BLOOMINGTON HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Showers City Hall McCloskey Room Thursday October 12, 2017 5:00 P.M. AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Welcome to Rachel Ellenson, new BHPC staff

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. September 28, 2017

IV. CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS

Staff Review

A. COA 17-75

2401 N. Dunn St.: Matlock Heights

Petitioners: Charles and Christie Bowman

Enclosure of rear covered porch with screening (violation)

Commission Review

B. COA 17-74

1202 E. Wylie St.: Elm Heights

Petitioner: Jonathan and Catherine Racek

Removal of textile block patio wall and installation of landscaping

C. COA 17-76

722 W. 2nd St.: Greater Prospect Hill

Petitioner: Allen Yoder, representing Mike Shively Architecture

Demolition of a non-contributing structure and construction of a new three-story

mixed-use building.

V. DEMOLITION DELAY

Commission Review

A. Demo Delay 17-15

825 W. 8th St.: Fairview Historic District area (not in district)

Petitioner: Cameron Smith

Complete demolition of c. 1900 gabled ell cottage

B. Demo Delay 17-17

608 N. College Ave.

Petitioner: Dave Holdman (owner)

Partial demolition of rear porch to allow for construction of multi-story rear addition.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- **A.** 209 S. Dunn St. sidewalk
- **B.** BUEA grant application for 206 N. Walnut St. (Princess Theater building)

VII. COURTESY REVIEW

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

- **A.** BUEA grant application for 403 W. Kirkwood Ave. (Batman House)
- **B.** Dimension Mill design changes
- IX. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS
- X. PUBLIC COMMENTS
- XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS
- XII. ADJOURNMENT

BLOOMINGTON HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Showers City Hall McCloskey Room Thursday September 28, 2017 5:00 P.M. MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

John Saunders called meeting to order at 5:04 pm.

II. ROLL CALL

Commissioners

Flavia Burrell

Sam DeSollar

Jeff Goldin

Lee Sandweiss

John Saunders

Chris Sturbaum

Advisory Members

Duncan Campbell

Deb Hutton

Derek Richey

Staff

Alison Kimmel

Mark Dollase

Sam Burgess

Philippa Guthrie

Jackie Scanlan

Eric Sader

Guests

Gillian Fulford

Cameron Smith

Megan Smith

George Ridgeway

Jeff Baldwin

Alexis Peneff

Maxwell Hogg

Brian Chelius

Rachel Ellenson

Steve Wyatt

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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A. September 14, 2017

Jeff Goldin made a motion to approve minutes. **Sam DeSollar** seconded. **Motion** carried 6/0/0.

IV. CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS

Staff Review

A. COA 17-68

808 W. Howe Street: Greater Prospect Hill

Petitioner: Kate Rosenbarger

Alterations to front porch, including replacement of existing columns

Mark Dollase gave presentation. See packet for details.

B. COA 17-69

2310 N. Fritz St.: Matlock Heights

Petitioner: Deb Hutton

Replacement of five non-historic vinyl windows on north, west, and south facades with

comparable vinyl windows.

Mark Dollase gave presentation. See packet for details.

C. COA 17-70

748 S. Morton St.: McDoel Gardens

Petitioner: Sam DeSollar

Replacement of existing non-historic windows on main façade; installation of a new transom window over front door; repositioning of existing gutters; replacement of gable boards and some fascia trim with wood or a composite material.

Mark Dollase gave presentation. See packet for details.

D. COA 17-73

110 W. 6th St.: Courthouse Square Historic District

Petitioner: Gul Saeedi

Add rooftop decks to non-historic, non-contributing structure within district.

Mark Dollase gave presentation. See packet for details.

Commission Review

E. COA 17-67

629 S. Woodlawn Ave.: Elm Heights

Petitioner: Jon C. Thompson

Replacement of first floor windows on main (west) façade with new wood windows; replacement of non-historic front door and original sidelights with new craftsman-style door

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Jeff Goldin made a motion to approve **COA-17-67** following all staff recommendations. **Chris Sturbaum** seconded. **Motion carried 6/0/0.**

F. COA 17-71

506 S. Ballantine Rd.: Elm Heights Petitioner: Henry R. Harbaugh

Construct rear garden wall; fill in existing depressed rear driveway and basement garage door opening; enlarge rear kitchen window opening and replace existing historic windows with salvaged historic windows of the same style and manufactured by the same company.

Mark Dollase gave presentation. See packet for details.

Derek Richey asked why the petitioner wanted to fill in the driveway into yard. **Henry Harbaugh** stated they want to expand the backyard and make it safer by filling in the driveway and removing the drop off from the retaining walls.

