28/27-98 (Prelim. Consultation)
Joseph Harding House
1130 Harding Lane, Silver Spring

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION STAFF REPORT PRELIMINARY CONSULTATION

Address:

1130 Harding Lane

Meeting Date: 4/22/98

Resource:

Joseph Harding House

Review: HAWP

Master Plan Site #28/27

Case Number:

N/A

Tax Credit: No

Public Notice:

4/8/98

Report Date: 4/15/98

Applicant:

Stephen Lake

Staff:

Robin D. Ziek

PROPOSAL: Construct addition

RECOMMENDATIONS: Proceed to

HAWP

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

RESOURCE:

Joseph Harding House / "Ash Grove"

STYLE:

Colonial Revival

DATE:

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The applicant proposes to add an addition to the west side of the rear ell, to provide an in-law suite for his parents on the ground floor and a master bedroom suite on the second floor. The proposed addition would measure 24' x 35' and would be sided with vinyl to match the existing house. The applicant has sited the addition to avoid damage to any of the existing mature landscaping including trees and a large rhododendron.

The proposed addition is located at the rear ell so as not to encroach on the main aspect of the house as viewed from Harding Lane. The Harding House was sited well back from the street, and the backyard is not that deep. Furthermore, the back wall of the Harding House includes the kitchen with it's main window looking out to the backyard, and a chimney and built-in bookcases in the Family Room which the owner wishes to retain.

The addition would be reached through an existing doorway. The existing pair of windows on the west wall (in the Family Room) would be retained to help bring in light into this room which would now become an interior space.

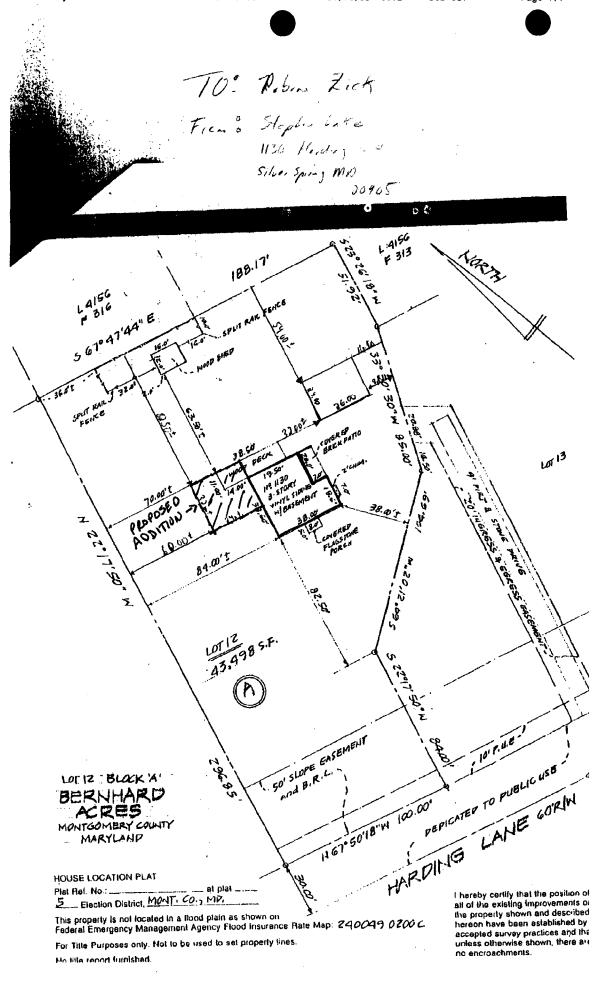
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STAFF DISCUSSION

The proposed location appears suitable for an addition as it would leave the main block of the house intact as presented to the street. The roof of the new addition would engage the roof of the rear ell at right angles, and thus be differentiated from the original massing and structure.

