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HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Isiah Leggett County Executive Julia O'Malley Chairperson

Date: 12/07/06

MEMORANDUM

TO:

Shahriar Amiri, Acting Director Department of Permitting Services

FROM:

Michele Oaks, Senior Planner

Historic Preservation Section

Maryland-National Capital Park & Planning Commission

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SUBJECT:

Historic Area Work Permit #385729 REVISION, driveway alterations

The Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) has reviewed the attached application for a Historic Area Work Permit (HAWP). This application was **Approved with a Condition** at the December 06, 2006 meeting.

The 3' high parged wall/fence with stone piers and cap may move 6' closer to the front property line, however, the height of the wall/fence combination will not exceed 3' from grade to the top of the structure.

The HPC staff has reviewed and stamped the attached construction drawings.

THE BUILDING PERMIT FOR THIS PROJECT SHALL BE ISSUED CONDITIONAL UPON ADHERENCE TO THE ABOVE APPROVED HAWP CONDITION AND MAY REQUIRE APPROVAL BY DPS OR ANOTHER LOCAL OFFICE BEFORE WORK CAN BEGIN.

Applicant:

Bruce Becker & Natalie Jennings

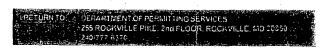
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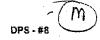
37 Oxford St, Chevy Chase (Chevy Chase Village Historic District)

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION 301/563-3400

APPLICATION FOR HISTORIC AREA WORK PERMIT

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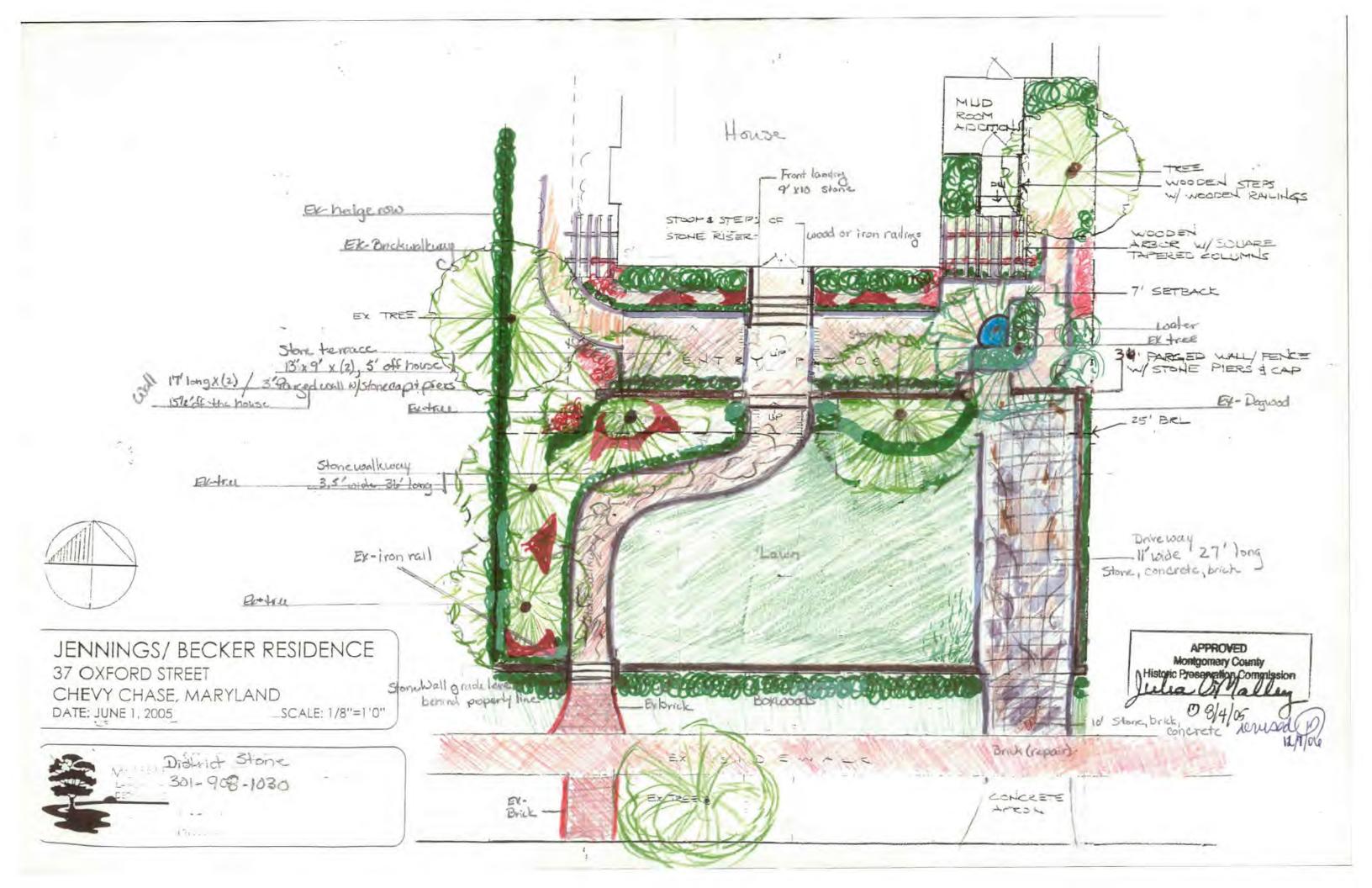
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Benefit:

Controlling water run off will prevent slick sidewalk during the winter months and installing a handicap friendly driveway now will save money for future needs.

Please sign and fax a copy to the Village so we can progress with our work.

Thank you, Natalie Jennings 301-654-5383



HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

Address:

37 Oxford St, Chevy Chase

Meeting Date:

12/6/2006

Resource:

Contributing Resource

Report Date:

11/29/2006

Chevy Chase Village Historic District

Public Notice:

11/22/2006

Applicant:

Bruce Becker & Natalie Jennings

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11/22/2000

Review:

HAWP

Tax Credit:

N/A

Case Number:

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Staff:

Michele Oaks

PROPOSAL:

Driveway Alterations

RECOMMENDATION: Approve with Condition

BACKGROUND

The applicant received approval from the Commission for the original landscape plan (circle \P) at a public hearing on June 22, 2005. The conditions of approval were:

- The proposed 6' high stonewall will only be 4' in height.
- A drawing illustrating the design for the wood railings will be submitted to staff for review and approval.

The applicant returned to the Commission in June of 2006, and requested a revision to the approved landscape plan which included:

- 1. Construction of a new, 18" high, stone retaining wall along the front of the property.
- 2. Repair of the existing steps and place a new stone veneer on top of the original brick steps.
- 3. Installation of a cheek wall on top of the existing brick walls. The cheek wall will be 24" high by 24" deep, 16" high and 24" deep and step up with grade.

The Commission approved this revision with the following conditions:

- The applicant will receive all approvals required by Chevy Chase Village.
- The applicant will consider the replanting of a hedgerow along the new, retaining wall to buffer some of the stone material, which has been introduced to the site, and to recreate a historic feature on the property.
- The front walkway reconfiguration, which was to be perpendicular to the public sidewalk, approved by the 6/22/05 HAWP application, is not to be constructed.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff is recommending that the HPC approve this HAWP application with the following condition:

The 4' high parged wall/fence with stone piers & cap may move 6' closer to the front property line, however, the height of the wall/fence combination will not exceed 4' from grade to the top of the structure.

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

SIGNIFICANCE:

STYLE:

Contributing Resource Craftsman/Scandinavian

PERIOD OF SIGNIFICANCE:

1916-1927

The existing house is a three-bay, gable roof structure clad in shingle and detailed with a flared gable, bracketed door hood with exposed rafters on the central entry.

PROPOSAL:

- 1. Replace the existing concrete wheel paths with a solid concrete driveway constructed of cobblestones and bricks set in concrete.
- 2. Alter the approved landscape design by shifting the approved 4' parged wall/fence w/stone piers & cap approx. 6' closer to the front property line.
- 3. Reduce the width of the approved entry patio by 1' in order to comply with the Chevy Chase Village Tree protection plan for this project.

APPLICABLE GUIDELINES:

When reviewing alterations to contributing resources within the Chevy Chase Village Historic District several documents are to be utilized as guidelines to assist the Commission in developing their decision. These documents include the Chevy Chase Village Historic District Master Plan – Expansion, approved and adopted in August 1997, the Montgomery County Code Chapter 24A (Chapter 24A) and the Secretary of the Interiors Standards for Rehabilitation (Standards). The pertinent information in these documents is outlined below.

Chevy Chase Village Historic District Master Plan

The *Guidelines* break down specific projects into three levels of review - Lenient, Moderate and Strict Scrutiny.

"Lenient Scrutiny" means that the emphasis of the review should be on issues of general massing and scale, and compatibility with the surrounding streetscape, and should allow for a very liberal interpretation of preservation rules. Most changes should be permitted unless there are major problems with massing, scale or compatibility.