Flavia Burrell asked why the petitioner wanted to lower the window. **Henry Harbaugh** stated it is a kitchen window and it is too high to look outside for average height people.

Derek Richey commented he does not feel comfortable approving the driveway without seeing future plans.

Chris Sturbaum wants to see a drawing of the wall before approving.

Jeff Goldin stated he is leery of changing the window sill.

Duncan Campbell commented he would like to see plans before moving forward with this COA.

Chris Sturbaum made a motion to table **COA-17-71** until commission receives more information. **Jeff Goldin** seconded. **Motion carried 6/0/0.**

G. COA 17-72

724 W. 3rd St.: Greater Prospect Hill

Petitioner: Austin Goodman

Rehabilitation of front porch, including new posts and floorboards. Addition of rear screened porch.

Mark Dollase gave presentation. See packet for details.

Chris Sturbaum asked if staff would review with the porch design. **Mark Dollase** stated they would be reviewing the porch.

Duncan Campbell asked if there was any documentation of what this property looked like before. **Mark Dollase** stated they could not find anything, but that did not mean it didn't exist.

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Derek Richey commented he liked the designs and ideas the petitioner has for the house.

Chris Sturbaum commented he wants to see the porch reviewed again by the commission.

Jeff Goldin agreed with Chris, but thought the porch could be reviewed by staff rather than the commission.

Jeff Goldin made a motion to approve COA-17-72. Lee Sandweiss seconded. Motion carried 6/0/0.

Jeff Goldin made a motion to amend **COA-17-72** approval. Windows on the front of the house are to be wood, and the windows on the side and back are approved to be aluminum clad if the petitioner would like. **Lee Sandweiss** seconded. **Motion carried 6/0/0.**

V. DEMOLITION DELAY

Commission Review A. Demo Delay 17-15

825 W. 8th St.: Fairview Historic District area (not in district)

Petitioner: Cameron Smith

Complete demolition of c. 1900 gabled ell cottage

Sam Burgess gave presentation. See packet for details.

Cameron Smith commented the neighbor would like to purchase the property but demolish and keep it as lawn. He commented on the interior status along with exterior status shown in the presentation. He stated the house is too dangerous to keep standing.

Jeff Goldin commented he has been inside the house and agrees the house is not safe.

Derek Richey asked Steve Wyatt to speak about the rehab abilities of BRI. **Steve Wyatt** commented they have restored houses in worse shape than this.

Chris Sturbaum stated he is surprised nobody has purchased the house in the two years it's been for sale. He also asked if BRI had a seconded chance to bid on the house after the answer. **Cameron Smith** stated they did.

Steve Wyatt commented this is a contributing structure on the national register. BRI resurveyed this neighborhood and they found this house to be contributing as well.

Derek Richey commented the commission keeps approving demolitions causing the houses around them to drop their contributing statuses. Demolition by neglect continues to be a problem. **Cameron Smith** stated if BRI would have matched the neighbor's offer, we wouldn't be sitting here.

Chris Sturbaum commented properties don't always get taken care of as well when homeowners become older. They aren't always able to upkeep homes like they should be.

Jeff Goldin commented restoring this house would be the cost of building a new house. He also commented this is not the property the commission should send to council because he doesn't think they would designate it.

Flavia Burrell asked BRI if they think they can restore this home. **Steve Wyatt** commented they have done it 29 times before. **Flavia Burrell** asked why they didn't try to match the offer. **Steve Wyatt** commented they had a verbal agreement to purchase the property on Friday, then found out the neighbor counter-offered above BRI by \$10,000.00.

Duncan Campbell commented this is a situation where someone is paying the owner to demolish this home and go through this process. Responding to Jeff Goldin's comment, Duncan stated he can make the argument to designate this house.

Sam DeSollar commented the commission keeps stating, this is not the time to take a stand, but it needs to start sometime.

John Saunders asked **Steve Wyatt** if BRI would be ready to purchase this if the demolition delay gets turned down. **Steve Wyatt** stated yes, for a certain price. He also commented it goes to tax sale this Wednesday if this demo-delay is not approved.

Chris Sturbaum commented the commission knows more about financial dealings than what is appropriate. Decisions by the commission should not be made by this knowledge.

Chris Sturbaum made a motion to table until the October 12th HPC meeting for more time for research. **Lee Sandweiss** seconded. **Motion carried 4/2/0 (Yes/No/Abstain).** Staff commented application was submitted September 19th, 2017 for 90-day reference.