The proposed use of vinyl siding for the new addition would seem compatible to the existing structure with its current system. There is the possibility, of course, that an owner will choose to remove the vinyl siding on the original structure in the future, and this is a rationale for directing the owner to use a compatible wood siding on the new addition. Staff notes, however, that the new garage was clad in vinyl siding, even while it was designed with massing and scale to complement the historic site.

Staff is concerned with the proposed new window form. The existing windows in the rear ell are smaller than the existing windows in the front block. This is the historic hierarchy, and supports the formal use of the rooms in the front of the house and the informal use of the rooms at the rear. Staff recommends that the size of the new windows maintain that relationship on the front of the house so that the windows in the addition are smaller than the windows on the front block.



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In addition, staff is concerned about adding the new design element of the elliptical transom on the door and windows of the new addition. The applicant can achieve the same amount of light inside the space by placing the head height of the window high in the room. Staff feels that there is more leeway for the size of the windows on the rear elevation and the elevation facing the existing deck. The exact size of the windows would have to be worked out as the floor plan were more fully developed. At this point, the applicant has only a general concept of the layout of the addition.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Commission find this concept general consistent with the purposes of Chapter 24A-8(b)2:

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

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.

and that the applicant be directed to develop the project for consideration for a HAWP.

To: Montgomery County Park and Planning (Historical Evaluation)

From: Stephen & Kimberly Lake (301) 989 - 9608

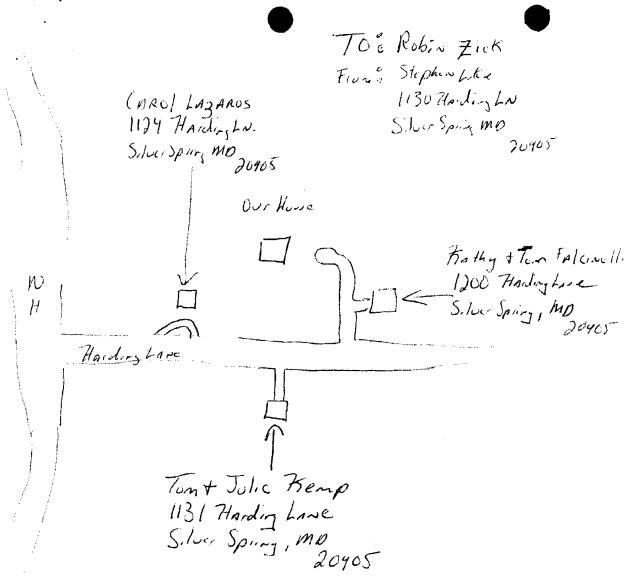
Re: 1130 Harding Lane (House Addition)

We are writing you to ask for your utmost consideration in evaluating our request for modifications to our home at 1130 Harding Lane, Silver Spring MD, 20905. We purchased our home several years ago when it was not registered as an historical property. We were further never even notified when we purchased the property that it was under consideration as a historical property as this would have swayed our decision away from this home.

We have since been involved with the historical evaluation process and attended the various hearings. In the one hearing where we were allowed to state our opinion about historical designation we stated the following for the record "We were originally opposed to a historical designation, but have since changed our mind as long as in the future we would be allowed to build an addition to our home for our elderly parents". Well the time has come that are parents need us to assist them, they are now 75 and 80 years old respectively and we need to start preparations. We feel strongly about our family and believe they should be cared for in our home. We also now have the financial resources to undertake this significant renovation to our property. We need this addition to have a first floor living area, full bathroom and bedroom, to provide for our parents needs. We also would like to have very large windows to make the room as bright as possible to keep their sprits bright. As you know many older homes with small windows are very dark and dreary. We want this to be a beautiful and bright living place for them. We have every intention of staying with the original style and appearance from the exterior with only one exception larger windows on the side and rear.

