37/03-06W 7127 Sycamore Ave Takoma Park Historic District, 37/03



HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Douglas M. Duncan County Executive

Julia O'Malley Chairperson

Date: May 11, 2006

MEMORANDUM

TO:

Robert Hubbard, Director

Department of Permitting Services

FROM:

Michele Oaks, Senior Planner

Historic Preservation Section, M-NCPPC

SUBJECT:

Historic Area Work Permit # 418290 for basement window replacement and alterations

The Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) reviewed the attached application for a Historic Area Work Permit (HAWP) at its public hearing on <u>May 10, 2006</u>. This application was **APPROVED**.

THE BUILDING PERMIT FOR THIS PROJECT SHALL BE ISSUED AND CONDITIONAL UPON ADHERENCE TO THE ABOVE APPROVED HISTORIC AREA WORK PERMIT (HAWP) AND MAY REQUIRE APPROVAL BY DPS OR ANOTHER TOWN GOVERNMENT AGENCY BEFORE WORK CAN COMMENCE.

Applicant:

John Frandsen and Lilica Kitanovska (Alan Abrams, Agent)

Address:

7127 Sycamore Avenue, Takoma Park (Takoma Park Historic District)

This HAWP approval is subject to the general condition that, after issuance of the Montgomery County Department of Permitting Services (DPS) permit, the applicant will contact the Historic Preservation Office if they propose to make any alterations to the approve plans.









HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION 301/563-3400

APPLICATION FOR HISTORIC AREA WORK PERMIT

AP 918290 Daytime Phone No.: 202-726-5894 Tax Account No.: Name of Property Owner: JON FRANDSEN & LILICA'S Daysimo Phone No.: ABRAMS DESIGN BUILD Contractor Registration No.: ALAN ABRAMS Daytime Phone No.: 202-726-5894 LOCATION OF BUILDING/PREMISE House Number: 7/27 Street SYCAMORE AVENUE TOWN/City: TAKOMA PARK Negrest Cross Street: ETHAN ALLEN AVENUE PART ONE: TYPE OF PERMIT ACTION AND USE 1A. CHECK ALL APPLICABLE: CHECK ALL APPLICABLE: Alter/Renovate ☐ A/C ☐ Sleb ☐ Extend ☐ Room Addition ☐ Porch ☐ Deck ☐ Shed [] Wiesk/Raze ☐ Move 🗍 Install ☐ Solar ☐ Fireplace ☐ Woodburning Stove ☐ Revocable C Revision ☐ Repair ☐ Fence/Well (complete Section 4) C Other: 18. Construction cost estimate: \$ 180,000 1C. If this is a revision of a previously approved active permit, see Permit # PART TWO: COMPLETE FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION AND EXTEND/ADDITIONS 01 V WSSC Type of sewage disposal: 02 🗍 Septic 03 🗌 Other: OI TO WESC 62 D Well 28. Type of water supply: 03 Dther: PART THREE: COMPLETE ONLY FOR FENCE/RETAINING WALL Indicate whether the fence or retaining wall is to be constructed an one of the following locations. Entirely on and of owner On party line/property line On public right of way/easement Thereby certify that I have the authority to make the foregoing application, that the application is correct, and that the construction will comply with plans

