

Agenda Supplement

April 12, 2023
HDC Meeting

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1. 1512-1514 Southwood Av (PID: 11908311)
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February 8, 2023

RE: Inspection of windows and front door – 1512 Southwood Ave.

Using the attached drawings and pictures of the 13 windows and doors as a guide, I visited the property at 1512 Southwood to perform an inspection.

These are called louvered windows, which use what we call jalousie operators to open and close. Very common to the 50s. My guess is that they are original windows. The single glass door (#1) is not from the 50's and is much newer. The door frame is installed incorrectly in the brick opening and both the door and its frame are broken which will require removal, and replacement with a new door and frame.

The current tenant has been in the building for 10 years and reported that after several break ins, he had to screw the ground floor window on Southwood (#2) closed with screws through the frame of the window. The tenant also installed a thick metal screening on the inside to stop burglars from pushing the louvered window open to gain access the screws penetrated through the window frame. The window frame and assembly is completely ruined.

The windows are extremely energy inefficient and because they are not thermally broken in this climate sweat/condensate causing rot and mold that is a problem. The thin aluminum frames of the windows are broken throughout the building and almost all have been rendered in-operable. We have never attempted repair of these type windows as the aluminum is typically un-repairable. Also, the existing windows are not properly installed in the openings and a commercial window frame assembly would provide a proper fit. It would be my recommendation to replace the windows with updated commercial rated openings. With applied muttons it would be easy to match similar curb appearance with a commercial window that is appropriate for the type of window openings in the masonry exterior walls.

Respectfully,

Bill Green
Charlotte Market Line of Business Manager
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Mobile: 704-201-9523

February 23, 2023

To Whom it may Concern,

We reviewed the current windows at 1512 Southwood Avenue as shown on the attached schedule with images as to their structural integrity. The windows would need to be restored to be viable to remain however, that can't be done. Unfortunately, the hardware is obsolete, and the owner Ron Skufca would need to locate a machinist to create custom parts and pieces for the hand cranks. The thin aluminum channeling is compromised in all windows observed and is also no longer produced. He would have to have the replacement hand fabricated, and would still not be a direct match to the existing windows. Sorry for the disappointing news.

Warm Regards

Natalie Knight
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1512 Southwood Additional Window Photos

Opening 2:



Exterior frame showing aluminum fatigue and self-taping screws installed through thermal envelope.



Interior: Self-taping screws used to affix mesh drilled directly into frame breaking the thermal envelope.

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Opening 3:



Frame damage on left photo shows an already failed patch attempt with an additional piece of metal affixed at the top screw. Right photo shows the completely dismantled opening control device for this window, the frame also shows signs of aluminum corrosion and fatigue.

Opening 6:



Frame opening mechanism is non function and out of alignment with the frame, frame shows damage on sides. Vine growth has lodged into certain sections of the frame/building.

Opening 7:



Window frame shows aluminum fatigue as well as has multiple cracks that have previously attempted repairs. Previous repairs include an applied material over the damage.

Opening 8:



Opening mechanism is broken and bent out of alignment with the frame. Frame shows damage around the edges as well as aluminum corrosion from remaining permanently open.

Opening 9:



Opening mechanism is non-functional, frame/lower window pane has warped from original location. Window does not sit properly in opening. On the right you can see the frame is bowed inward as well as where the frame does not sit properly and outside light is visible.

Opening 11:



Vines have grown through/around the frame damaging the frame itself as well as the operating mechanism.

Opening 12:



Window does not fit in the opening, aluminum bar located beneath the window to raise it. Several large holes are seen between the frame and the opening as the window does not fit correctly. The aluminum has suffered fatigue and since the original submission the mechanism has completely failed.



Frame shows signs of aluminum fatigue as well as stress cracking all along the frame, the sections are showing signs of separation.

Opening 13:



Window does not fit in the opening correctly, several layers of caulk used to close openings, frame is bent around opening mechanism and is permanently jammed open.



Window frame is separating between the assembled sections. The caulk joint is just shy of $\frac{3}{4}$ " as the window does not fit properly.

2. 1512 Thomas Av (PID: 08118722)
HDCRMI-2023-00254
Plaza Midwood
Bill Hughes, Applicant