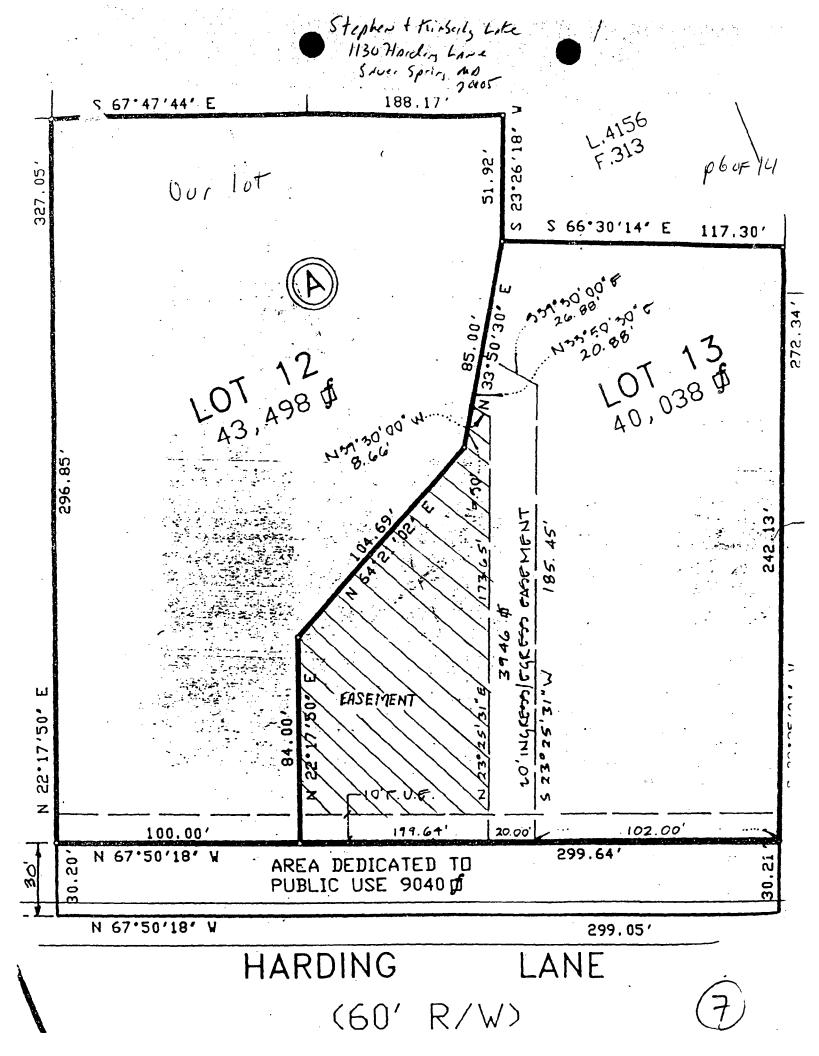
Thank you for your consideration,

Stephen & Kimberly Lake



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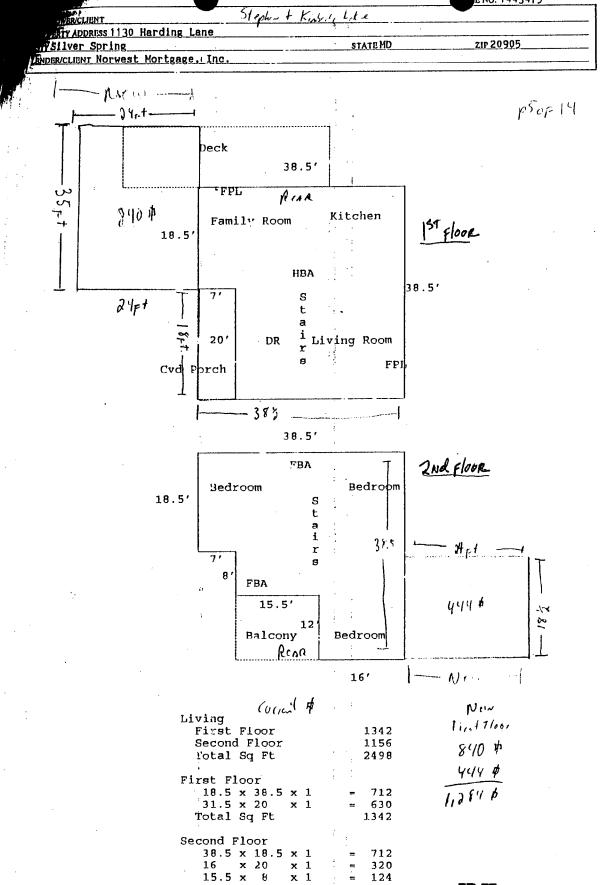