Edit 6/21/99

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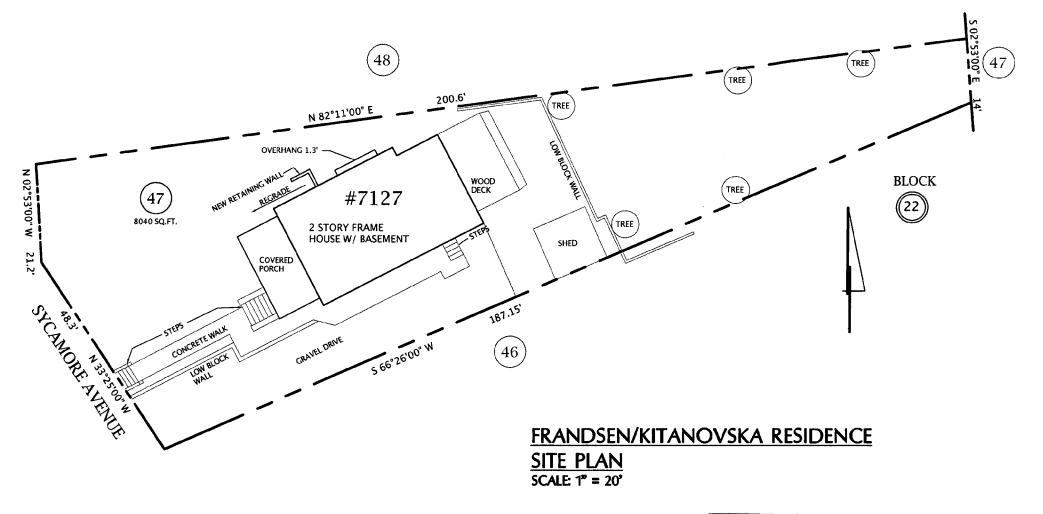
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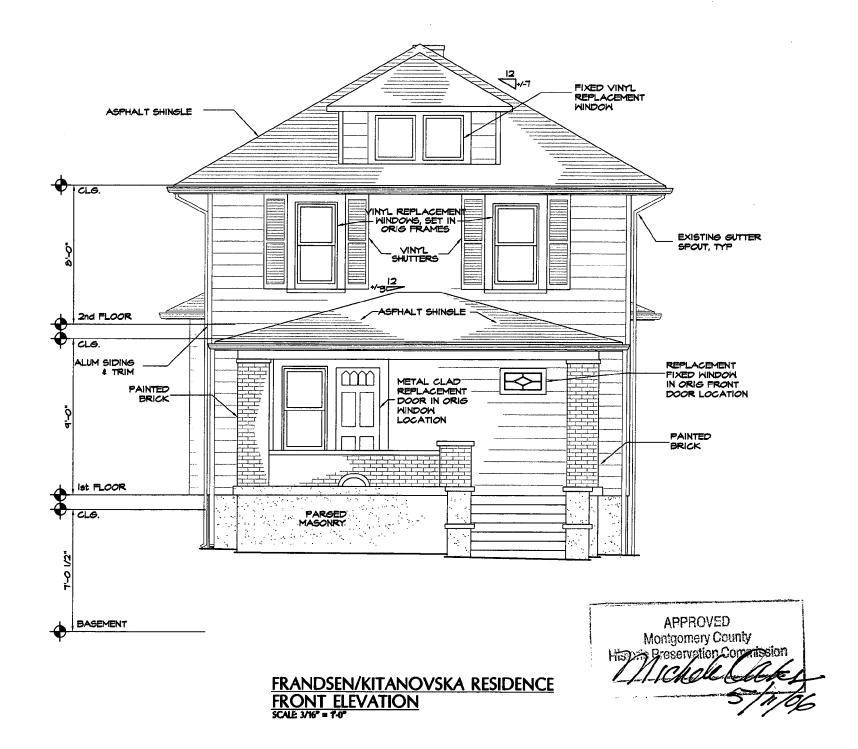
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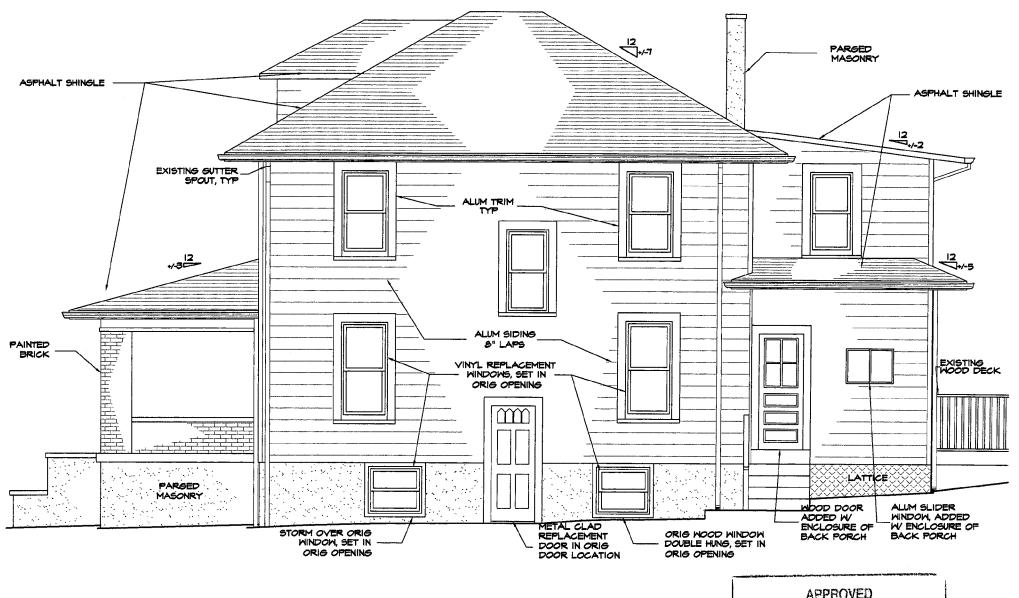
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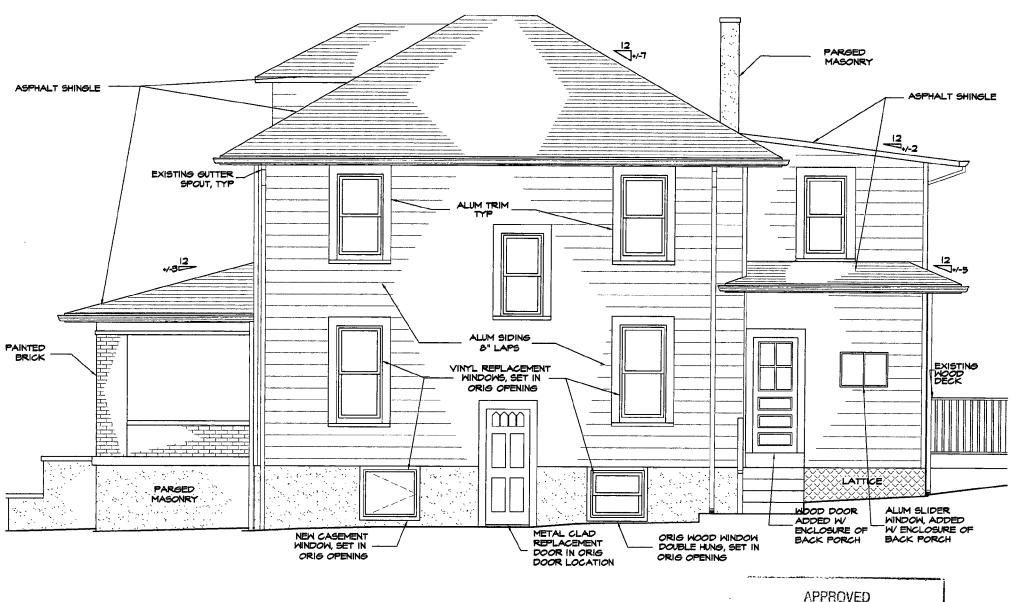
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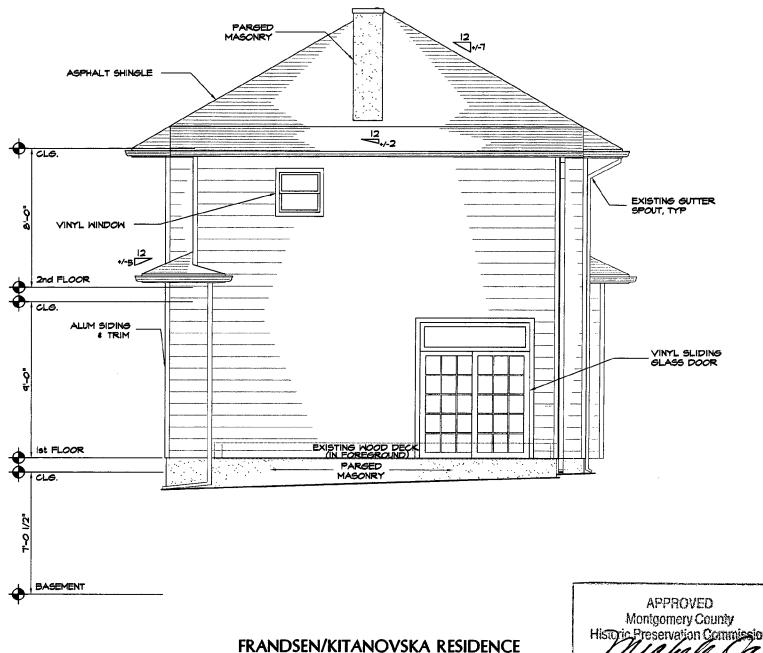


