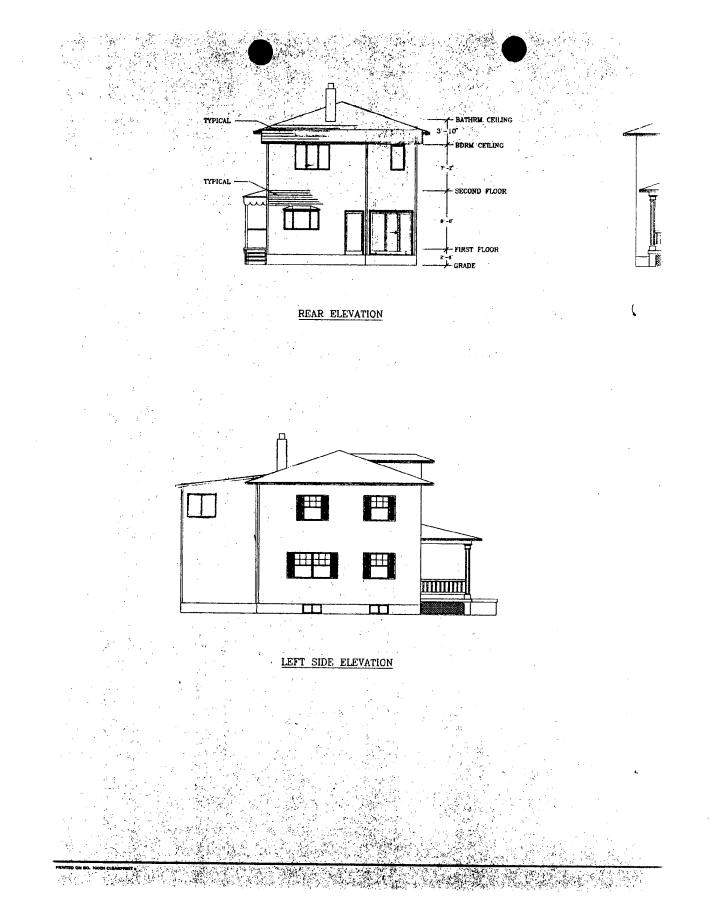
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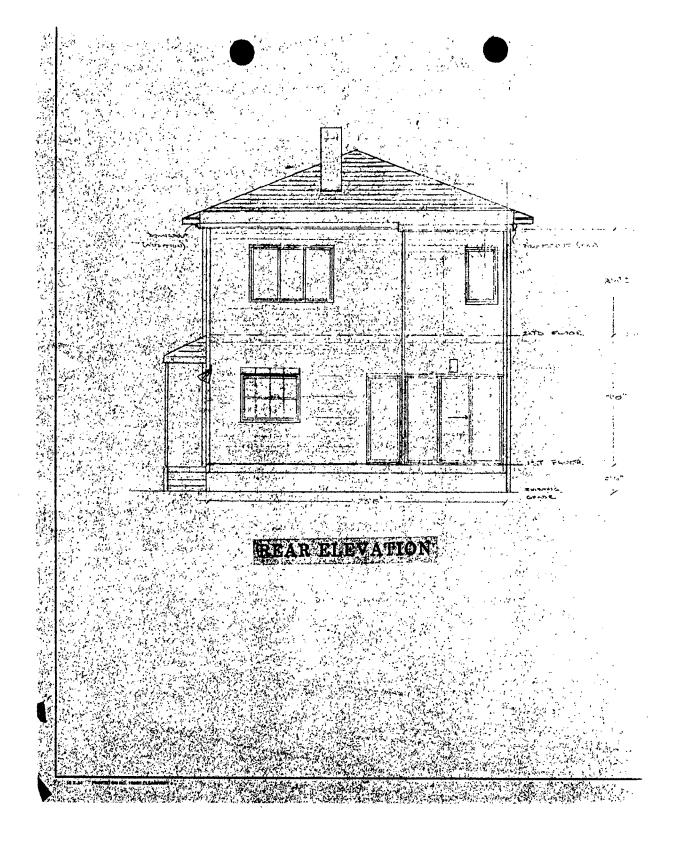