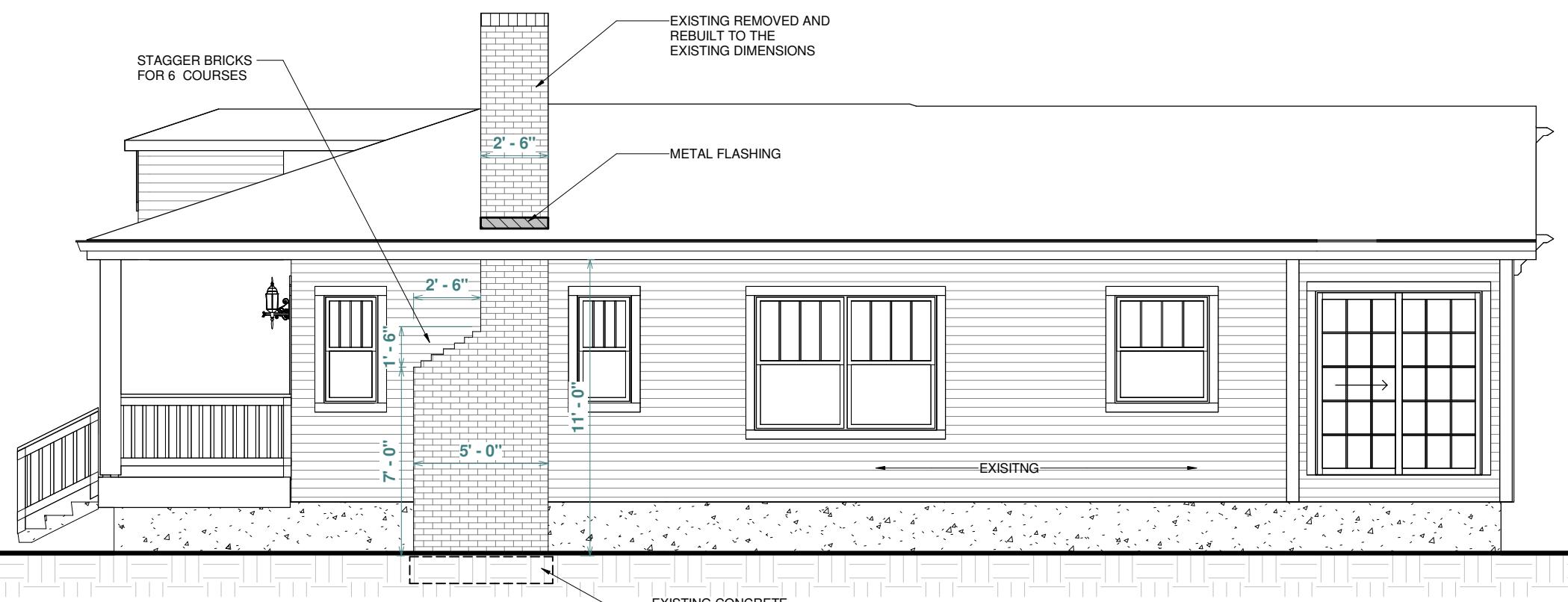
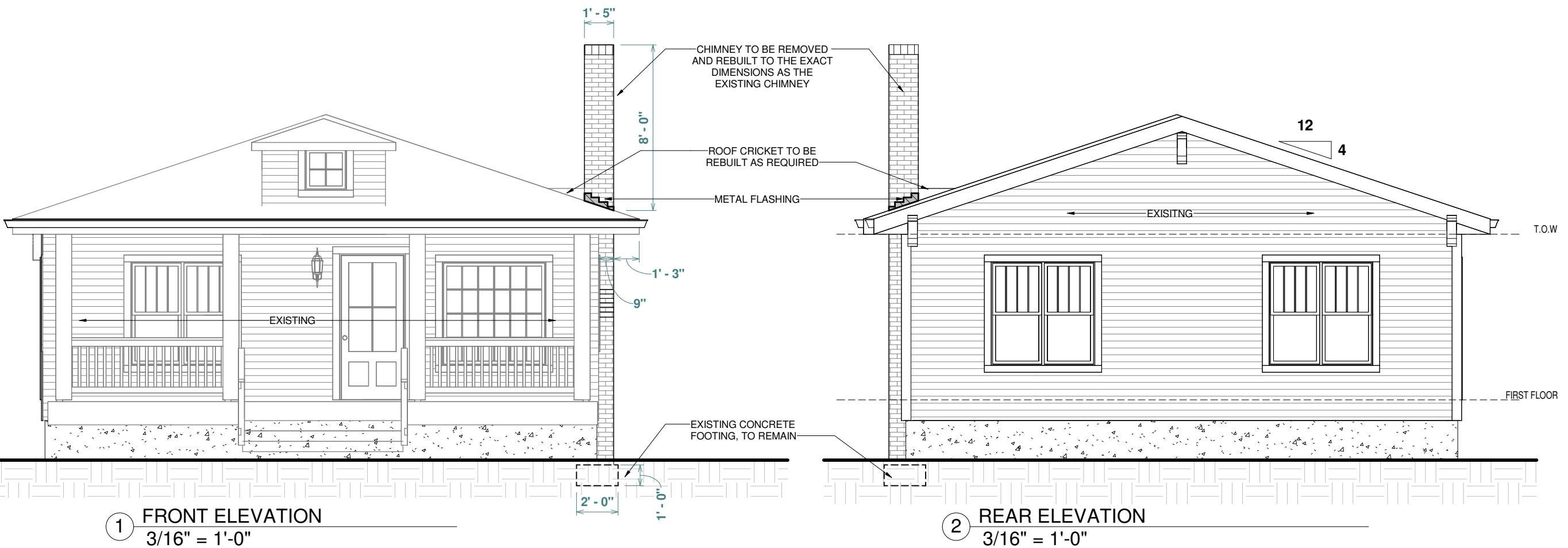








Pitch Factor: 6.0/12 Degrees: 26.53°



REMOVE THE FULL BRICK MASONRY CHIMNEY, AND REPLACE WITH NEW CHIMNEY FOR APPEARANCE ONLY.

SCOPE OF DEMO WORK:
REMOVE EXISTING FULL MASONRY FIREPLACE DOWN TO THE FOOTING. SAVE ALL EXISTING BRICK.

SCOPE OF WORK:
REPLACE ALL ROTTED STRUCTURAL WOOD SUBSTRATE AND ROOFING/FLASHING AROUND EXISTING CHIMNEY.
REBUILD A FALSE CHIMNEY WITH THE ORIGINAL BRICK TO MATCH ORIGINAL & EXISTING APPEARANCE AND LAYOUT.
SINGLE BRICK VENEER INSTALLATION WHERE OLD FIREPLACE WAS LOCATED - ONLY BRICK VENEER (NO FIREBOX, NO MANTEL, NO HEARTH)

EXISTING SITE VIEWS



**EXISTING BRICK CHIMNEY
REPLACEMENT FOR**
Kerin and Bill Hughes
1512 Thomas Ave.
Charlotte, NC 28205

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3. 1900 Dilworth Rd W (PID: 12108815)

HDCRMA-[2022-01041](#)

Dilworth

Sean Green, Applicant

Information Submitted by the Public

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Kochanek, Cynthia

From: William Haynes <william.haynes2@gmail.com>
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To: Kochanek, Cynthia
Cc: Rebecca Haynes; Drath, Marilyn; Harpst, Kristina; Leite, Candice
Subject: [EXT]Re: [EXT]Re: [EXT]Written Comments: PID 12108815 (1900 Dilworth Rd W)

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Good afternoon Cindy et al.,

My wife and I recently had the opportunity to meet with Mr. Green regarding his plans for 1900 Dilworth Rd W. We were very appreciative of the time he spent with us and have a better understanding of his proposed plans. While I know there were some other items the commission would addressed in the plans, please let the record show we have no more concerns. I am happy to join the next session to give this testimony as well.

Regards,

Will Haynes

4. 500 E Park Av (PID: 12308501)

HDCRMI-2022-01006

Dilworth

Jesse Ervin, Applicant

500 East Park Avenue garage door to window replacement and extension of porch cover

HDCRMI-2022-01006

Owner: Jesse and Rebecca Ervin

Staff questions

1. Front Porch: a. Provide additional information and details about how the two existing roofs will be connected to the new roof. - The existing roof will extend. See drawings and example of similar roof from Dilworth Road.