B. Demo Delay 17-16

311 S. Lincoln St.: Adjacent to Home Laundry Company Building Local Historic District Petitioner: Jeff Baldwin, George Ridgway

Partial demolition, including alterations to front entrance and all secondary facades.

Sam Burgess gave presentation. See packet for details.

John Saunders made a motion to approve **Demo Delay 17-16. Jeff Goldin** seconded. **Motion carried 6/0/0.**

Staff Review

NONE

VI. NEW BUSINESS

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Email from IU school of SPEA looking for volunteer to speak regarding Confederate statue controversy.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. BUEA grant application for 403 W. Kirkwood Ave. (Batman House)

IX. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

NONE

X. PUBLIC COMMENTS

NONE

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Eric Sader introduced future HPC Staff, Rachel Ellenson.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.

SUMMARY

COA-17-75 (Staff Review)

2401 N. Dunn St.: Matlock Heights Local Historic District

Petitioner: Charles and Christie Bowman (Owners)

Contributing IHSSI# 105-055-34526 c. 1960



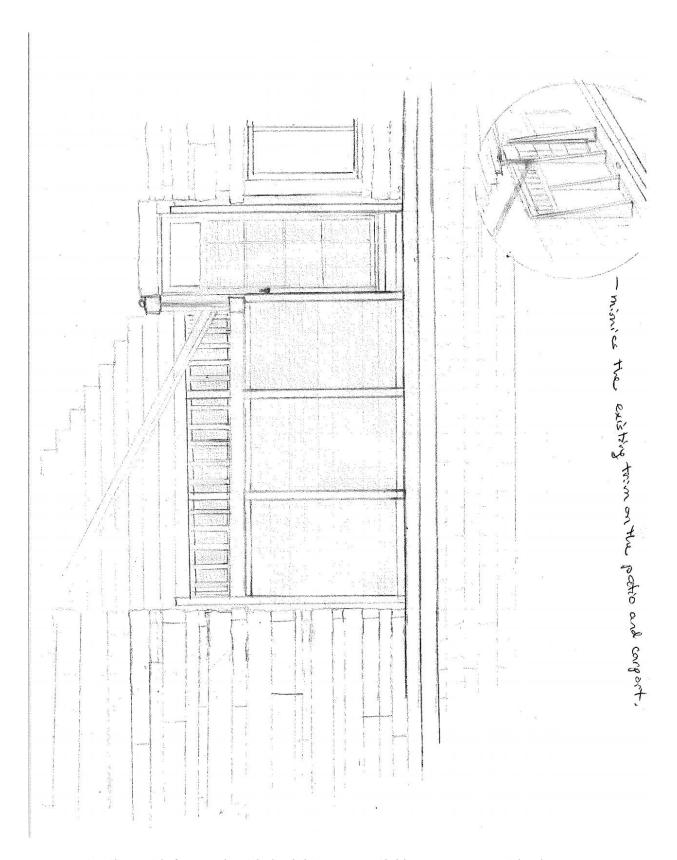
Background: The house is a vernacular mid-century massed ranch. The proposed project was begun prior to the COA application process. The façade affected by the project is visible from E. Saville Ave. Prior to the project, the rear façade included two recessed covered patios. Through the project, the southernmost of the two patios has been enclosed with screening.

Request: Enclose existing covered porch on rear (west) façade with frame and screen.

Guidelines: Changes to a primary or secondary façade not involving demolition, new construction (including additions), or the moving of a structure are reviewed by BHPC staff only (20). Since the enclosure of the rear loggia does not change the footprint, massing, or outline of the building, it qualifies as a change to a secondary façade and not as an addition; therefore, the project warrants staff review only.

According to the Matlock Heights design guidelines on fenestration, "Paying attention to the proportion of openings in a wall visible from the street can help blend new construction into the streetscape" (30). The same principle should be applied in the case of changes to an existing façade. Regarding doors and windows, it is "Recommended" that "Existing architectural details for windows and doors shall be retained or replaced in the same style or in a design appropriate to the house or its' context." An "Acceptable" treatment of doors and windows is to "Retain the proportions of original openings. Replacement of windows and doors determined to be original should duplicate the original in size and scale." The guidelines for the treatment of doors and windows are also applicable to the openings of verandas and loggias and the filling in of those openings with screened panels and doors.