"Moderate Scrutiny" involves a higher standard of review than "lenient scrutiny." Besides issues of massing, scale and compatibility, preserving the integrity of the resource is taken into account. Alterations should be designed so that the altered structure still contributes to the district. Use of compatible new materials, rather than the original building materials, should be permitted. Planned changes should be compatible with the structure's existing design, but should not be required to replicate its architectural style.

"Strict Scrutiny" means that the planned changes should be reviewed to insure that the integrity of the significant exterior architectural or landscaping features and details is not compromised. However, strict scrutiny should not be "strict in theory but fatal in fact" i.e. it does not mean that there can be no changes but simply that the proposed changes should be reviewed with extra care.

The Guidelines that pertain to this contributing resource are as follows:

- Sidewalks should be subject to strict scrutiny with regard to their impact on landscaping particularly mature trees.
- Lot coverage should be subject to strict scrutiny, in view of the critical importance of preserving the Village's open park-like character.
- Driveways should be subject to strict scrutiny only with regard to their impact on landscaping, particularly mature trees. In all other respects, driveways should be subject to lenient scrutiny. Parking pads and other paving in fron t yards should be discouraged.
- Fences should be subject to strict scrutiny if they detract significantly from the existing open streetscape. Otherwise, fences should be subject to moderate scrutiny if they are visible from the public right-of-way, lenient if they are not.

Montgomery County Code; Chapter 24A-8(b)

A HAWP permit should be issued if the Commission finds that:

- The proposal will not substantially alter the exterior features of a historic site or historic resource within a historic district.
- The proposal is compatible in character and nature with the historical archaeological, architectural or cultural features of the historic site or the historic district in which a historic resource is located and would not be detrimental thereto of to the achievement of the purposes of this chapter.

Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation

- #2 The historic character of a property will be retained and preserved. The removal of distinctive materials or alteration of features, spaces and spatial relationships that characterize the property will be avoided.
- #3 Each property will be recognized as a physical record of its time, place and use. Changes that create a false sense of historical development, such as adding conjectural features or elements from other historic properties, will not be undertaken.
- #5 Distinctive materials, features, finishes and construction techniques or examples of craftsmanship that characterize a property will be preserved.
- #9 New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction will not destroy historic materials, features, and spatial relationships that characterize the property. The new work shall be differentiated from the old and will be compatible with the historic materials, features, size, scale and proportion, and massing to protect the integrity of the property and its environment.

#10 New additions and adjacent or related new construction will 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.

STAFF DISCUSSION

The applicant is proposing an 11' wide driveway. The driveway width will narrow within the ROW to 10' and will expand to form the concrete apron. This hourglass shape is typical within Chevy Chase Village.

The current driveway is fabricated with concrete wheel paths separated by sod. The owners are proposing a solid surface concrete driveway framed in brick. The owner has provided the attached 1920 landscape plan suggesting the original driveway was a solid surface material. Staff does agree that the plan does show a solid driveway, however, the original driveway surface material cannot be determined from the grainy photos on the plan.

Concrete wheel paths would have been a typical application for a house of this period constructed in the Village. However, the Commission needs to evaluate the compatibility of this new driveway with maintaining the existing integrity of this historic house's landscape and the overall streetscape of the district. As a contributing resource within the Chevy Chase Village Historic District, the *Guidelines* specify that the Commission should review driveways under strict scrutiny only with regard to their impact on landscaping, particularly mature trees. In all other respects, driveways should be subject to lenient scrutiny. The proposed material selection would be compatible with others within the district. Staff supports this change to the driveway.

The applicant has also proposed a modification to reduce the width of the entry patio by a foot and to bring the 4' high parged wall/fence with stone piers 6' closer to the front property line. Staff does not object to these alterations, as they will not negatively impact the existing integrity of the landscape. We support these changes with the condition that the parged wall/fence will not exceed 4' in height, as the Commission does not approve any fences or walls that exceed 4' in height forward of the rear elevation of the house.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Commission approve the HAWP application with the conditions specified on Circle 1 as being consistent with Chapter 24A-8(b)(1) & (2):

and with the Chevy Chase Village Historic District Master Plan – Expansion, approved and adopted in August 1997;

and with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation;

and with the general condition that the applicant shall present the 3 permit sets of drawings, if applicable, to Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) staff for review and stamping prior to submission for the Montgomery County Department of Permitting Services (DPS) building permits;

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