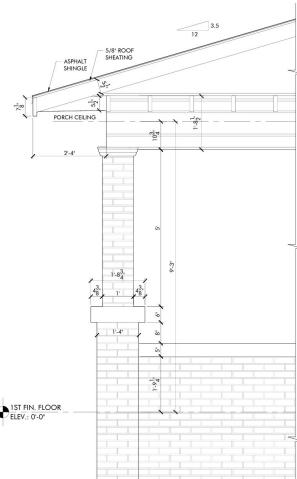
- b. What will happen to the tops of the windows? **The windows will not be affected.**
See circled area of attached picture to see ceiling in relation to windows.

Will the beam wrap around the left side? **No.**

- c. Provide a porch section drawing from foundation to roof, showing the column/beam alignment with dimensions and materials noted. - see pictured.

Provide photos of the porch floor. It is not clear from the drawings and information provided if the porch floor currently wraps around the left side of the house. - see photo

- e. Downspouts should be relocated to the side (not front) of the new porch column. - **Will do.**



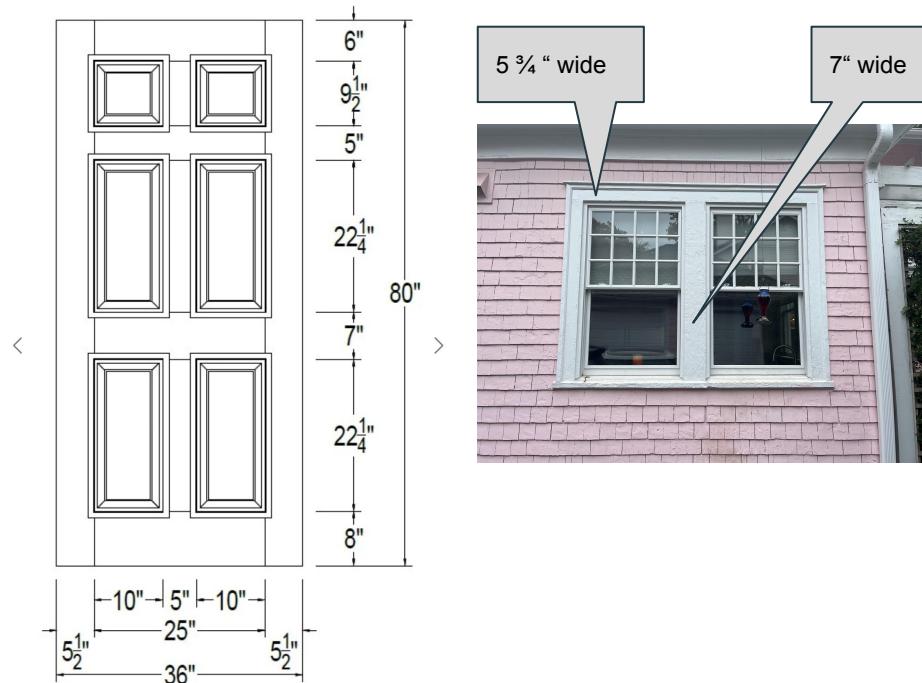
Supplemental

2. Accessory building changes: a. What is the entry door material?

Provide a cut sheet and specification for the new door. - **See cut sheet.** **Material to be Fir, painted white to match existing trim.**

b. Window trim dimensions needed. The window mullion needs to be wider than the exterior trim. c. Window spec sheets call for a "FactoryMull", which has not been approved by the Commission because mullion design and dimensions will be too narrow. -

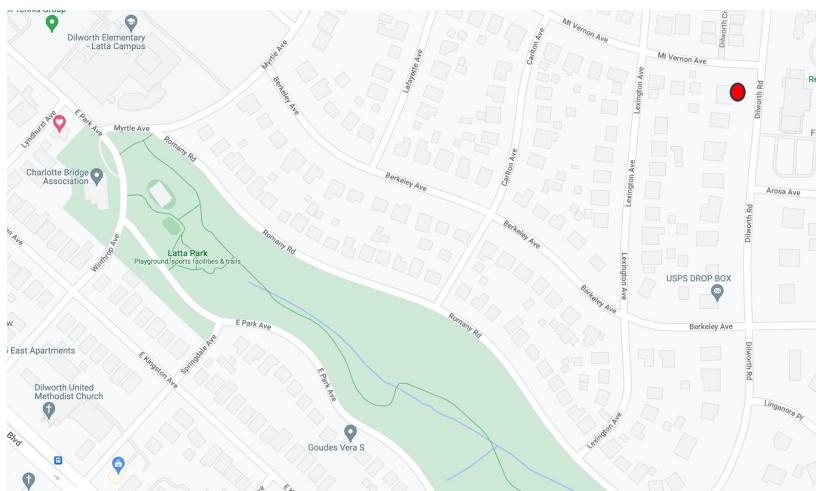
Window surrounding trim will be $5\frac{3}{4}$ " wide and center mullion will be 7" wide, both to match existing home (pictured)



Are there other examples of asymmetrical porch roofs supported by in Dilworth?



