MONTGOMERY COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

Address: 5912 Cedar Parkway., Chevy Chase Meeting Date: 1/25/2017

Resource: Contributing Resource Report Date: 1/18/2017

Chevy Chase Village Historic District

Applicant: Blake and Sydney Bath Public Notice: 1/11/2017

(Luke Olson, Architect)

Review: HAWP Tax Credit: N/A

Case Number: 35/13-17B Staff: Michael Kyne

PROPOSAL: Rear addition and other alterations

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the HPC approve with one (1) condition the HAWP application.

1. Window and door details will be submitted, with final review and approval delegated to staff.

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

SIGNIFICANCE: Contributing Resource STYLE: Colonial Revival

DATE: c. 1916 -1927

BACKGROUND

The applicants previously appeared before the Commission at the December 21, 2016 HPC meeting for a preliminary consultation. At that time, the Commissions was generally supportive of the applicants' proposal, but expressed the following concerns:

- The front elevation of the existing left side bump out should not be altered, as it is historic, character-defining, and highly visible from the public right-of-way.
- The proposed new chimney at the rear should be brick and not stone veneer, due to its potential visibility from the public right-of-way.

The applicants have returned with a HAWP application, responding to the Commission's previous concerns.

PROPOSAL:

- Construct a new covered entry on the left side elevation of an existing bump out at the left side of the historic house
- Remove an existing non-historic enclosed rear porch

- Construct a new two-story addition in place of the existing non-historic enclosed rear porch to be removed
- Construct a new left side rear addition/expansion with a gambrel roof that extends through the roof of the existing left side bump out and to the roof of the main house
- Alter the left side elevation of the existing left side bump out, emphasizing a gambrel roof form
- Construct a dormer on left side elevation of the existing left side bump out
- Construct a single-car garage at the rear/left side of the property

APPLICABLE GUIDELINES:

In accordance with section 1.5 of the Historic Preservation Commission Rules, Guidelines, and Procedures (Regulation No. 27-97) ("Regulations"), in developing its decision when reviewing a Historic Area Work Permit application for an undertaking at a Master Plan site the Commission uses section 24A-8 of the Montgomery County Code ("Chapter 24A"), the Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines for Rehabilitation ("Standards"), and pertinent guidance in applicable master plans. [Note: where guidance in an applicable master plan is inconsistent with the Standards, the master plan guidance shall take precedence (section 1.5(b) of the Regulations).] The pertinent information in these documents, incorporated in their entirety by reference herein, is outlined below.

Sec. 24A-8. Same-Criteria for issuance.

- (a) The commission shall instruct the director to deny a permit if it finds, based on the evidence and information presented to or before the commission that the alteration for which the permit is sought would be inappropriate, inconsistent with or detrimental to the preservation, enhancement or ultimate protection of the historic site or historic resource within an historic district, and to the purposes of this chapter.
- (b) The commission shall instruct the director to issue a permit, or issue a permit subject to such conditions as are found to be necessary to insure conformity with the purposes and requirements of this chapter, if it finds that:
 - (1) The proposal will not substantially alter the exterior features of an historic site or historic resource within an historic district; or
 - (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; or
 - (3) The proposal would enhance or aid in the protection, preservation and public or private utilization of the historic site or historic resource located within an historic district in a manner compatible with the historical, archeological, architectural or cultural value of the historic site or historic district in which an historic resource is located; or
 - (4) The proposal is necessary in order that unsafe conditions or health hazards be remedied; or
 - (5) The proposal is necessary in order that the owner of the subject property not be deprived of reasonable use of the property or suffer undue hardship; [emphasis added] or
 - (6) In balancing the interests of the public in preserving the historic site or historic resource located within an historic district, with the interests of the public from the use and benefit of the alternative proposal, the general public welfare is better served by granting the permit.
- (c) It is not the intent of this chapter to limit new construction, alteration or repairs to any 1 period or architectural style.
- (d) In the case of an application for work on an historic resource located within an historic district, the commission shall be lenient in its judgment of plans for structures of little historical or design significance or for plans involving new construction, unless such plans would seriously impair the

historic or architectural value of surrounding historic resources or would impair the character of the historic district. (Ord No. 9-4, § 1; Ord No. 11-59.)