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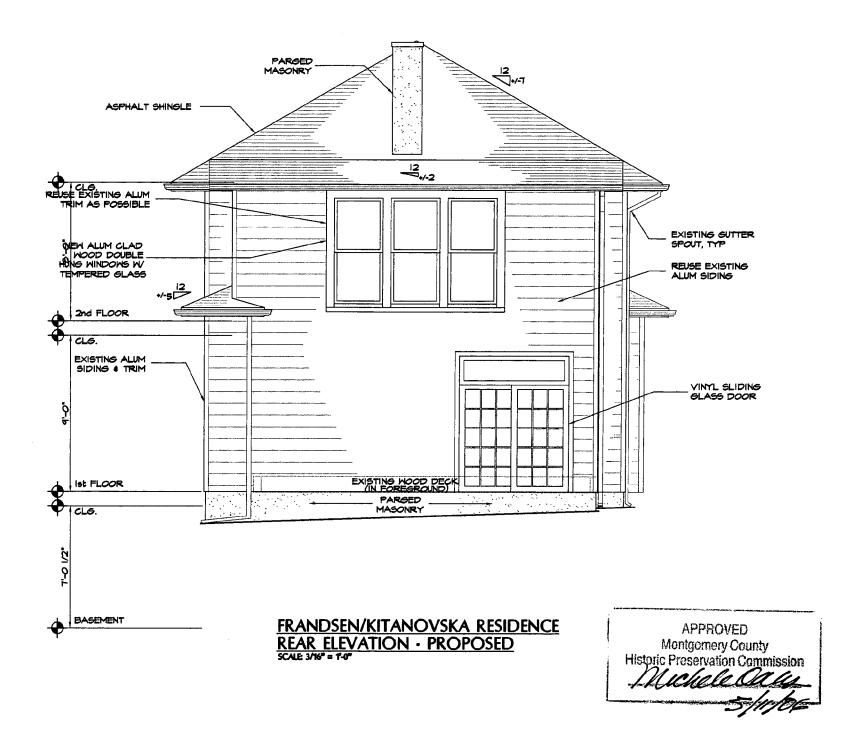
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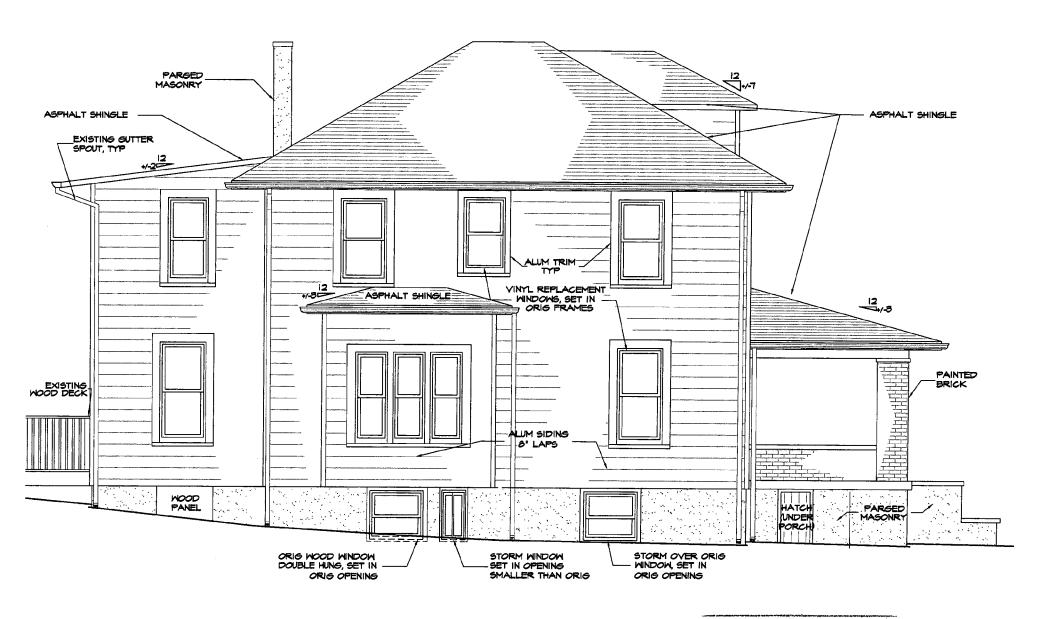
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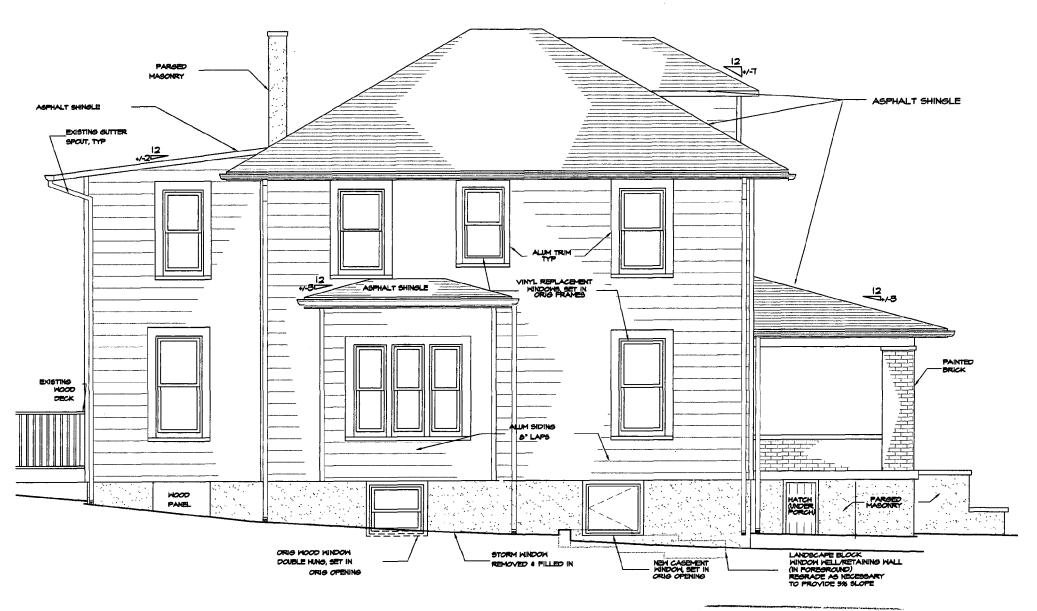