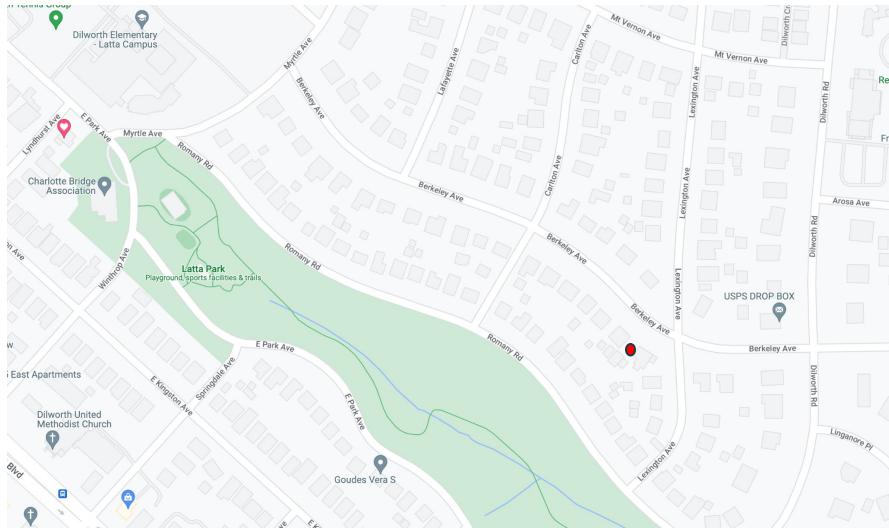
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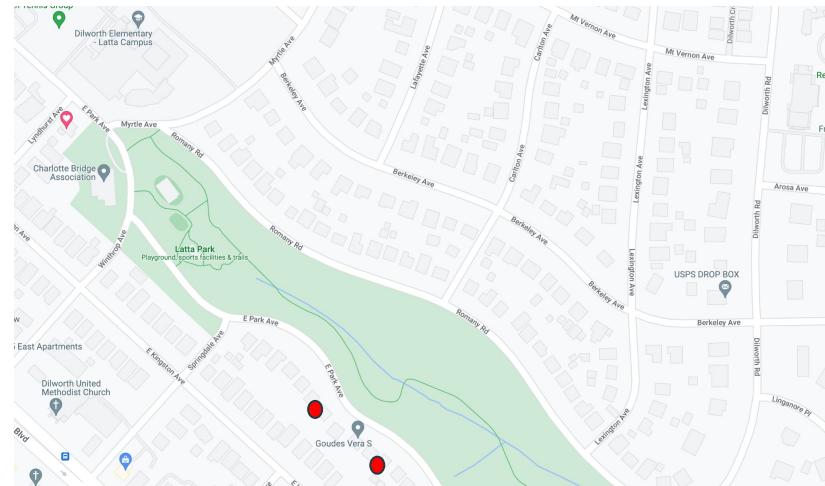
Are there other examples of garages converted to heated space in Dilworth?



930 Lexington Avenue



Are there other examples of garages converted to heated space in Dilworth?



300 block of Kingston

7. 1706 Dilworth Rd E (PID: 1231111)
HDCRMI-2022-01154
Dilworth
Ann Warren, Applicant

Applicant Responses to Staff Comments

Uploaded on April 11, 2023

1. Front porch

- a. What are the footprint dimensions of the front porch?

Applicant Response: The footprint dimensions of the front porch are 10 feet deep by 21 feet wide by 2 feet tall.

- b. How will the new front porch impact the front chimney?

Applicant Response: The new front porch will not touch the front chimney or impact it in any way. No changes are being proposed to the front chimney which will still provide a strong contributing element to the character of the historic home.

- c. Trellis columns need additional cap and base details.

Applicant Response: Applicant modeled the columns on the columns on the pergola located at 1015 East Blvd. which was previously approved by the historic district commission(see case number HDC2018-496). A description and photos of such pergola are shown on page 13 of the presentation provided to staff in advance of the meeting. The column will have no cap trim. The column will have base trim that is 12 inch tall made of wood, painted white, that will wrap the bottom of the column (starting at the bottom of the column reaching up 12 inches).

- d. Provide a photo of the proposed quarry tile floor.

Applicant Response: The proposed quarry tile floor will match the existing quarry tile floor at the top of the stairs at the front entrance to the home. The quarry tiles are red in color, 4"x4" square, and separated by grout lines about 5/8" wide. A photo of such tile floor is below.



- e. Will the trellis attach to the building or just the new front porch?

Applicant Response: The trellis will not attach to the building, just to the new front porch.

2. Side Porch Changes

- a. Front elevation, door design appears incongruous with the 6/6 design of the original fenestration.

Applicant Response: The original fenestration was a screened in porch that did not contain any 6/6 windows. The old photos of the home that applicants submitted as part of the application show that the original fenestration was comprised of screens that filled the openings in the brick walls at the front and side and rear elevations of the screened in porch. To applicant's knowledge, there were never any 6/6 windows in this location of the house, so that was not the original fenestration. The full panel glass door design is not incongruous with the style of the home. Instead, it more closely reflects the original style of the home which contained full screens in the brick openings at the front and side elevations.

- b. Right elevation fenestration and trim design.

Applicant Response: The right elevation fenestration will consist of 4 wooden, metal-clad full panel glass doors that are fixed in place. The trim design of the trim surrounding such fenestration will be white wood trim to match the existing style, period and theme of the wood trim that surrounds the existing window openings, in accordance with the Historic District Guidelines for Rehabilitation of Building Elements, Section 4.11 (Trim). Below are pictures of such wood trim.



- c. On the rear elevation, will the steps be enlarged? Is a handrail needed?

Applicant Response: No changes will be made to the existing rear elevation steps. The steps will not be enlarged and a handrail is not needed. A handrail does not currently exist and to applicant's knowledge has never existed.

d. Proposed fenestration is metal clad.

Applicant Response: The proposed fenestration are wooden doors that are clad in metal with full glass panels. According to the Historic District Guidelines for Rehabilitation of Building Elements, Guidelines for Replacement Windows states that “aluminum clad wood that meet these guidelines may be considered on a case by case basis.” See Historic District Guidelines for Rehabilitation of Building Elements, For Replacement Windows, Section 4.14, Guideline #19.

e. Trim details needed.

Applicant Response: The trim around each of the openings on the front, right and rear elevations will be wood painted white to match the existing style, period and theme of the wood trim that surrounds the existing window openings, in accordance with the Historic District Guidelines for Rehabilitation of Building Elements, Section 4.11 (Trim). See pictures above in response to Question 2b.

9. 700 Templeton Av (PID: 12305619)
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Dilworth
Jacqueline Bailey & Micah Simon, Applicants

Neighboring Brick Home Examples

(Provided by Applicant)



708 Templeton Ave – original brick



1201 Myrtle Ave – approved in 1995



712 Templeton Ave – painted before 2007 (no record of approval in files)



1207 Myrtle Ave – approved in 2006/2007 because of extensive repairs to the brick



720 Templeton Ave – painted before 2007 (no record of approval in files)



1300 Myrtle Ave – 2nd story addition approved in 2002, approved drawings included painted brick



616 Mt. Vernon Ave – original brick



601 Mt. Vernon Ave – painted between 2009 and 2012 painted before 2007 (no record of approval in files)



612 Mt. Vernon Ave – original brick



607 Mt. Vernon Ave – possibly painted in 2010, application for painting brick was submitted in 2009, no conclusive evidence that a decision for approval or denial was rendered

13. 1500 Dilworth Rd (PID: 12309709)

HDCRMA-2023-00074

Dilworth

Erin McGinn, Applicant

From: [Jeff Ochse](#)
To: [Harpst, Kristina](#)
Subject: [EXT]Re: April 12, 2023 - HDC Meeting Information
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Good morning Kristina,

Please see the attached waiver document below.