Secretary of Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation

The Secretary of the Interior defines rehabilitation as "the act or process of making possible a compatible use for a property through repair, alterations, and additions while preserving those portions or features, which convey its historical, cultural, or architectural values." Standards 2, 5, and 6 most directly apply to the application before the commission:

- 1. A property shall be used for its historic purpose or be placed in a new use that requires minimal change to the defining characteristics of the building and its site and environment.
- 2. The historic character of a property shall be retained and preserved. The removal of historic materials or alteration of features and spaces that characterize a property shall be avoided.
- 3. Each property shall 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 architectural elements from other buildings, shall not be undertaken.
- 4. Most properties change over time; those changes that have acquired historic significance in their own right shall be retained and preserved.
- 5. Distinctive features, finishes, and construction techniques or examples of craftsmanship that characterize a historic property shall be preserved.
- 6. 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.
- 7. 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.

Chevy Chase Historic District Guidelines

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 and 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 state three basic policies that should be adhered to, including:

Preserving the integrity of the contributing structures in the district. Alterations to contributing structures should be designed in such a way that the altered structure still contributes to the district.

Design review emphasis should be restricted to changes that will be visible from the front or side public right-of-way, or that would be visible in the absence of vegetation or landscaping.

Alterations to the portion of a property that are not visible from the public right-of-way should be subject to very lenient review. Most changes to rear of the properties should be approved as a matter of course.

The Guidelines that pertain to this project are as follows:

<u>Awnings</u> should be subject to moderate scrutiny. Addition of plastic or metal awnings should be discouraged.

<u>Doors</u> should be subject to moderate scrutiny if they are visible from the public right-of-way, lenient scrutiny if they are not.

<u>Dormers</u> should be subject to moderate scrutiny if they are visible from the public right-of-way, lenient scrutiny if they are not.

<u>Garages and accessory buildings</u> which are detached from the main house should be subject to lenient scrutiny but should be compatible with the main building.

<u>Major additions</u> should, where feasible, be placed to the rear of the existing structure so that they are less visible from the public right-of-way. Major additions which substantially alter or obscure the front of the structure should be discouraged but not automatically prohibited. For example, where lot size does not permit placement to the rear, and the proposed addition is compatible with the street scape, it should be subject to moderate scrutiny for contributing resources, but strict scrutiny for outstanding resources.

<u>Porches</u> should be subject to moderate scrutiny if they are visible from the public right-of-way, lenient scrutiny if they are not.

<u>Second or third story additions or expansions</u> which do not exceed the footprint of the first story should be subject to moderate scrutiny, in view of the predominance of large scale houses in the Village.

<u>Windows</u> (including window replacement) should be subject to moderate scrutiny if they are visible from the public right-of-way, lenient scrutiny if they are not.

STAFF DISCUSSION

The applicants previously appeared before the Commission at the December 21, 2016 HPC meeting for a preliminary consultation. At that time, the Commissions was generally supportive of the applicants' proposal, but expressed the following concerns:

- The front elevation of the existing left side bump out should not be altered, as it is historic, character-defining, and highly visible from the public right-of-way.
- The proposed new chimney at the rear should be brick and not stone veneer, due to its potential visibility from the public right-of-way.

The applicants have returned with a HAWP application, responding to the Commission's previous concerns. Specifically, the applicants have made the following revisions:

- The front elevation of the existing left side bump out will not be altered.
- In direct response to suggestions by the Commission, the proposed covered entry has been relocated to the left side elevation of the existing left side bump out.
- As revised, the proposed new chimney at the rear will have a brick veneer to match the existing chimneys on each end of the historic house.