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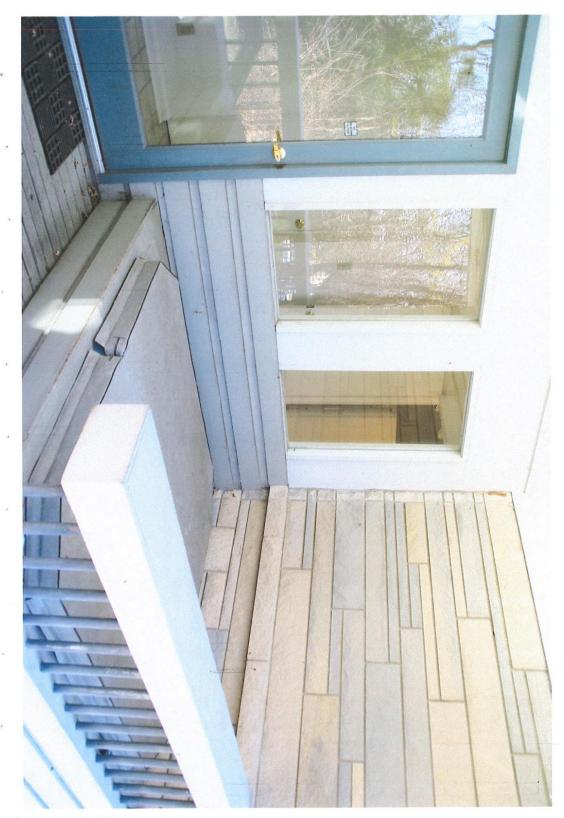
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Screen Door will be crafted to mimic the existing runge along the porch railing; similar to this door,

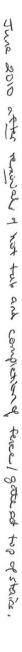








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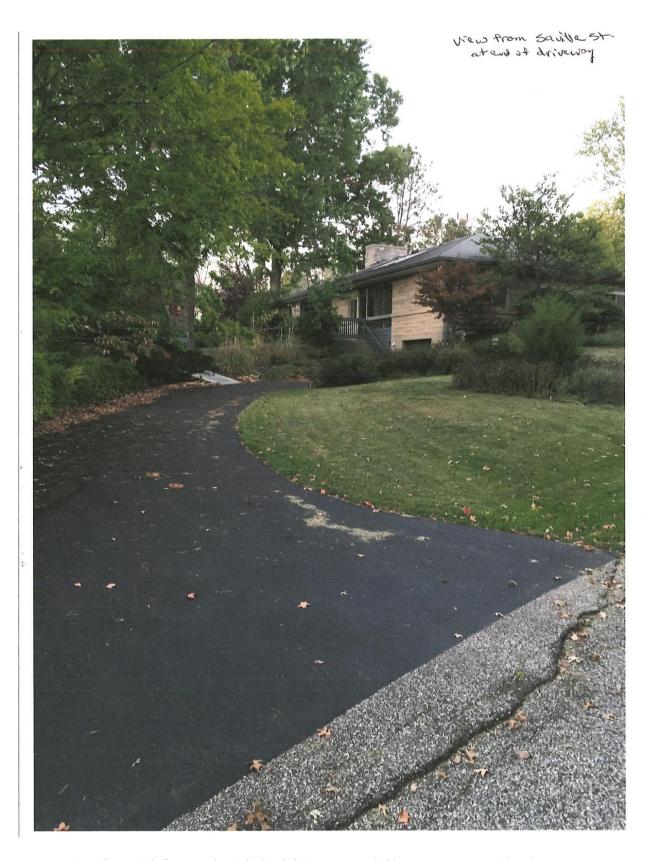


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Figure 1: Progress as of October 4, 2017

SUMMARY

COA 17-74

1202 E. Wylie St.: Elm Heights Local Historic District

Petitioner: Jonathan and Catherine Racek

Contributing IHSSI# 105-055-51304 c. 1930



Background: The house is a slightly altered brick craftsman bungalow in good condition. Garden wall and carport were both added in the 1950s.

Request: Demolish rear 1950s textile block garden wall surrounding patio. Install new landscaping around edge of patio.

Guidelines:

Fences and Garden Walls

"A Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) is required for . . . [i]nstallation or removal of walls or fences visible from the public right-of-way" (14).

Masonry Features

"A Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) is required for . . . [r]emoval of masonry or . . . features or structures that contribute to the historic character of the property." "Retain masonry features . . . that contribute to the historic character of the site. These include but are not restricted to . . . porches, decorative panels . . . balustrades . . . patios . . . railings, copings . . . walls . . . [and] landscape edging" (20).

With respect to landscaping, the guidelines are concerned only with the removal and replacement of mature trees visible from the public right-of-way (12). Since the proposed

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landscaping changes do not involve such removal or replacement, they are not subject to review under the design guidelines.