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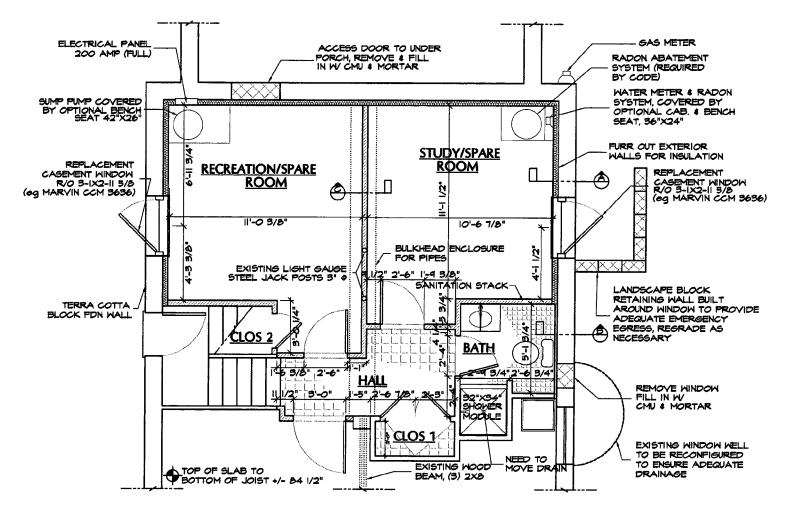


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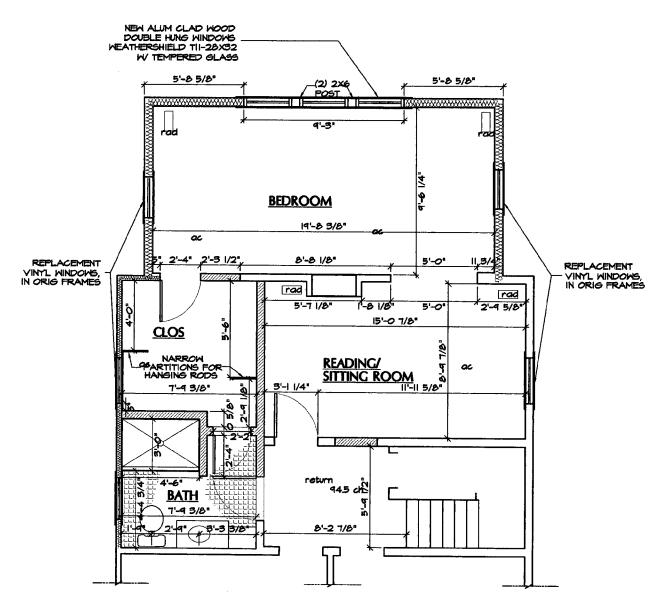
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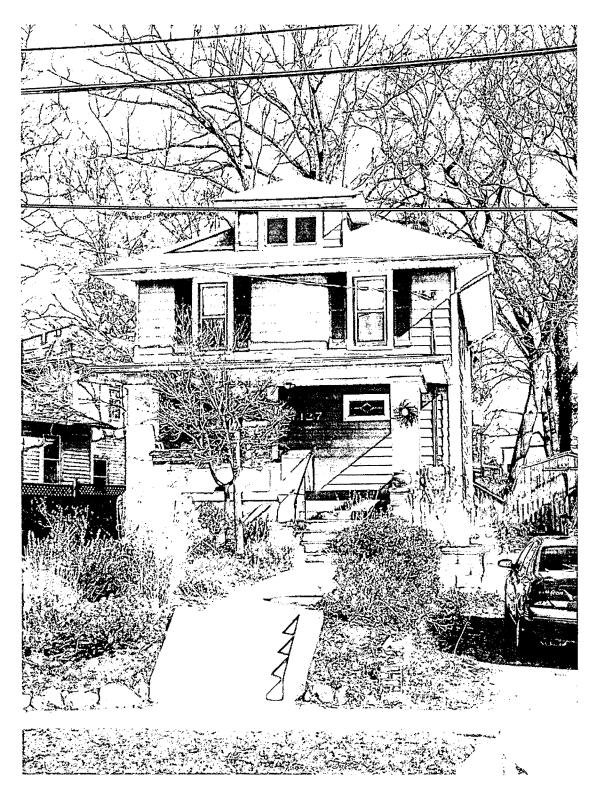
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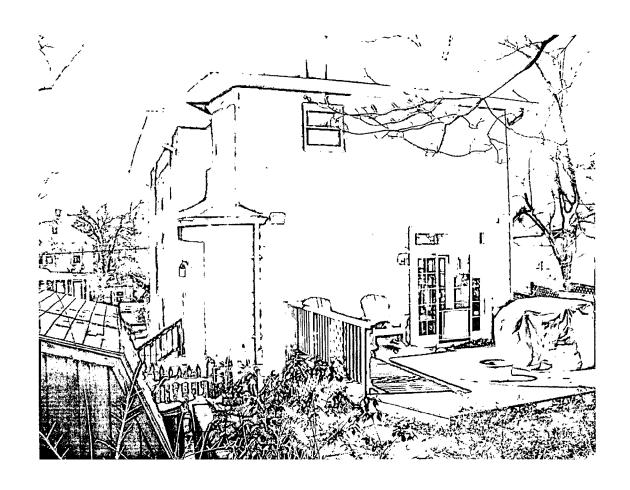
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7127 Sycamore Existing Front Elevation



7127 Sycamore Avenue Existing Right Elevation



7127 Sycamore Avenue Existing Rear Elevation



7127 Sycamore Avenue Existing Left Elevation

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

Address:

7127 Sycamore Avenue, Takoma Park

Meeting Date:

05/10/06

Resource:

Review:

Contributing Resource

Report Date:

05/03/06

Takoma Park Historic District

Public Notice:

04/26/06

Case Number: 37/03-06W

HAWP

Tax Credit:

None

Applicant:

Michael Ulaman and Judy Beach-Uhlman

Staff:

Michele Oaks

(Ross Wells, Agent)

PROPOSAL: Alterations

RECOMMEND: Approve

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

SIGNIFICANCE:

Contributing Resource

STYLE:

Craftsman/Four Square

DATE:

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The house located at 7127 Sycamore Avenue is a contributing resource within the Takoma Park Historic District. The building is a frame, Craftsman four-square dwelling. The foundation walls are stucco clad terra cotta block and the main house has been covered with aluminum siding.