New aspects of the applicants' proposal include:

- The rear roof/rear-facing gable of the c. 2000 right side addition will be converted to a hipped roof. At the preliminary consultation, the applicants presented two options Option A, which included the proposed hipped roof alteration, and Option B, which retained the rear-facing gable. The Commission voiced support for both options, as the proposed alteration was at the rear, where it is not at all visible from the public right-of-way.
- The proposed fenestration for the rear addition has been revised, with four ganged double-hung windows with spread mulls replacing the previously proposed three double-hung windows on the second-floor, and with transom windows being proposed across the entire first-floor porch. Two new round winodws are also proposed on the rear elevation one that replaces the previously proposed square window in the gable of the proposed new rear-facing gambrel roof, and one on the second-floor above the proposed new rear porch.

The proposed fenestration revisions are on the rear elevation, where they are not at visible from the public right-of-way, and the Commission did not review the previously proposed alterations on the rear elevation with a great deal of scrutiny. Accordingly, staff supports the proposed fenestration revisions, finding that they will not detract from the subject property or surrounding historic district.

• The applicants also propose several new window alterations on the left elevation of the existing left side bump out: two basement-level windows will be infilled; the second-floor window, which was previously proposed to be infilled, will be permanently shuttered; the non-historic leaded glass window (c. 2000 renovations) will be infilled, with new ribbon windows installed above; and the previously proposed double-hung window at the rear corner will instead be paired double-hung windows with a spread mull and Azek surrounds and panelling.

Staff is generally supportive of the proposed alterations. Specifically, staff finds:

- The Commission has generally reviewed proposals to infill basement-level windows on side elevations with lenient scrutiny.
- Shuttering the second-floor window is a more appropriate approach, which will allow the location of the original window to be discerned. This revision was made at staff's suggestion.
- The applicants have provided the following information, indicating that the leaded glass window is non-historic: the window is not a true leaded glass window, but has an applied grid on the interior; the trim on the exterior of the window matches that on the c. 2000 right-side addition; the window is an integral part of the range, which

dates to c. 2000 interior renovations.

• The Commission was supportive of the previously proposed single double-hung window at the rear corner, which included similar surrounds and panelling, although the materials were not known at that time. Staff suggests that making this a paired window is a relatively minor alteration.

In the past, the Commission has allowed the use of Azek on additions and new construction, and the applicants have argued that, in this instance, the use of Azek will differentiate the proposed alterations from the original construction on the existing left side bump out. Staff suggests that, due to its location at the extreme rear of the side elevation and limited visiblity from the public right-of-way, the use of Azek at the rear corner is unlikely to detract from the subject property or surrounding streetscape.

• The applicants propose to use stone veneer for the proposed new rear porch, which was implied in the elevations submitted for the preliminary consultation, although not explicitly stated.

In the past, the Commission has been reluctant to approve stone veneer, especially when visible from the public right-of-way. Due to the location of the proposed stone veneer, its limited visibilty, at best, and the Commission's leniency toward the other proposed rear alterations, the Commission may find that, in this case, the stone veneer is unlikely to detract from the streetscape or surrounding historic distirct.

On the other hand, the Commission did previously express concerns over the use of stone veneer on the proposed new chimney at the rear and may have similar concerns regarding the use of stone veneer for the proposed new rear porch. Although staff reluctantly recommends approval of the proposed stone veneer, citing the aforementioned mitgiationg factors, the Commission may find that pargeting or brick would be a more appropriate material in this location.