Recommendations: Staff recommends approving the project, contingent upon owner's agreement to undertake a careful deconstruction of the garden wall that will allow the textile blocks to be salvaged and reused.



Figure 2: East side of block wall, looking NW



Figure 3: South side of wall, looking east



Figure 4: Close-up, south side of wall, looking NE



Figure 5: South side of wall, looking NE

SUMMARY

COA 17-76

722 W. 2nd Street: Greater Prospect Hill Local Historic District

Petitioner: Allen Yoder, on behalf of Mike Shively Architecture

Non-Contributing No IHSSI Number c. 1960



Background: 722 W. 2nd Street is a non-contributing commercial structure. The property is currently zoned Medical, while most of the GPHHD is zoned RC (Residential Core). The petitioner is seeking a rezoning to allow the mixeduse development of the site for commercial and multifamily residential purposes. The rezoning hearing before the Plan Commission will take place on 11/6/2017.

Request: Demolish non-contributing structure on site. Construct new three-story mixed-use building.

Guidelines:

DEMOLITION

The BHPC may issue a CoA for demolition if:

"The historic or architectural significance of the structure is such that, upon further consideration by the Commission, it does not contribute to the historic character of the district" or "The demolition is necessary to allow development which, in the Commission's opinion, is of greater significance to the preservation of the district than is retention of the structure, or portion thereof, for which demolition is sought" (12).

NEW CONSTRUCTION

"The guidelines are not meant to restrict creativity, but to set-up a framework within which sympathetic design will occur" (14).

"Building materials, whether natural or man-made, should be visually compatible with surrounding historic buildings" (16). Recommended materials include "Brick, limestone, clapboard, cement board, wood, shingles, stucco" (16).

New construction and additions should be compatible with the historic context of the neighborhood with respect to massing, outline, setback, spacing, height, fenestration, and elevation (pp. 17-20).

Building Heights:

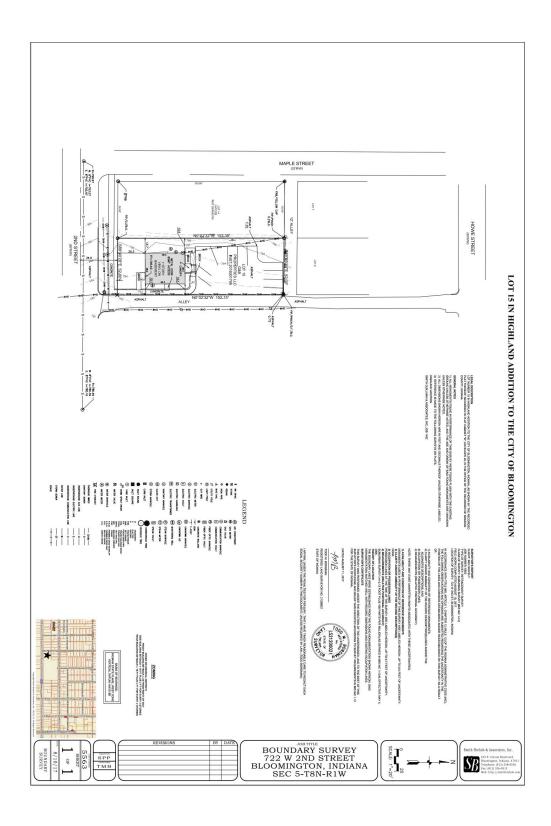
"NOTE - In areas governed by this plan, building heights should be determined using these guidelines rather than those noted in the zoning ordinance" (18).

