

THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL

CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION
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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 applecation was:
$\qquad$ Approved $\qquad$ Denied
$\qquad$ Approved with Conditions:

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THE BUILDING PERMIT FOR THIS PROJECT SHALL BE ISSUED CONDITIONAL UPON ADHERANCE TO THE APPROVED HISTORIC AREA WORK PERMIT (HAWP).

Applicant:

***THE APPLICANT MUST ARRANGE FOR A FIELD INSPECTION BY CALLING DEP/FIELD SERVICES (217-6240) FIVE DAYS PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT OF WORK AND WITHIN TWO WEEKS FOLLOWING COMPLETION OF WORK.

## HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

## Address: 7413 Maple Avenue

Resource:Takoma Park Historic District

Public Notice: 12/1/93
Applicant: Margaret Gray
PROPOSAL: Construct fence

Meeting Date: 12/15/93
Review:HAWP/Alteration
Tax Credit: No
Report Date: 12/8/93
Staff: Nancy Witherell
RECOMMEND: Approve with Conditions

The applicant is applying for a retroactive HAWP for the construction of a $6^{\prime}$ solid wooden privacy fence along her side property line beyond her driveway. This line is the rear proper-. ty line of the adjacent neighbor at 1 Valley View. Both houses are contributing structures in the historic district. The fence, already installed, is unpainted wood with picket top and is typical of the type of fence approved by the HPC for privacy fences meant to enclose the rear yards of properties in the historic district.

## STAFF DISCUSSION

This fence is problematic in two respects. It is apparently sited accurately, according to surveyors stakes noted by staff. However, the fence is placed so closely to the house on Valley View that it looks as if it belongs to that property and it obliterates the public view of the rear of the house. The problem is exacerbated by the fact that the fence comes forward of the building line for both the applicant's house and the adjacent house on Valley View.

The HPC has approved solid privacy fences on side property lines as long as they are placed away from direct public view and do not project forward of the street facade of the house. The house at 1 Valley View is built closer to Maple Avenue than the applicant's house. If the staff were reviewing this fence application prior to construction, it would recommend that the fence project no farther forward than the front face (not the front porch) of the applicant's house. This would require the removal of at least 3 sections of the fence, which now consists of 8 sections. If the fence were to project as far forward as the side elevation of the adjacent house that faces Maple Avenue, at least 2 sec-
tions of the fence would have to be removed. This solution would at least allow both houses to be seen and appreciated from the public way.

## STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The staff recommends that the Commission find the proposal consistent with the purposes of CHapter 24A, 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 \#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;
provided the following conditions are met:

1. The front three sections of the fence will be removed.
2. An opaque stain will be applied on the applicant's side of the fence to allow it to look more compatible with the painted wood of both houses, particularly since the fence is sited very close to the adjacent house.
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LOCATION OF BUILDING/PREMISE

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1B. CONSTRUCTION COSTS ESTIMATE \$ whole job - approx z zo,000 lee.
iC. IF THIS IS A REVISION OF A PREVIOUSLY APPROVED ACTIVE PERMIT SEE PERMIT \#
10. INDICATE NAME OF ELECTRIC UTLLTTY COMPANY PepCo

1E. IS THIS PROPERTY A HISTORICAL SITE? YeS
PART TWO: COMPLETE FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION AND EXTEND/ADDITIONS
2A. TYPE OF SEWAGE DISPOSAL
01 (1) WSSC 02 (1) Septic
2B. TYPE OF WATER SUPPLY
03 1 1 Other
01 (1) WSSC. 02 (.) Well

PART THREE: COMPLETE ONLY FOR FENCE/RETAINING WALL
4A. HEIGHT 6 feet -inches Rime as before
4B. Indicate whether the fence or retaining wall is to be construction on one of the following locations:

1. On party line/Property line $\qquad$ on properly - 6 in from piwnecyed line
2. Entirely on land of owner - $\qquad$ (Revocable Letter Required). :

I hereby certify that I have the authority to make the foregoing application, that the application is correct, and that the construction will comply with plans approved by all agencies listed and I hereby acknowledge and accept this to be a condition for the issuance of this permit.


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ATTACH TO THIS APPLICATION (2) COPIES OF: SUCH SITE PŁANS Hot dimensions, building location with dimensions, drives, walks, fences, patios, etc. proposed or existing) and/or ARCHITECTURAL DRAWINGS (floor plans, elevations, etc.). PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE AREA AFFECTED, as are necessary to fully describe the proposed work.

MAIL OR DELIVER THE APPLICATION AND ALL: REQUIRED DOCUMENTS TO THE: HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION. 100 MARYLAND AVENUE
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND 20850
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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:

Ward fence - 6 'kept Tracy er Stockade style

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

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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 scald PERNAFSing, materials, details, and landscaping: SDSR/DEP

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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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5. Design Features: Schematic construction plans drawn to scale at $1 / 8^{\prime \prime}$ $=1^{\prime}-0^{\prime \prime}$, or $1 / 4^{\prime \prime}=1^{\prime}-0^{\prime \prime}$, 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. Facades: Elevation drawings, drawn to scale at $1 / 8^{\prime \prime}=1^{\prime \prime \prime} 0^{\prime \prime}$, or $1 / 4^{\prime \prime}=$ 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. An existing and a proposed elevation drawing of each facade affected by the proposed work is required.
7. Materials Specifications: General description of materials and manufactured items proposed for incorporation in the work of the project.
8. Photos of Resources: 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. Photos of Context: 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 $81 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 14^{\prime \prime}$; 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.
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