As mentioned in the applicant's site description, some time in the past, the house was converted into apartments. A "bump out" was added to the right side of the enclosed screen porch which lines up the right side wall of the house. The windows were altered as well, with replacement vinyl window sashes set in the original frames, which noticeably reduce the glass area. The front door was moved to the original front window location, and replaced with a small transom-like window. The rear portion of the second floor (under a shed roof), now made into two small rooms, may originally have been a sleeping porch. These changes took place prior to the designation of the historic district, 1992.

PROPOSAL:

The applicant is proposing to:

- 1. Replace the front basement windows on left and right elevations (double-hung with slider storms) with wood, aluminum clad, casement windows.
- 2. Remove existing storm window on left elevation and fill-in opening.
- 3. Replace the small vinyl window at on the second floor of the rear elevation with three, wood, aluminum clad, double-hung windows.



STAFF DISCUSSION:

The Historic Preservation Commission utilizes the Approved and Adopted Takoma Park Historic District Guidelines when reviewing changes to contributing resources within the historic district. The Takoma Park Guidelines define contributing resources as:

A resource, which contributes to the overall character of the district and its streetscape, but is of secondary architectural and historical significance. A resource may be classified as contributing if it is a common or ubiquitous example of an architectural style that is important to the historic district, or if it was an outstanding resource that, while still identifiable as a specific architectural style, has lost some degree of its architectural integrity due to alterations. Contributing resources ass to the overall streetscape due to their size, scale and architectural character.

The following Takoma Park Guidelines pertain to this project:

- All exterior alterations, including those to architectural features and details, should be generally consistent with the predominant architectural style and period of the resource and should preserve the predominant architectural features of the resource; exact replication of existing details and features is, however, not required.
- Alterations to features that are not visible at all from the public right-of-way should be allowed as a matter of
 course.
- Minor alterations to areas that do not directly front on a public right-of-way, such as vents, metal stovepipes, air conditioners, fences, skylights, etc, should be allowed as a matter of course.
- Original size and shape of window and door openings should be maintained where feasible

The proposed alterations are sympathetic to the architectural style of the historic resource and will be located at the rear- not visible from the public right-of-way or in the basement level, which is considered a secondary part of the façade. Staff feels that this proposal meets the criteria outlined in the *Takoma Park Guidelines*.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Commission *approve* the HAWP application as being consistent with Chapter 24A-8(b)1 and 2:

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

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 with the Takoma Park District Guidelines adopted in August. 1992.

with the general condition applicable to all Historic Area Work Permits that the applicant shall present three (3) permit sets of drawings to HPC staff for review and stamping prior to submission for building permits, if applicable.

with the general condition that, after issuance of the Montgomery County Department of Permitting Services (DPS) permit, the applicant will contact the Historic Preservation Office if any alterations to the approve plans are made prior to the implementation of such changes to the project.