After full and fair consideration of the applicant's submission staff finds the proposal as being consistent with the Criteria for Issuance in Chapter 24A-(b) 1 and 2, having found the proposal is consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation and Chevy Chase Village Historic District Guidelines outlined above.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Commission <u>approve with the condition specified on Circle 1</u> the HAWP application under the Criteria for Issuance in Chapter 24A-8(b), having found that the proposal is consistent with the Chevy Chase Village Historic District Guidelines identified above, and therefore will not substantially alter the exterior features of the historic resource and is compatible in character with the district and the purposes of Chapter 24A;

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;

and with the general condition that final project design details, not specifically delineated by the Commission, shall be approved by HPC staff or brought back to the Commission as a revised HAWP

application at staff's discretion;

and with the general condition that the applicant shall notify the Historic Preservation Staff if they propose to make **any alterations** to the approved plans. Once the work is completed the applicant will contact the staff person assigned to this application at 301-563-3400 or michael.kyne@montgomeryplanning.org to schedule a follow-up site visit.



HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION 301/563-3400

APPLICATION FOR HISTORIC AREA WORK PERMIT

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THE FOLLOWING ITEMS MUST BE COMPLETED AND THE REQUIRED DOCUMENTS MUST ACCOMPANY THIS APPLICATION.

Description of existing structure(s) and environmental setting, including their historical features and significance:				
SEE ATTACHED				
General description of project and its effect on the historic resource(s), the environmental setting, and, where applicable, the historic district:				
SEE ATTACHED				

2. SITE PLAN

Site and environmental setting, drawn to scale. You may use your plat. Your site plan must include:

a. the scale, north arrow, and date;

1. WRITTEN DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT

- b. dimensions of all existing and proposed structures; and
- c. site features such as walkways, driveways, fences, ponds, streams, trash dumpsters, mechanical equipment, and landscaping.

PLANS AND ELEVATIONS

You must submit 2 copies of plans and elevations in a format no larger than 11" x 17". Plans on 8 1/2" x 11" pager are preferred.

- Schematic construction plans, with marked dimensions, indicating location, size and general type of walls, window and door openings, and other fixed features of both the existing resource(s) and the proposed work.
- b. Elevations (facades), with marked dimensions, clearly indicating proposed work in relation to existing construction and, when appropriate, context. All materials and fixtures proposed for the exterior must be noted on the elevations drawings. An existing and a proposed elevation drawing of each facade affected by the proposed work is required.

4. MATERIALS SPECIFICATIONS

General description of materials and manufactured items proposed for incorporation in the work of the project. This information may be included on your design drawings.

5. PHOTOGRAPHS

- Clearly labeled photographic prints of each facade of existing resource, including details of the affected portions. All labels should be placed on the front of photographs.
- Clearly label photographic prints of the resource as viewed from the public right-of-way and of the adjoining properties. All labels should be placed on the front of photographs.

6. TREE SURVEY

If you are proposing construction adjacent to or within the dripline of any tree 6° or larger in diameter (at approximately 4 feet above the ground), you must file an accurate tree survey identifying the size, location, and species of each tree of at least that dimension.

7. ADDRESSES OF ADJACENT AND CONFRONTING PROPERTY OWNERS

For <u>ALL</u> projects, provide an accurate fist of adjacent and confronting property owners (not tenants), including names, addresses, and zip codes. This list should include the owners of all lots or parcels which adjoin the parcel in question, as well as the owner(s) of lot(s) or parcel(s) which lie directly across the street/highway from the parcel in question.

a.) Description of existing structure(s) and environmental setting, including their historical features and significance.

The existing house is a 1920's era 2½ story center hall colonial with a two-story historic addition on the left side with a gambrel roof form and a two-story non-historic addition on the right side and the rear with gable roof forms. The main mass has stucco siding on the first floor with ptd. cedar shingle siding above. While the side additions are painted lap siding with ptd. cedar shingle siding above. The majority of the house has a brick veneer base and asphalt shingle roofing. There is a large one-story porch on the rear that was enclosed at some point and has a roof deck above. In 2003 a detached two-car garage was approved by the HPC for the lot but not built (Case No. 35/13-03ZZ). There is an existing driveway on the left side of the property.

b.) General description of project and its effect on the historic resource(s), the environmental setting, and, where applicable, the historic district.