Staff has the following comments about the proposal:

1. Window changes on primary structure
 - a. Will existing windows be reused on the left elevation?
- No they will be new windows - Kolbe quote attached in submitted documents
 - b. Will trim match existing?
- Yes
 - c. Provide cut sheets and specifications including head, jam, sill details for new windows to be installed.
- Specs and new windows shown on quote provided
 - d. Will the bricks removed for the new openings be used to infill the original window openings?
- Yes we will salvage the existing brick to the best of our ability
2. Accessory Structure. Not enough information is available to review this project.
Information needed includes, but is not limited to:
 - a. What are the overall footprint dimensions?
- Can be found on plans submitted
 - b. What is the height as measured from grade to ridge?
- 18', marked on plans submitted
 - c. Label all setbacks and confirm that setbacks meet zoning requirements for Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU)
 - d. Provide rear yard permeability calculations.
 - e. Provide materials details for brick/mortar, trim, windows/doors, etc.
 - f. Provide cut sheets and specifications for the garage doors and entry doors.
 - g. Window detail with trim dimensions needed for both single windows and ganged windows.
 - h. Provide head, jam, sill details for proposed windows.

F/G & H - Kolbe window quote for the garage was submitted

3. Additional comments about the proposed accessory building, include:
 - a. Size, massing, and roof forms.
 - b. Blank walls on the rear (north), right (east) and left (west) elevations.
 - c. Kolbe window information shows ganged windows as having factory mullions.

4. Is the brick patio shown on the site plan existing or proposed?

Brick Patio is existing

5. When mature canopy trees are proposed for removal, replanting is required.

Perfect

6. Minor changes may be approved by staff.

I know we can't alter our submitted documents but here are the answers to the questions the committee had for us. When we are called tomorrow John can explain these answers.

Thank you,



I, Tina Bourgeois, understand that the Charlotte Historic Commission (HDC) will be meeting [2/13/23] with all Commissioners sitting in such case physical present in the meeting room. I understand that the HOD, evidentiary hearings are quasi-judicial proceedings, and that I am encouraged to appear in person before the HOD to present any testimony and evidence. I further understand that, as a continuing health and safety precaution, I may request to appear orally and present my testimony via telephone or a remote online meeting platform. By signing this form, I acknowledge that I have read and understood the above information and that I am signing this document voluntarily. I accept all responsibility for technical difficulties in providing remote testimony. I further understand that it is important for the HDC to hear any persons presenting testimony, and agree to do so even if doing so requires testimony using a video source.

I understand that quasi-judicial proceedings require the preservation of due process rights, including but not limited to the opportunity to view evidence presented. I also understand that the law disfavors of public disclosure of sensitive information, such as medical records, financial records, and other personal information. I understand that if I attend in person or remotely, all supplementary materials for consideration must be submitted via email to City Staff no later than 12:00pm the day before the HOD meeting [Tuesday] and no materials may be submitted during the evidentiary hearing. I further understand that remote phone/teleconference may not be utilized during the evidentiary hearing. I understand that the decision made by the aforementioned document will result in the cancellation of the HOD agenda item.

I understand that I am required to notify HOD staff via email no later than 12:00pm Tuesday, the day before the HOD meeting, the name, street address, and phone number of the individual who will be presenting my case before the Commission and whether appearing in person or remotely.

I have read the above and fully understand its contents and knowingly, willingly, and expressly waive any and all claims against the City of Charlotte related to technical difficulties in providing remote testimony.

I voluntarily agree to the terms and conditions stated above. This acknowledgment and waiver shall remain in effect until revoked in writing by me.

Participant Name: Tina Bourgeois
Participant Signature:
Property Address: 2001 Parkwood Rd, Charlotte, NC 28227 Date 02/13/2023

Jeff Ochse
Estimator
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Bourgeois McGinn Builders

On Apr 11, 2023, at 8:55 AM, Harpst, Kristina
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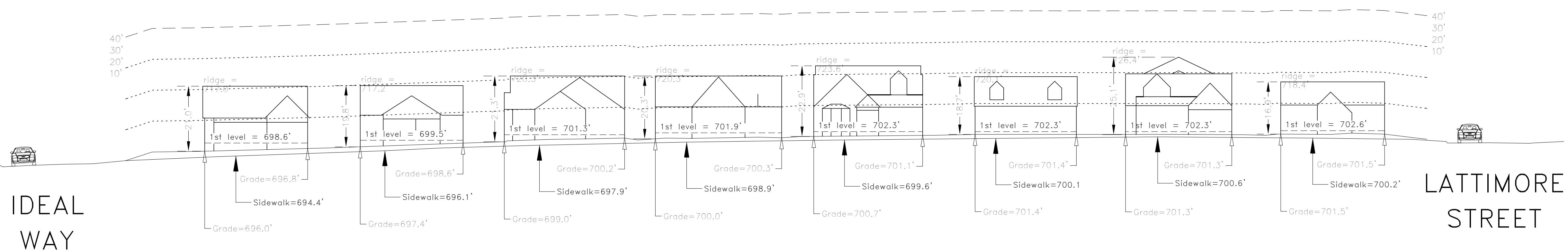
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IDEAL WAY

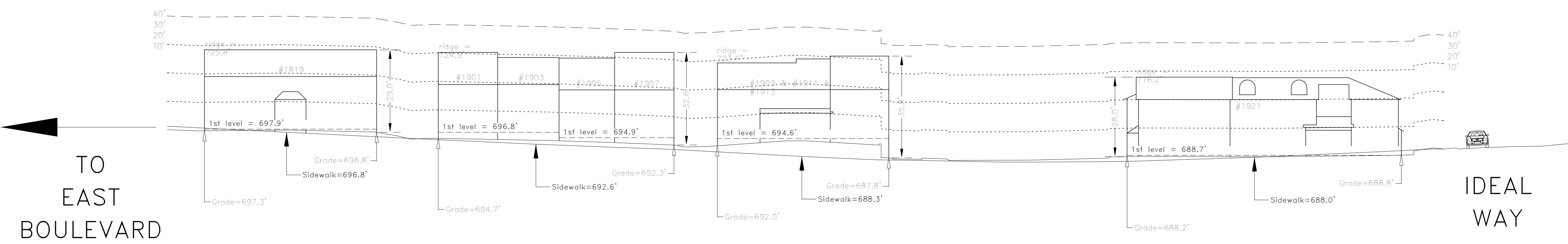
EAST WORTHINGTON AVENUE

EAST BOULEVARD

CHARLOTTE DRIVE - ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE SITE



CHARLOTTE DRIVE - ACROSS IDEAL WAY FROM SITE - SAME SIDE OF STREET



CHARLOTTE DRIVE SITE STREETSCAPE

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Building Heights Sketch of
1819-1921 CHARLOTTE DRIVE
ODD SIDE - FACING SOUTHEAST
CHARLOTTE, MECKLENBURG COUNTY, N.C.
for Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Department
March 08, 2023