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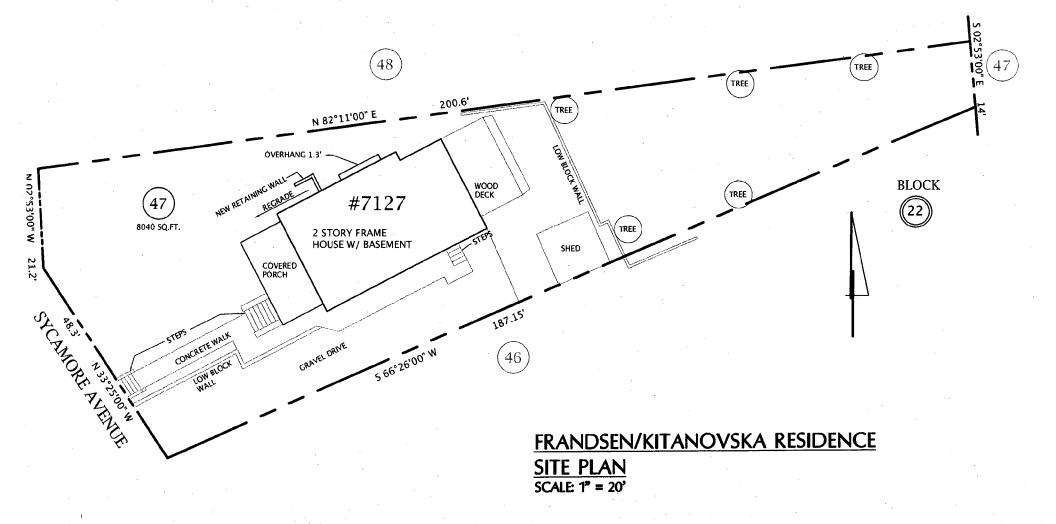
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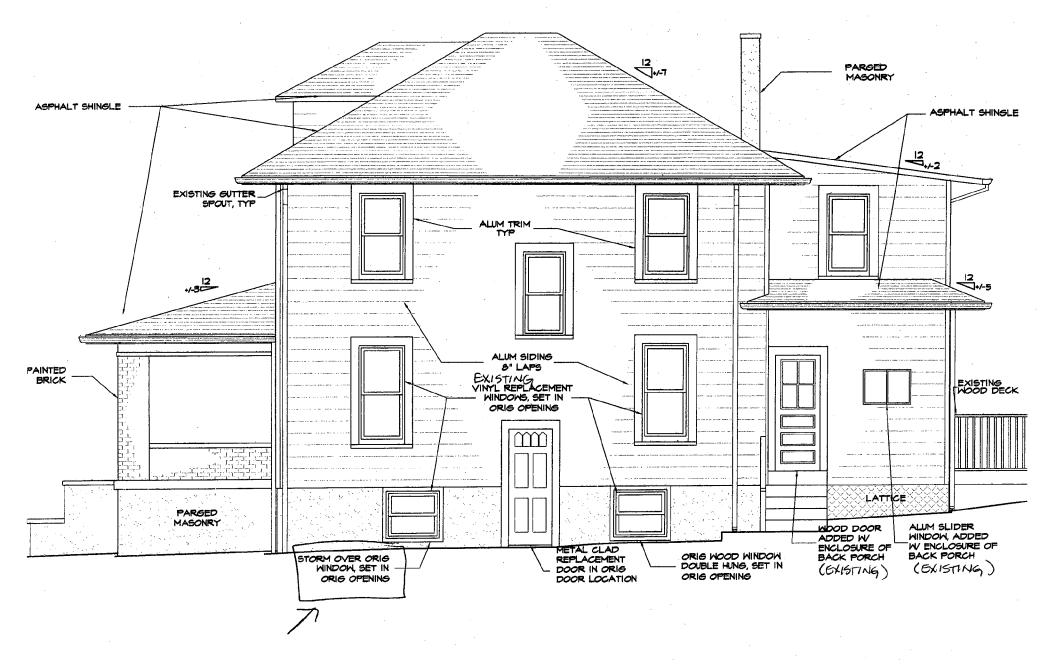
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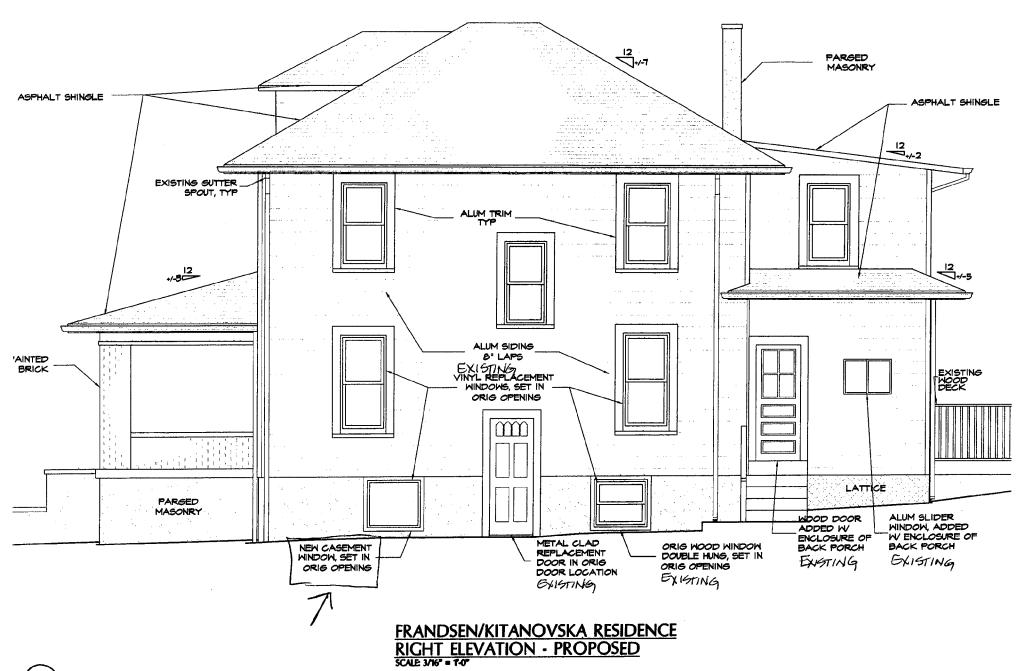
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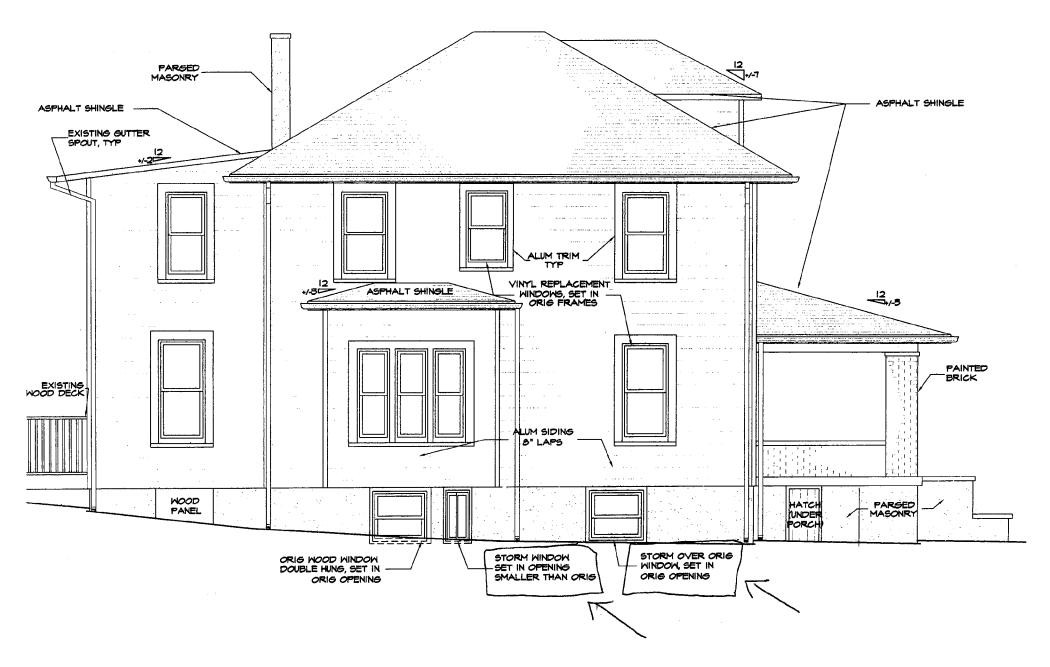


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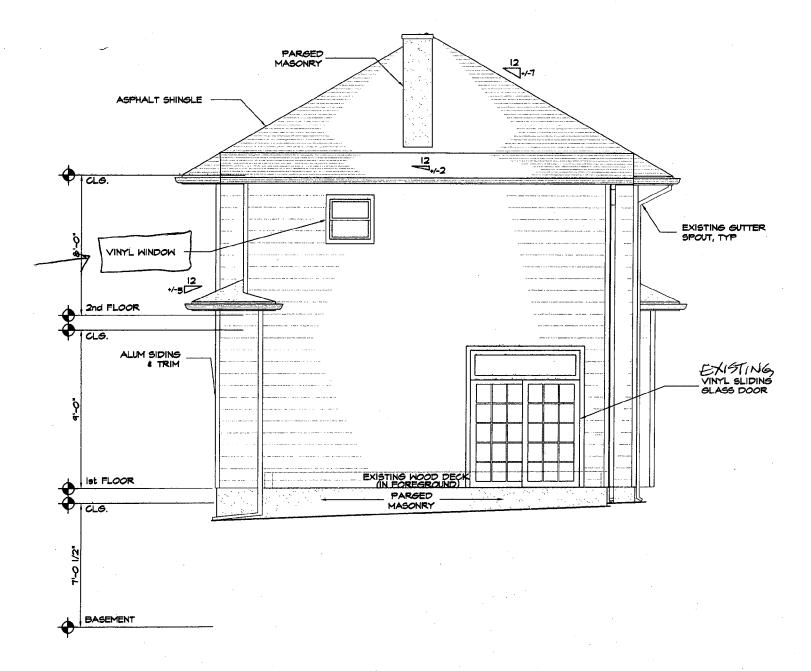