The scope of work includes altering the left side elevation of the existing two-story gambrel mass to complete the gambrel roof form on the rear of the mass, which will allow us to convert the second floor of the existing rear two-story wall plane into a gambrel roof form extending from the existing left side bump-out back towards the rear yard. There will be a dormer on the left side of the new gambrel roof. The existing non-historic enclosed rear porch will be removed, and in its place we propose to construct a two-story addition running from the new rear gambrel roof over to the existing gable roof on the right side, which will be converted into a hip roof form. Also included in the proposed addition/renovation are a new rear porch and a new detached one-car garage. Based on feedback provided by the HPC during our Preliminary Review we have relocated a proposed mudroom entry door from the front of the existing left side bump-out to the left side, with a small canopy over the entry for shelter from the weather.

We are proposing a modest addition entirely to the rear of the subject property including modifications to the existing left side elevation with the intent of providing some relief for an existing 42' long 2-story wall plane. The proposed addition/renovation is minimally visible from the public right-of-way and subordinate to the existing historic resource in scale and massing. We've specified materials on the addition that are compatible with the existing historic materials (stone foundation, fiber cement shingle & mitered lap siding, asphalt shingle & standing seam metal roofing, clad-wood divided light windows & doors, ptd. pvc trim & details.)

Date: January 3rd, 2017 (Valid for ONE YEAR)

To Whom It May Concern,

By my signature on this statement, I, Solvey Tott Contract Purchaser authorize the following employee of GTM Architects to represent and sign building permit applications on my behalf, in Montgomery County, as the applicant, until this authorization is rescinded by me (in writing).

Sincerely

Original Signature

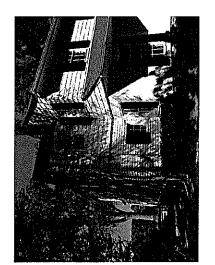
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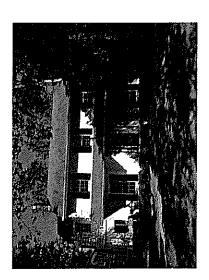
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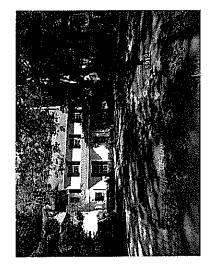
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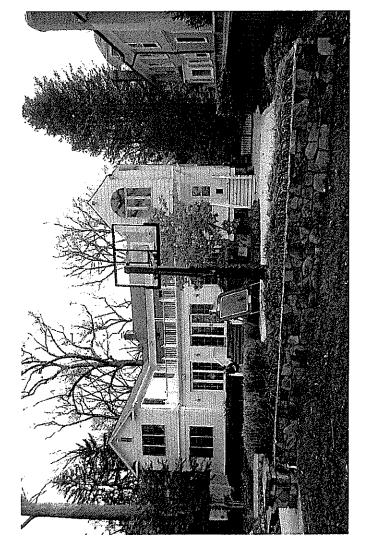
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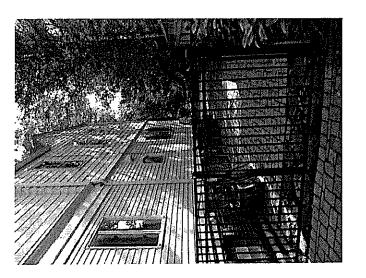