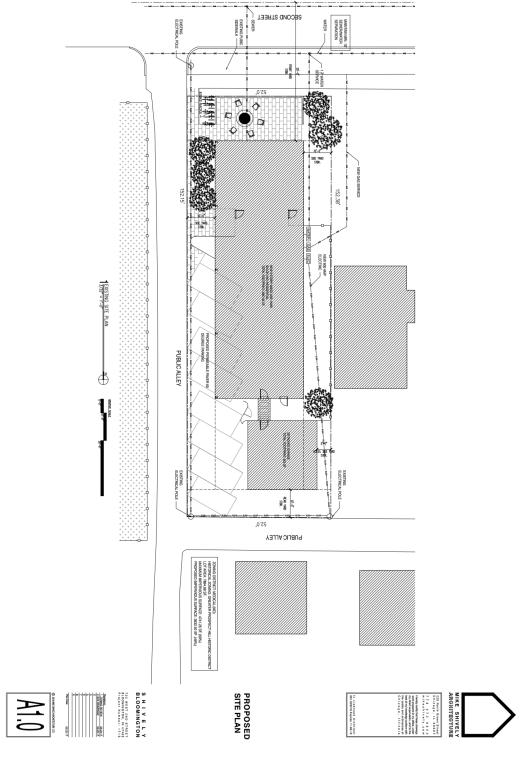
"RECOMMENDED

- 1. Generally, the height of a new building should fall within a range set by the highest and lowest contiguous buildings if the block has uniform heights. Uncharacteristically high or low buildings should not be considered when determining the appropriate range.
- 2. Cornice heights, porch heights and foundation heights in the same block face and opposing block face should be considered when designing new construction.
- 3. Consider the grade of the lot against the grade of the adjacent sidewalk as well as the grade of the adjacent neighbor."

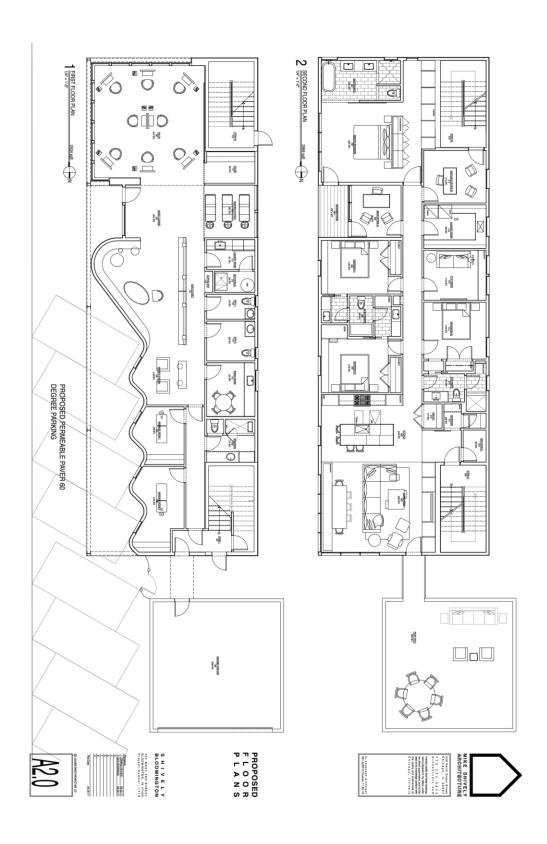
Recommendations:

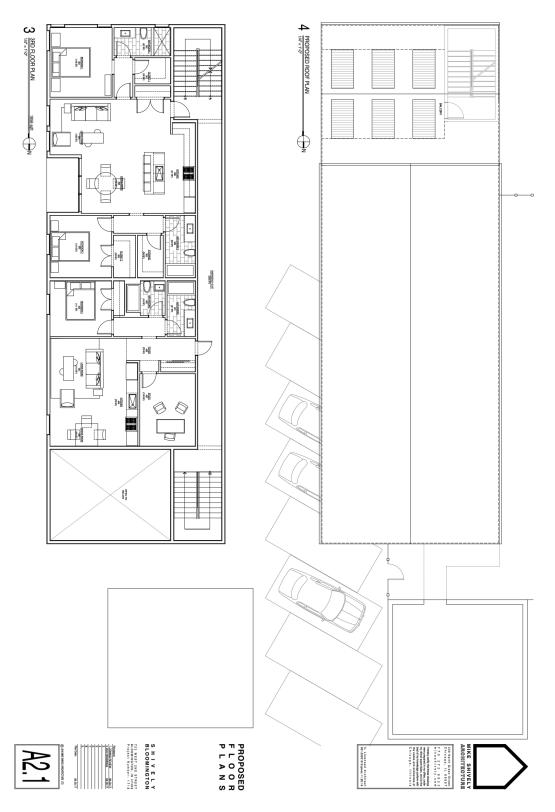
Given that the building is defined as non-contributing, staff does not object to approving the request to demolish the existing building on the site. However, staff recommends denying the new construction project as proposed, as the design is incompatible with its context in terms of height, massing, fenestration, parking layout, and elevation of first floor above grade. A COA should not be issued for demolition until the existing new construction plans are revised and approved by the BHPC.