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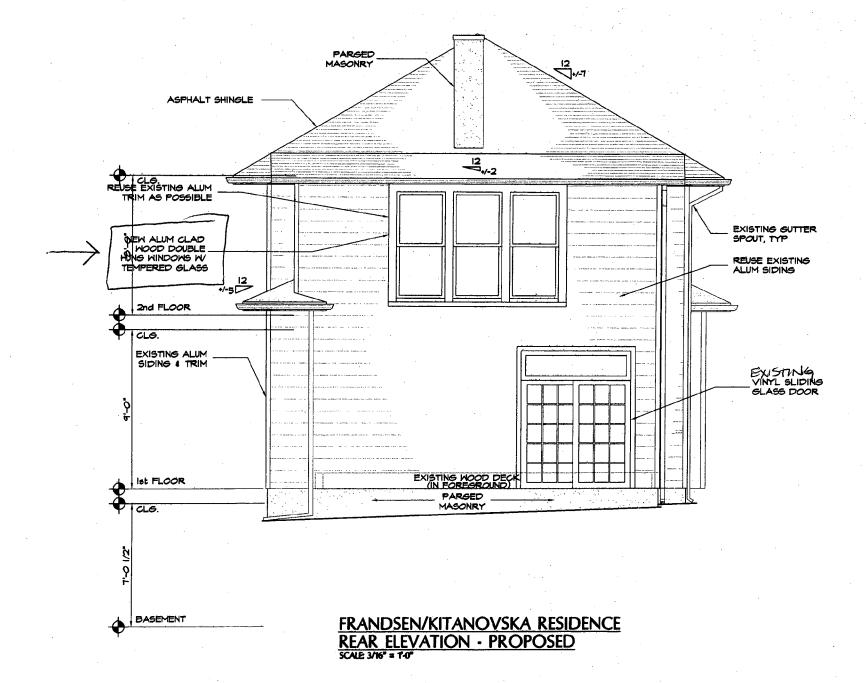