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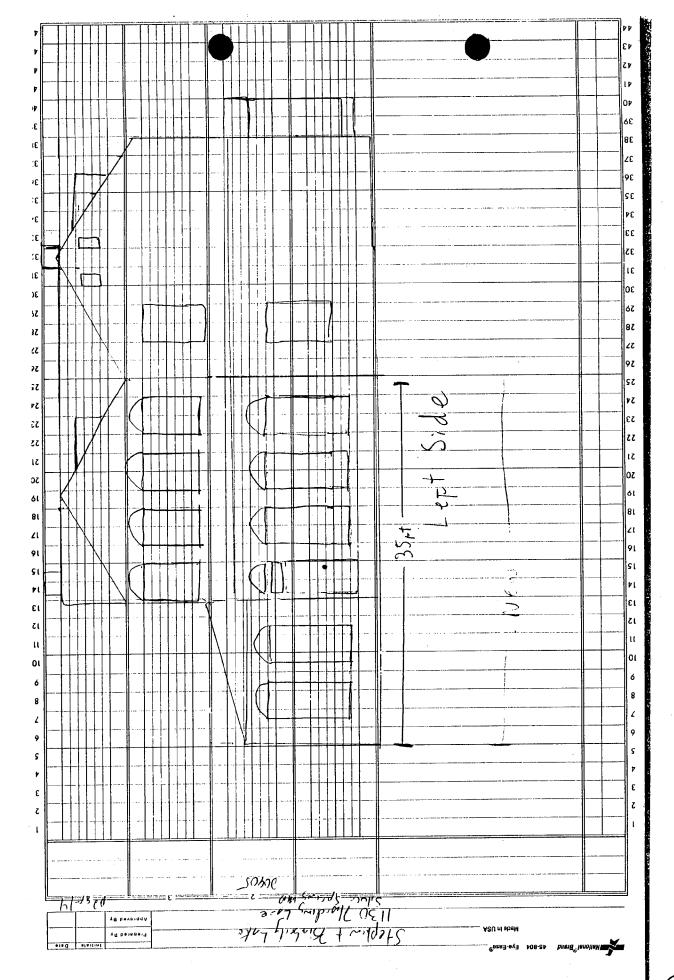
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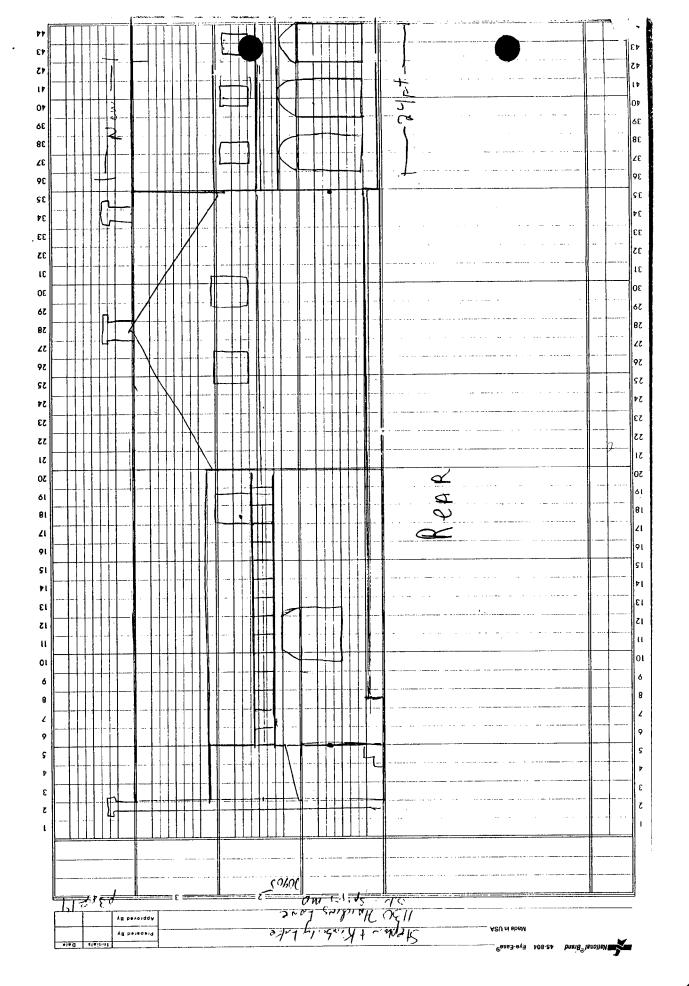
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