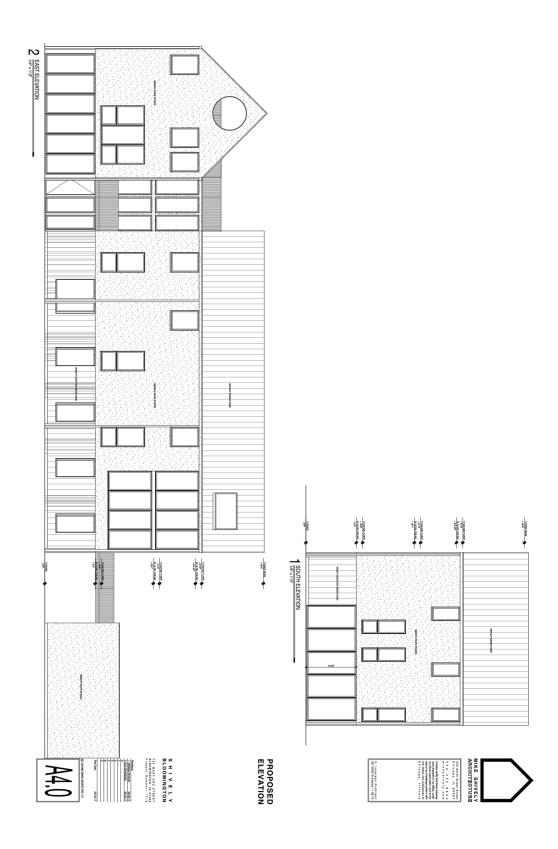


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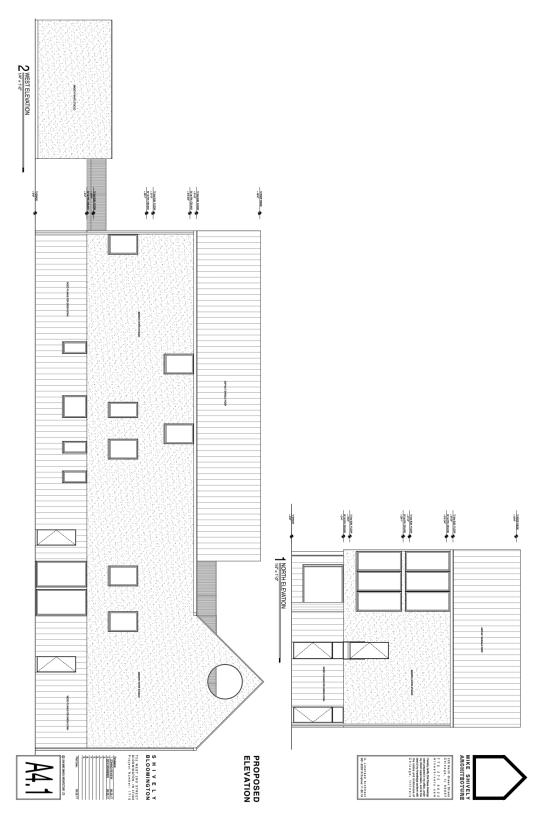




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SUMMARY

825 W. 8th Street Petitioner: Cameron Smith

Contributing IHSSI # 105-055-26179 c. 1910



Background: 825 W. 8th Street is a slightly altered turn-of-the century gabled-ell cottage. Its siding and some of its windows have been altered, but it retains its original form. It is located several blocks west of the Fairview Local Historic District.

Request: Complete demolition of historic structure

Guidelines: According to the demolition delay ordinance, BHPC has 90 days to review the demolition permit application from the time it is forwarded to the Commission for review. Commission staff received the application on September 19, 2017. The BHPC may thus employ a demolition delay for 90 days from that date, and may request an additional 30 days if necessary for further investigation. During the demolition delay period, the BHPC must decide whether to apply Local Historic Designation to the property.

Recommendations: The property is an intact example of a gabled-ell cottage. Although it does not appear to merit Local Historic Designation as an individual site, it would certainly warrant Local Historic Designation as a contributing property within a local historic district or conservation district.

SUMMARY

Demolition Delay 17-17

608 N. College Ave.

Contributing IHSSI #105-055-35820 c. 1880/c. 1910

Petitioner: Dave Holdman



Background: IHSSI #105-055-35820 is classified as a late Victorian two-story residence. It is not listed in the National Register of Historic Places and is not located in a local historic or conservation district.

Request: Petitioner requests partial demolition involving the removal of part of a non-historic rear porch to create a connector to a new three-story addition.