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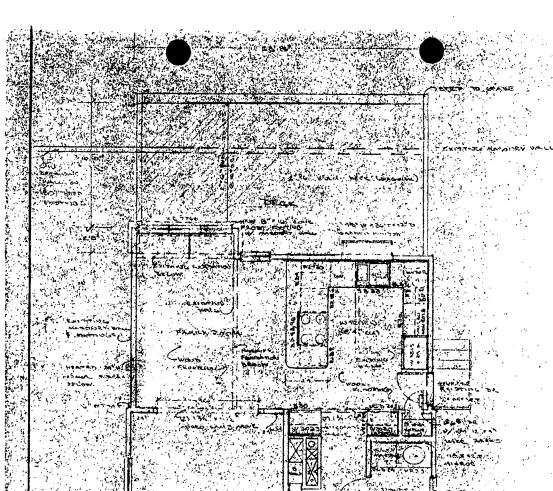
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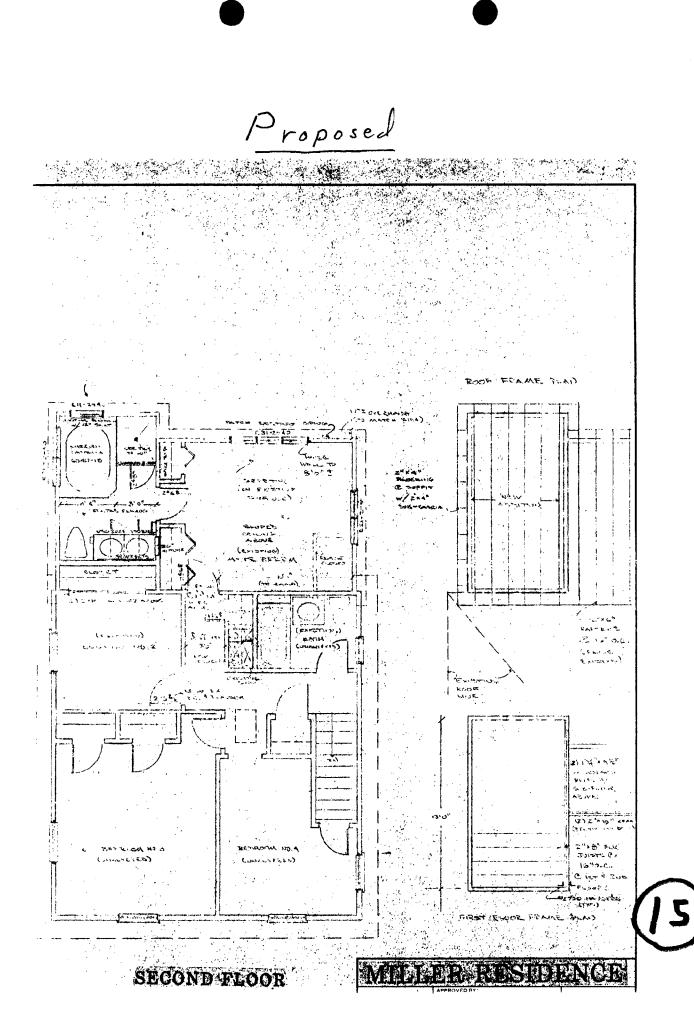
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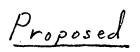
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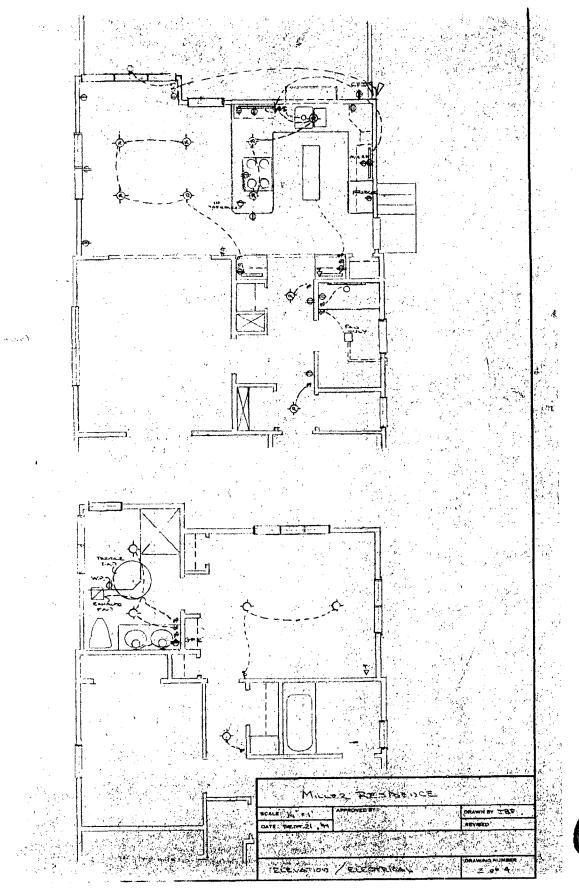
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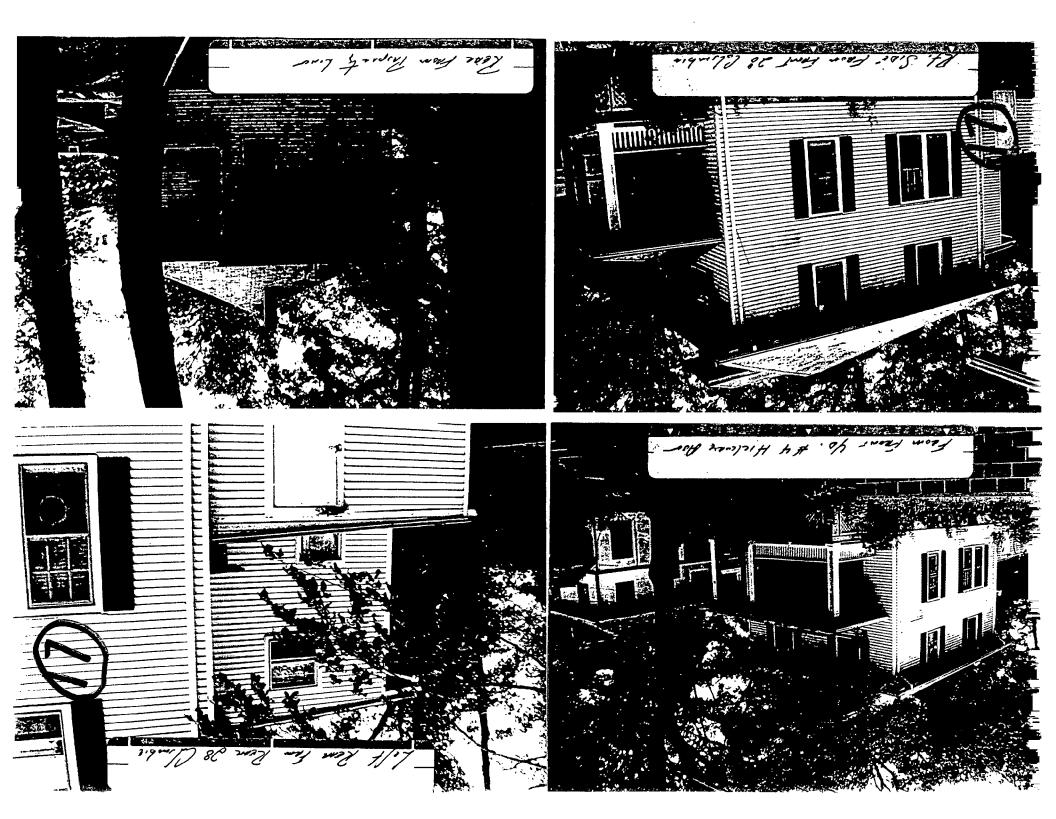








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Mr. David Berg Historic Preservation Planner Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission 8787 Georgia Avenue Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

RE: 30 Columbia Avenue, Takoma Park, Md.

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(2) We are recessing the new construction approximately 7" to match the existing offset on the other side of the house.

(3) We are aligning the casement window on the side of the new addition with the windows on the existing house. The owners respectfully request that we not install a window on the first floor side elevation of the new addition.

(4) We will trim the new windows of the addition to match the casing width of the existing windows and will clad the casing to match the existing.

(5) We are extending the existing 30" retaining wall at the back patio (which will be covered by deck) across the rear of the existing driveway and repaving the driveway at the top in concrete for parking.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

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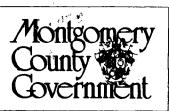
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# **Historic Preservation Commission**

51 Monroe Street, Suite 1001, Rockville, Maryland 20850 217-3625

# APPLICATION FOR HISTORIC AREA WORK PERMIT

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