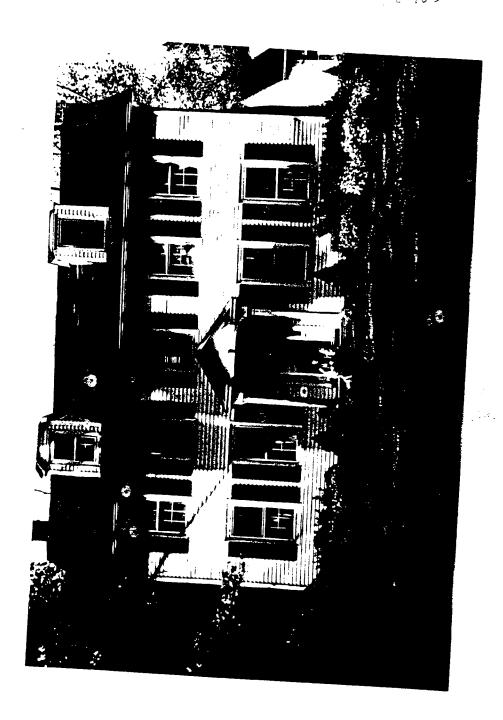
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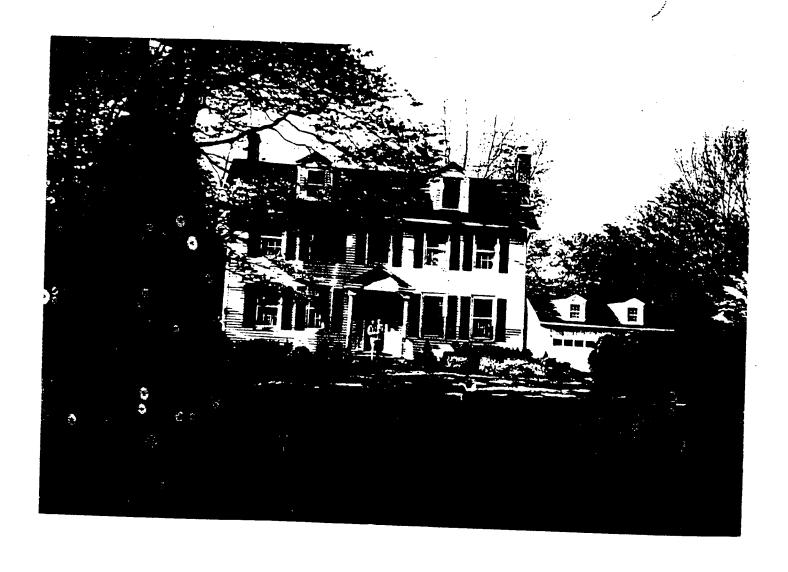


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