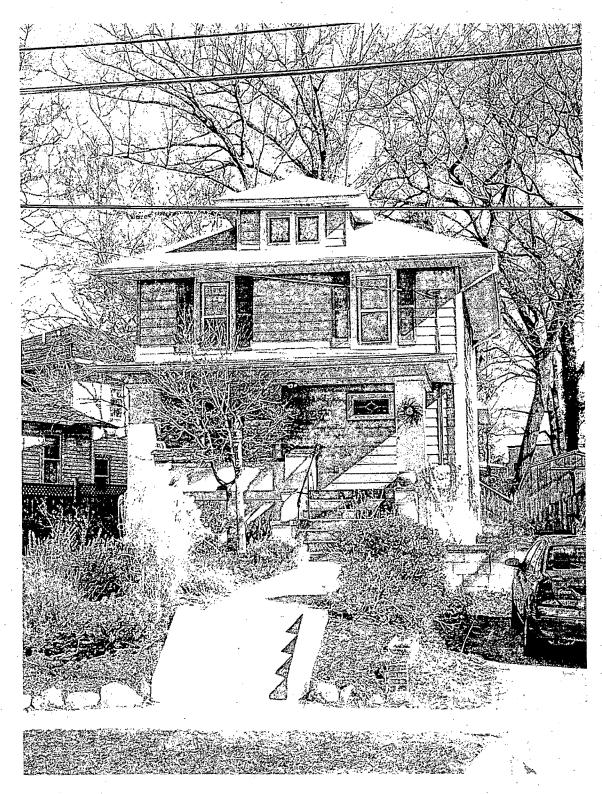




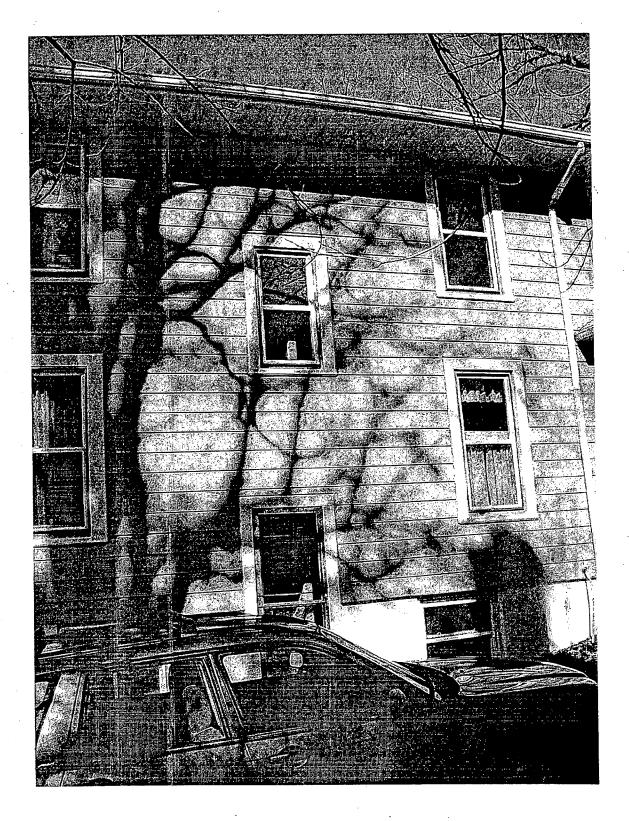




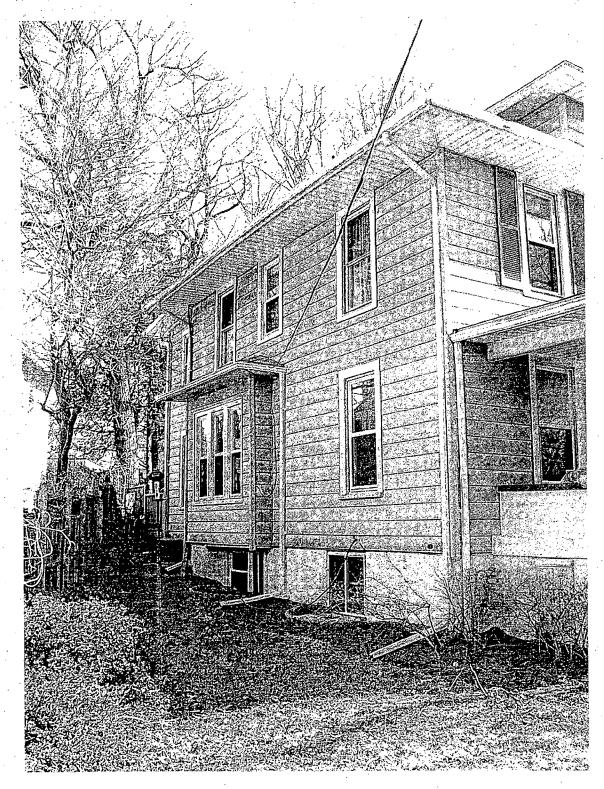




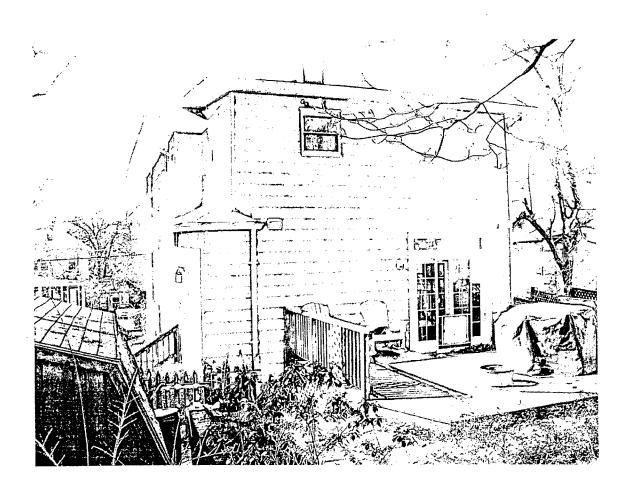
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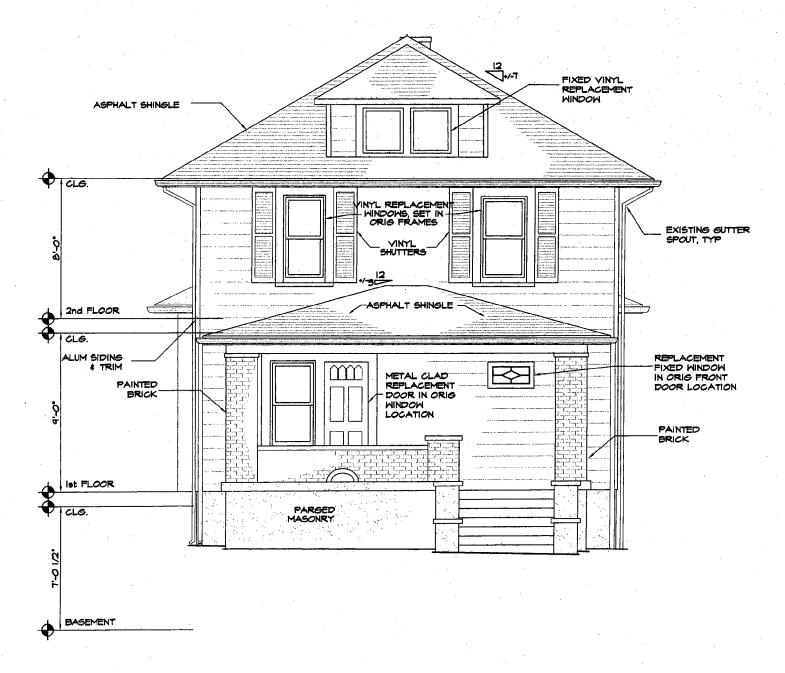
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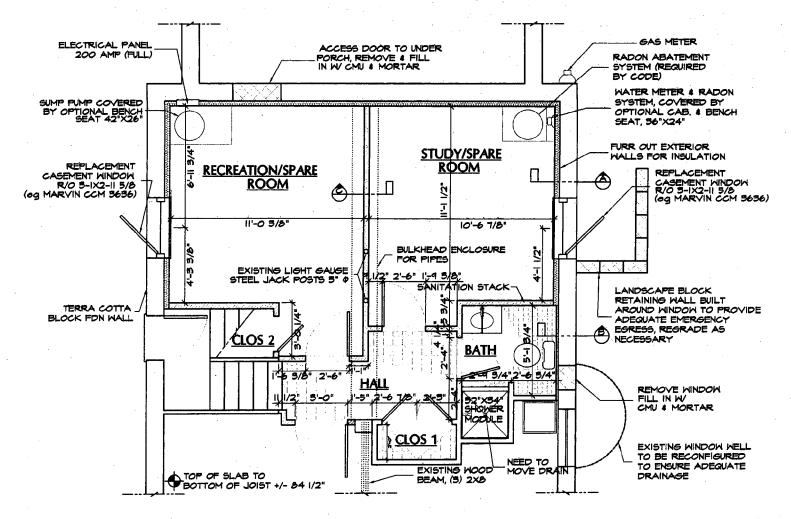
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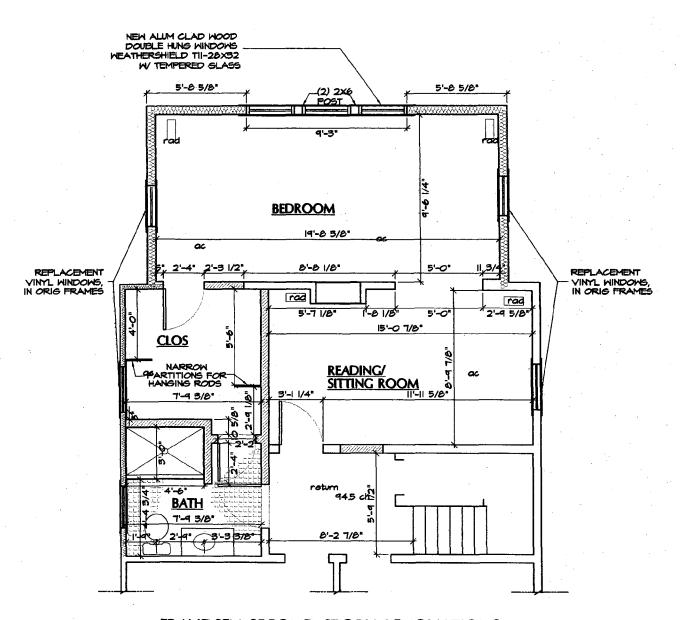
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FRANDSEN/KITANOVSKA RESIDENCE FRONT ELEVATION
SCALE 3/16" = 70"



FRANDSEN/KITANOVSKA RESIDENCE BASEMENT PLAN VIEW SCALES/NOT = 7-07



FRANDSEN SECOND STORY RENOVATIONS