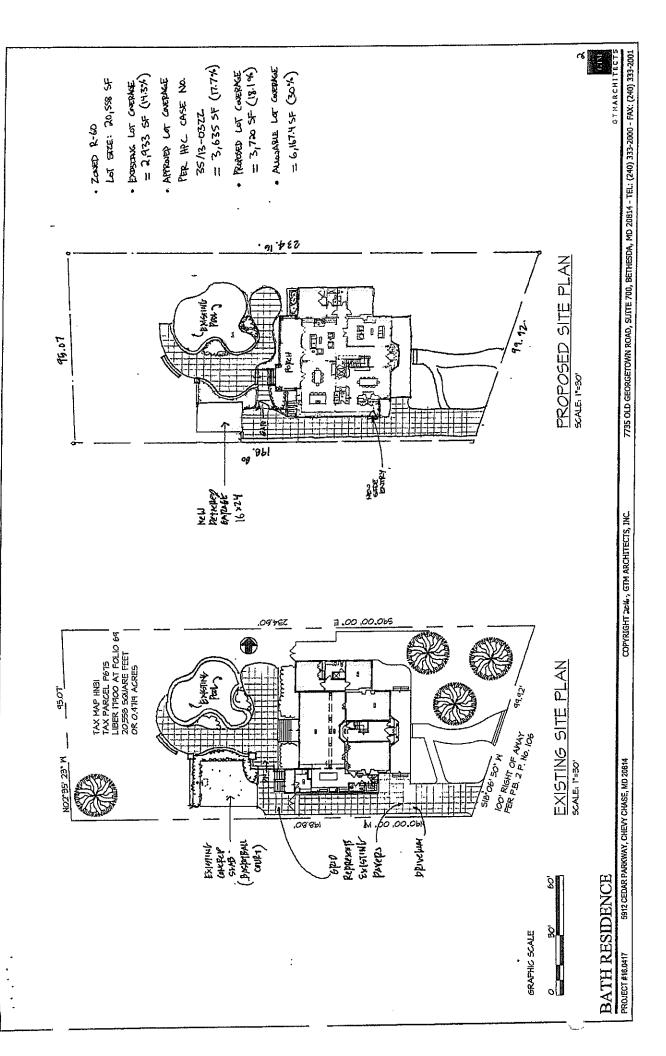


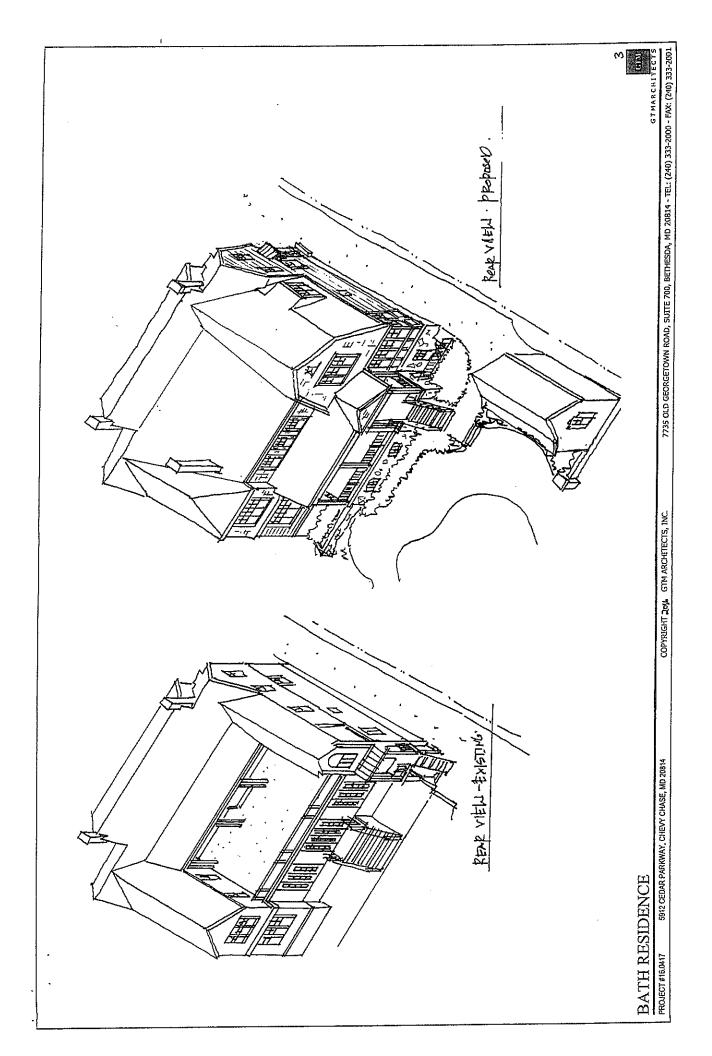


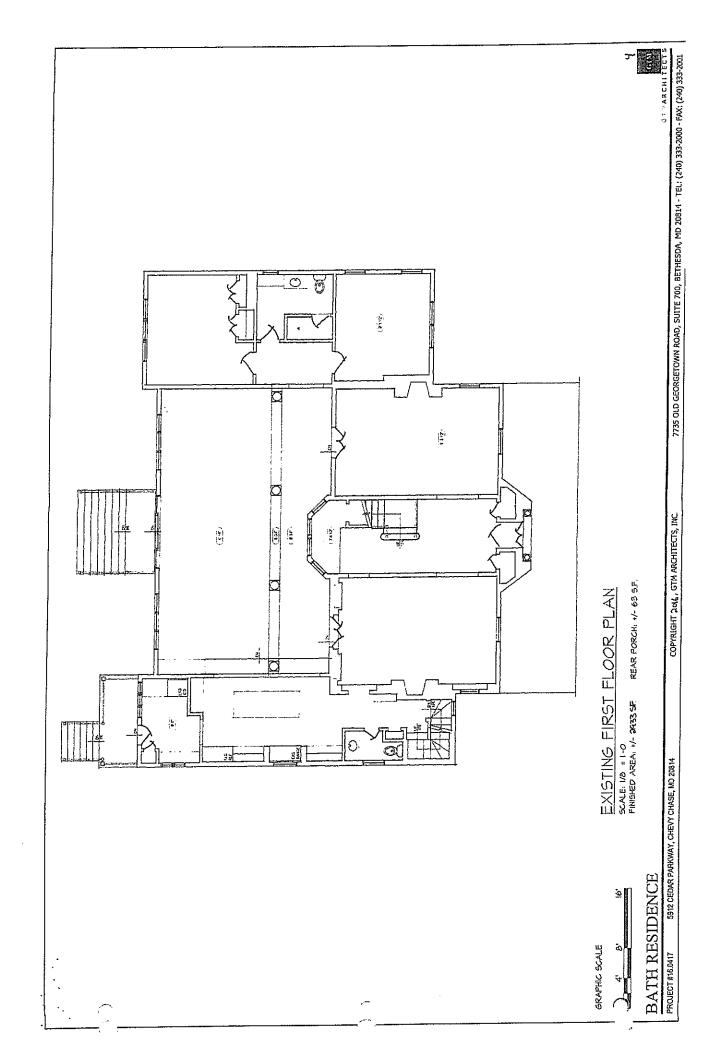