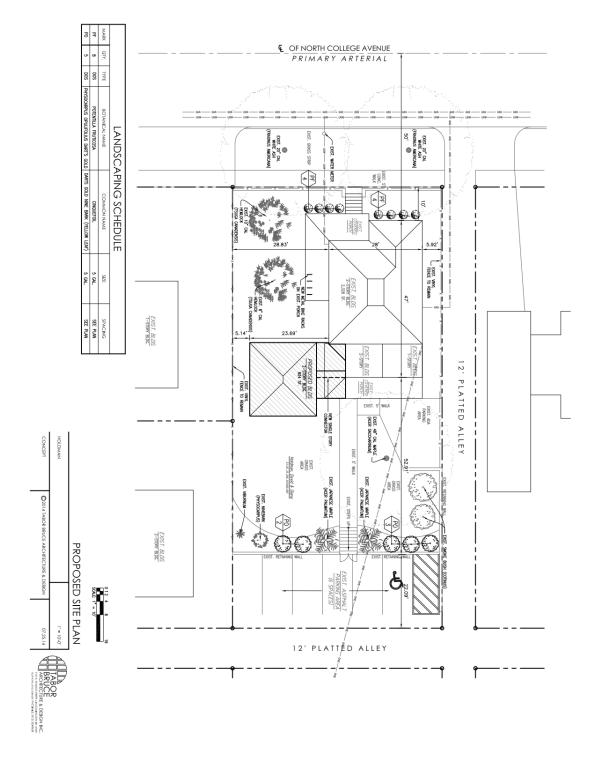
Guidelines: The BHPC may delay demolition for up to 90 days from the date that staff was notified of the demolition permit application while it considers whether it would like to recommend designating the property as a local historic district. Notification of the demolition permit application was received by BHPC staff on September 26, 2017. If the BHPC votes not to recommend designating the property, the demolition permit will be released.

Recommendation: Staff does not find that the property merits individual listing as a local historic district or conservation district and therefore recommends releasing the demolition permit. Staff also recommends releasing the permit for the reasons that the historic house will not be demolished and given that the proposed addition will affect a portion of the house that has already been altered through previous additions.

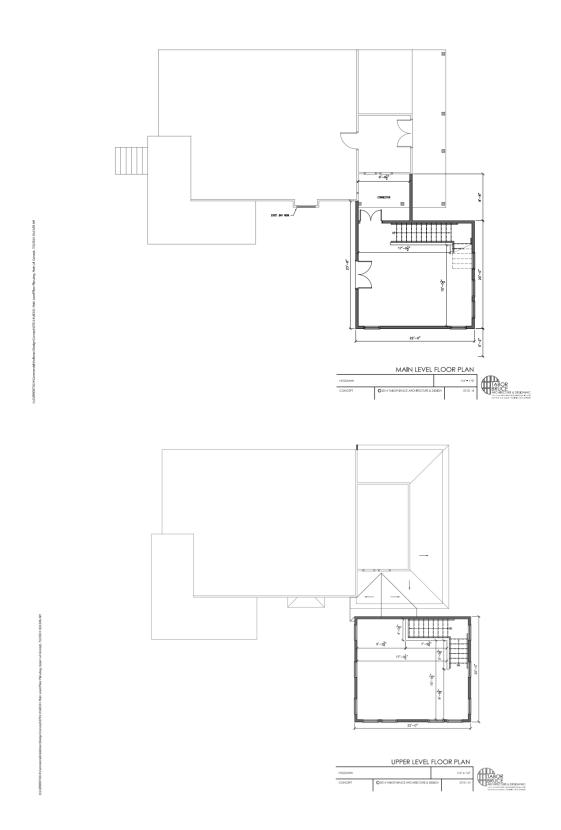








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OLD BUSINESS: Dimension Mill (W. 11th St.)

Previously Approved Design:



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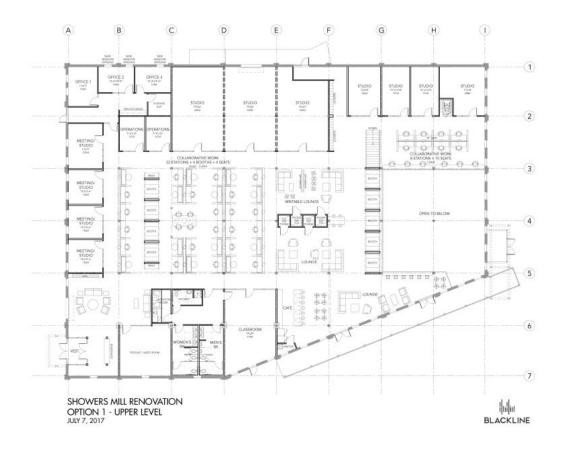
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VIEW LOOKING NORTH AT MILL PLAZA







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VIEW LOOKING SOUTH-WEST AT MADISON STREET





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