2 EXISTING STREETSCAPES

Issue Date		
REVISIONS		
No.	Description	Date

TO EAST BOULEVARD

IDEAL WAY

STREETSCAPE ELEVATIONS

Information Submitted by the Public

Matt Knox

2000 Charlotte Drive

Good afternoon I am writing you in opposition to the new construction project proposed at 1921 Charlotte Drive. I live diagonal from this location and am opposed due to the density of the project and taking down beautiful oak trees. There will be minimal green space and this would overpower the lot. Thank you Matt Knox



Information Submitted by the Public

Russell Ruckterstuhl

1227 E. Worthington Ave

From: [Russell Ruckterstuhl](#)
To: [Harpst, Kristina](#); [Kochanek, Cynthia](#); [Shugart, Jenny](#)
Cc: [City of Charlotte Historic District Commission](#)
Subject: [EXT]Proposal 2023-00115 - 1921 Charlotte Drive
Date: Monday, April 10, 2023 10:40:18 PM

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My name is Russell Ruckterstuhl and I have been a resident of Dilworth for 29 years. Proposed project HDCCMA-2023-00115 is within sight of my home on East Worthington Ave.

I am against approval of this new construction / addition proposal for the following reasons: (page of Historic District Design Standard for reference)

1. Massing and Complexity of Form (7.7)

The subject project does not adequately address massing and complexity of form to fit in with the adjacent historic buildings. The east and west elevations of the new building are simple, flat surfaces without any complexity. The east elevation along Kenilworth is also flat with minimal rhythm provided by a change in exterior finish. None of the massing mimics any of the form from adjacent historic buildings with projecting bays, dormers, etc. The building is nothing more than a simple, plain box you would expect from a suburban motel.

2. Scale (7.9)

The subject project does not include any design elements that provide a human scale for the building . The building should include elements typical to the surrounding context such as porches or one story projections to bring the building into scale with the surrounding neighborhood. None of these elements are included in the current design.

3. Orientation (7.6)

This proposal does not orient the entrance to the street. The existing building does not have and entrance from Charlotte drive. The applicant incorrectly states that there is a “recessed off-center entry on Charlotte Drive” - this access has been removed. The main hotel entrance is directly from the parking lot on the side of the building and it not accessible by pedestrians from Charlotte Drive. This is important since the property is planning to utilize on-street parking.

4. Spacing (7.5)

The subject project does not provide spacing between the existing and new structure along Ideal way that matches the historic pattern in the immediate surroundings of the new construction. There is approximately 10' between the new and existing buildings - much less than between other buildings in the immediate area. This adds to the massing and scale of the project from Ideal Way making the building spacing unlike the surrounding historic properties.

5. Lighting (8.12)

The subject project existing parking lot includes a sodium pole light and single light over the parking lot building entrance. The building along Charlotte Drive and Ideal Way is dark without any exterior lights. The subject project does not address lighting in their documentation. The design standards state that new listing should be dark sky compliant, downward directed, and fully shielded. Also, bright security lighting mounted at eve heights of buildings should be avoided and any security lighting must be downward directed.

6. Parking (8.3)

The subject project has the parking lot in the side yard is prominent when approaching the property from the north on Charlotte drive. There is no screening provided to the north of the parking lot and the screening of the parking lot from Charlotte drive is limited at ground level.

In general, please note that the existing building is a commercial building less than 50 years old. The existing building can not be considered as “context” for new construction per page 3.29. The same goes for the three condominium buildings to the north on Charlotte Drive. Just because the existing building and surrounding non-historic buildings do not meet the historic district standards it does not mean that this building expansion is exempt from their requirements. When compared to the historic structures surrounding the property, this proposed design is not up to these standards.

In addition to these design issues there are other issues with this project such as the removal of mature trees and the increase in non-permeable area.

Due to all of these issues with the proposed project, please consider voting “against” this proposal. Thank you,

Russell Ruckterstuhl
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Information Submitted by the Public

Brooke Russell

2013 Charlotte Drive

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Attention: Marilyn Drath and the City of Charlotte Historic District Commission:

I'm writing today, as a Charlotte Drive neighbor, to voice my opposition to the proposed expansion of the building on PID:[12111901](#) located at 1921 Charlotte Drive. As a fellow steward of historic Dilworth, I wanted to provide input. I'm unable to attend Wednesday's (4/12/23) HDC meeting, but have a vested interest in balancing progress while respecting and maintaining historic standards.

The proposed design lacks many of the core elements and details that have helped to preserve the historic charm that characterizes the Dilworth neighborhood.

1. First, the proposed design does not take into consideration the preservation of green space, nor does it respect the neighborhood's (and city's) mission to maintain a large tree canopy.
 - a. The proposed building addition and 6 new parking spaces increase the impervious surface area on the lot.
 - b. The proposed structure would require the removal of 3 mature trees on Dilworth's historic edge. If we don't maintain historic standards in preserving the edges of the historic district, it will continue to shrink.
2. The density created by the proposed addition, by comparison, is incongruent with other single family homes on Charlotte Drive and adjacent streets, and is not complementary to the streetscape.
 - a. The size of two large structures on the property erodes the pedestrian feel and scale

- that exists throughout the neighborhood.
- b. When transitioning from single family to denser development, the historic context surrounding the site must be respected (height, massing, roof forms, materials, etc.)
 - 3. Lastly, the proposed design package lacks a site dimensioning plan, making it difficult to know, specifically, the size and scale of what is being proposed.

I'm grateful for your consideration and partnership in preservation.