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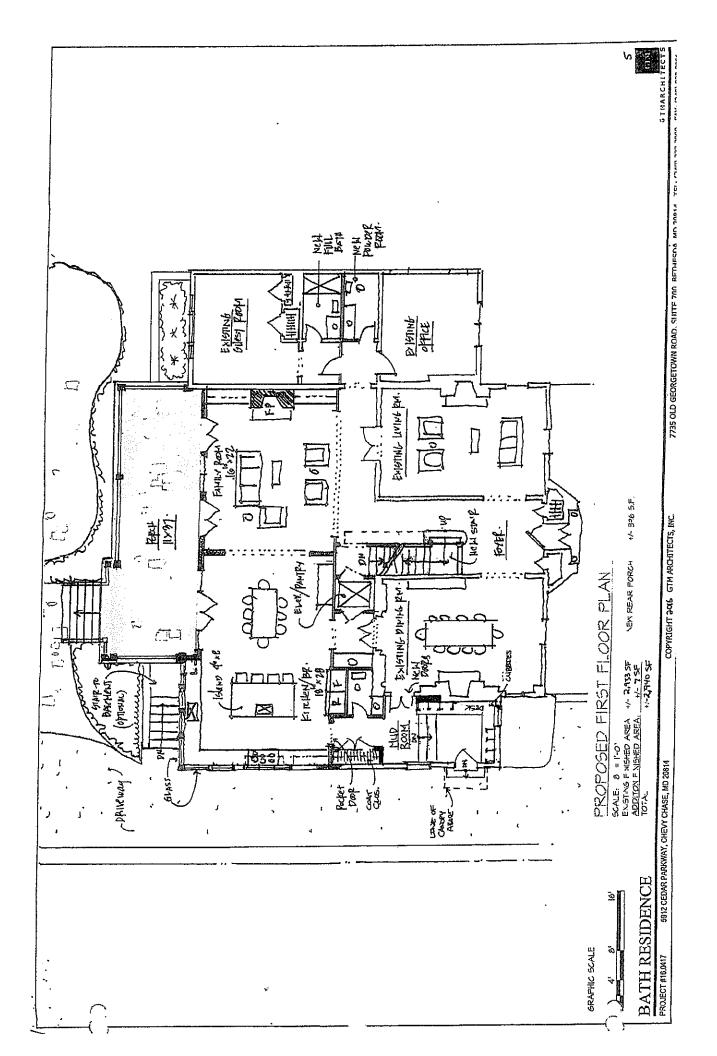