Best,
Brooke

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Information Submitted by the Public

George Russell

2013 Charlotte Drive

From: [Drath, Marilyn](#)
To: [Harpst, Kristina](#)
Subject: G.RUSSELL FW: [EXT]HDCCMA-2023-00115
Date: Tuesday, April 11, 2023 1:35:58 PM
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Attention: Marilyn Drath and the City of Charlotte Historic District Commission:

I'm writing today, as a Charlotte Drive neighbor, to voice my opposition to the proposed expansion of the building on PID:[12111901](#) located at 1921 Charlotte Drive. As a fellow steward of historic Dilworth, I wanted to provide input. I'm unable to attend Wednesday's (4/12/23) HDC meeting, but have a vested interest in balancing progress while respecting and maintaining historic standards.

The proposed design lacks many of the core elements and details that have helped to preserve the historic charm that characterizes the Dilworth neighborhood.

1. First, the proposed design does not take into consideration the preservation of green space, nor does it respect the neighborhood's (and city's) mission to maintain a large tree canopy.
 - a. The proposed building addition and 6 new parking spaces increase the impervious surface area on the lot.
 - b. The proposed structure would require the removal of 3 mature trees on Dilworth's historic edge. If we don't maintain historic standards in preserving the edges of the historic district, it will continue to shrink.
2. The density created by the proposed addition, by comparison, is incongruent with other single family homes on Charlotte Drive and adjacent streets, and is not complementary to the streetscape.
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- 3. Lastly, the proposed design package lacks a site dimensioning plan, making it difficult to know, specifically, the size and scale of what is being proposed.

I'm grateful for your consideration and partnership in preservation.

Best,

George Russell

Sent from my iPhone

Information Submitted by the Public

Scott Cottrill

1219 E. Worthington Avenue

From: [Scott Cottrill](#)
To: [Harpst, Kristina](#)
Subject: [EXT]HDCCMA-2023-00115 (1921 Charlotte Drive PID: 12111901)
Date: Monday, April 10, 2023 7:34:55 PM

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Hello, my name is Scott Cottrill and I live at 1219 East Worthington Ave in Dilworth, very close in proximity to the proposed location where an expansion is proposed to an existing micro-hotel.

First, safety is my #1 consideration. We enjoy living in an area where neighbors are actually friendly and our children feel safe.

The existing location was originally built as a “half-way house” with very limited rooms, approximately 8. Later, it became a business and renting rooms by the night, approximately 17. The new proposed expansion will allow 33 rentals per night.

This by no means should be approved and without doubt does not make sense to allow in a historic neighborhood. If approved, why not allow corporations to buy homes, demolish, and later construct 2, 5 or even 10 story complexes for businesses. Our neighborhood and children do not need more transient people that could lead to crime and go against the values of a historic district. We are not only speaking out aesthetics of the buildings, we are talking about the residents and their well being.

Also it appears the building owners propose to cut down at least 3 large oak trees. I thought we were in favor of keeping our beautiful trees. This type of business goes against our density and mass guidelines. And lastly, we have yet to see exact dimensions of the proposed construction which is important as a community member to fully understand, even for consideration.

With all due respect, I would ask that the proposed project NOT BE APPROVED. I understand this is a tough job for you all, but please help our community be safe and remain a “neighborhood.”

Sincerely,
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1219 E Worthington Ave, Charlotte, NC 28203
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Information Submitted by the Public

Denise Walsh

1225 Ideal Way

From: [Denise Walsh](#)
To: [Harpst, Kristina](#); marilyn.drath@charlotte.gov
Cc: [Denise Walsh](#)
Subject: [EXT]Comments RE: HDCCMA-2023-00115
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Hi Kristi and Marilyn,

I was unsure of whom to send my comments regarding Case # HDCCMA-2023-00115 / 1921 Charlotte Dr, so I am sending to both of you. Please note that I am also trying to clear my schedule on Wednesday afternoon so that I may attend the HDC hearing in person to speak against approval of this project...I will email Marilyn before 10am on Wednesday to pre-register for the hearing, either in person or via WebEx.

My comments regarding Case # HDCCMA-2023-00115 are as follows:

As a property owner within 300 feet of 1921 Charlotte Dr, I strongly oppose approval of the proposed project for multiple reasons. First, the existing structure is already incongruent with the neighborhood, and is surrounded by mostly single-family homes that are contributing structures to the historic district; adding another incongruent structure on this property would only compound and highlight the inconsistency. Secondly, doubling the capacity of this hotel in our residential neighborhood would drastically impact the population density in this area (again, which is mostly comprised of many single-family homes). Thirdly, the proposed loss of mature trees to accommodate the project would negatively affect the tree canopy of the neighborhood. And, finally and most importantly, the ratio of non-permeable surfaces to permeable surfaces in the proposed plan does not appear to be appropriate or consistent with the standards that are imposed on the adjacent properties.

Note: my home (which I am currently in the process of renovating, adhering to plans that were approved by the HDC in November 2021) is directly across the street from the proposed project at 1921 Charlotte Dr.

Thank you in advance for considering my concerns.

Regards,
Denise Walsh
1225 Ideal Way

Information Submitted by the Public

Chris Kete and Tiffany George-Kete

1238 E. Worthington Avenue

From: [Tiffany George-Kete](#)
To: [Harpst, Kristina](#)
Subject: [EXT]1921 Charlotte Drive
Date: Monday, April 10, 2023 10:27:06 PM

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Kristina-

We are the residents of 1238 E Worthington Avenue; therefore our backyard is immediately adjacent the subject property. We respectfully oppose the proposed addition on several grounds:

- the existing structure is already completely out of character and scale with the adjacent 1-1.5 story residential structures. The mass of the current structure is mitigated somewhat by the offset from existing property lines and the lawn/trees between the property boundaries and the building.
- the aforementioned mitigating elements would be destroyed by the proposed addition, and the mass (ie scale) and post-modern visual incongruity would be greatly exacerbated by the expansion.
- the building already rests at a low point for storm water migration through the neighborhood, the loss of permeable land will likely deteriorate the already flood-prone geography.

Thank-you for your consideration,

Chris Kete and Tiffany George-Kete

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Information Submitted by the Public

Heather Ruckterstuhl

1227 E. Worthington Avenue

From: [Heather Ruckterstuhl](#)
To: [Harpst, Kristina](#)
Subject: [EXT]1921 Charlotte Drive proposal
Date: Monday, April 10, 2023 11:07:23 PM

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Dear Kristi and Charlotte Historic District committee,

As a resident of the Dilworth neighborhood and an adjacent neighbor, I'm writing about the 1921 Charlotte Drive proposal to add a second structure to the Kasa Edison Hotel site at the corner of Charlotte Drive and Ideal Way.

This structure was built in 1992 and operated by Hope Haven as a halfway house with a capacity of 9 residents. This facility was a well received and peaceful addition to our neighborhood. The same structure is being currently utilized to house 17 people with the proposed structure to add an additional 16 people for a total of 33 people on a site that originally operated with less than a third of that amount. The building size and design elements do not fit with the human scale of the surrounding historic structures.

This proposed project includes removal of three mature trees, one willow oak and two pecan trees. Our tree canopy is losing ground to constant development, as much as we can maintain our tree canopy without cutting down healthy trees, we will preserve a healthier space for the humans that reside and work in our community.

The property at 1921 Charlotte Drive has a parking lot made of asphalt, the current structure and the addition of the proposed structure would almost double the footprint on this property. The addition of this second structure would lessen the permeability of this property, lessen the ability of rainwater to be absorbed on this site and increase the potential for runoff and flooding in the surrounding area.

Please carefully consider this opportunity to protect this boundary property and maintain the integrity of our community.

Heather Ruckterstuhl
1227 E. Worthington Ave.

Information Submitted by the Public

Rachel Hewitt

1231 E. Worthington Avenue

From: [Drath, Marilyn](#)
To: [Harpst, Kristina](#)
Subject: HEWITT FW: [EXT]Expansion of 1921 Charlotte Drive
Date: Tuesday, April 11, 2023 1:34:52 PM

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Regarding the April 12, 2023 meeting of the HDC addressing the expansion of the motel at 1921 Charlotte Drive: as a resident living adjacent to the property I am dismayed at the possibility of the expansion passing.

What was previously a halfway house for 9 residents (approved and welcome by the neighborhood in 1992) has grown and changed to a motel with a 17 rooms. Now the owners have petitioned the HDC to allow an additional building to be added that would expand the property to 33 rooms.

This expansion would not only supersede the city permeability requirements by adding a new building and expanding the parking lot by 6 spaces, it would require the removal of THREE LARGE MATURE OAK TREES.

Please consider the impact of the increased density on the neighborhood as well as the 2 other issues noted above.

Thank You.

Rachel Hewitt

Information Submitted by the Public

Kay and Vince Chelena

1217 Ideal Way

From: [Kay Chelena](#)
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Hello Kristina and Marilyn,

We are reaching out regarding Case # HDCCMA-2023-00115 / 1921 Charlotte Drive.

As a property owners three houses from 1921 Charlotte Dr, we strongly oppose approval of the proposed project for several reasons:

- The existing structure is already incongruent with the neighborhood and is surrounded by mostly single-family homes that are contributing structures to the historic district; adding another incongruent structure on this property would only compound and highlight the inconsistency.
- Doubling the capacity of this hotel in our residential neighborhood would drastically impact the population density in this area (again, which is mostly comprised of many single-family homes).
- The proposed loss of mature trees to accommodate the project would negatively affect the tree canopy of the neighborhood.
- Importantly, the ratio of non-permeable surfaces to permeable surfaces in the proposed plan does not appear to be appropriate or consistent with the standards that are imposed on the adjacent properties.
- Unfortunately, the current ownership does not do a good job keeping the property tidy....trash and yard debris are not maintained on a regular basis.
- We are concerned about street parking in an already congested area if these plans were approved.

Kay plans to attend either via WebEx or in person.

Thank you for accepting our input on this matter.

Kay & Vince Chelena
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Information Submitted by the Public

Shannon Brown

1223 Ideal Way

From: [Shannon Brown](#)
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Hi Kristi,

I am writing to express my thoughts regarding the above-referenced case. My comments are as follows:

As a property owner within 400 feet of 1921 Charlotte Dr, I strongly oppose the approval of the proposed project for multiple reasons. First, the existing structure is already incongruent with the neighborhood, and is surrounded by mostly single-family homes that are contributing structures to the historic district; adding another incongruent structure on this property would only compound and highlight the inconsistency. Second, doubling the capacity of this hotel in our residential neighborhood would drastically impact the population density in this area (again, which is mostly comprised of many single-family homes). Third, the proposed loss of mature trees to accommodate the project would negatively affect the tree canopy of the neighborhood. And, finally and most importantly, the ratio of non-permeable surfaces to permeable surfaces in the proposed plan does not appear to be appropriate or consistent with the standards that are imposed on the adjacent properties.

I am trying to clear my schedule on Wednesday afternoon so that I may attend the HDC hearing in person to speak against approval of this project...I will email Marilyn before 10 am on Wednesday to pre-register for the hearing, either in person or via WebEx.

Thank you in advance for considering my concerns.

Regards,

Shannon E. Brown

1223 Ideal Way

Information Submitted by the Public

Rion Williams

2009 Charlotte Drive

From: [Rion Williams](#)
To: [Harpst, Kristina](#)
Subject: [EXT]HDCCMA-2023-00115 : 1921 Charlotte Drive
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Good Evening Kristi,

I am writing in regards to the hearing that is taking place on April 12, 2023 regarding HDCCMA-2023-00115 for the property located at 1921 Charlotte Drive. I am against the agenda item as it does not meet the historical district standards and adds a new type of building to the area that doesn't match other buildings (residential and non-residential in the area).

First off, the massing and complexity of the new construction doesn't match existing adjacent historic buildings, as noted in section 7.7 of the historic standards. This would introduce a new building with complex massing.

Secondly, the removal of 3 large mature trees is concerning as it would remove a portion of the lush garden-like atmosphere that is in much of the historic Dilworth district. These large trees help play a role in energy conservation on the property and the surrounding areas. These large trees that would be removed would rid the area of the historic trees that help define the area. The replacement of these trees in other areas of the property would take 20-40 years to get to the mature age and height of the current trees. The tree removal would continue to hurt the mature population that we continue to lose every year due to various reasons.

Last, this new building would appear to go against the 50% impermeable material in the rear yard.

Thank you for your consideration of these facts and I look forward to the result of the hearing.

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