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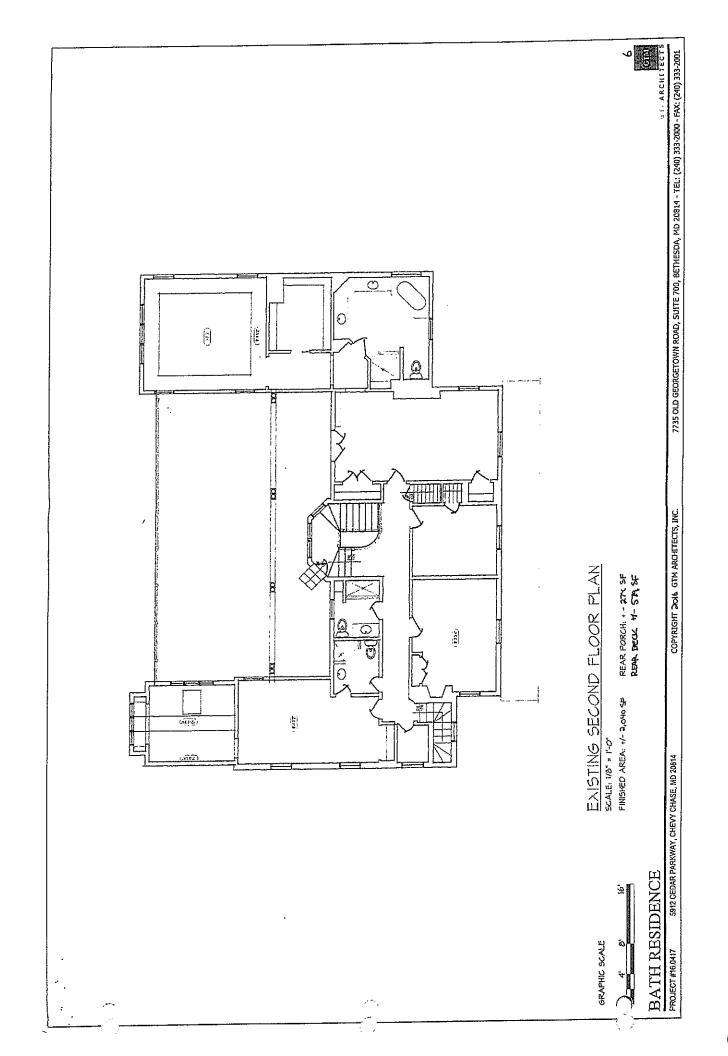
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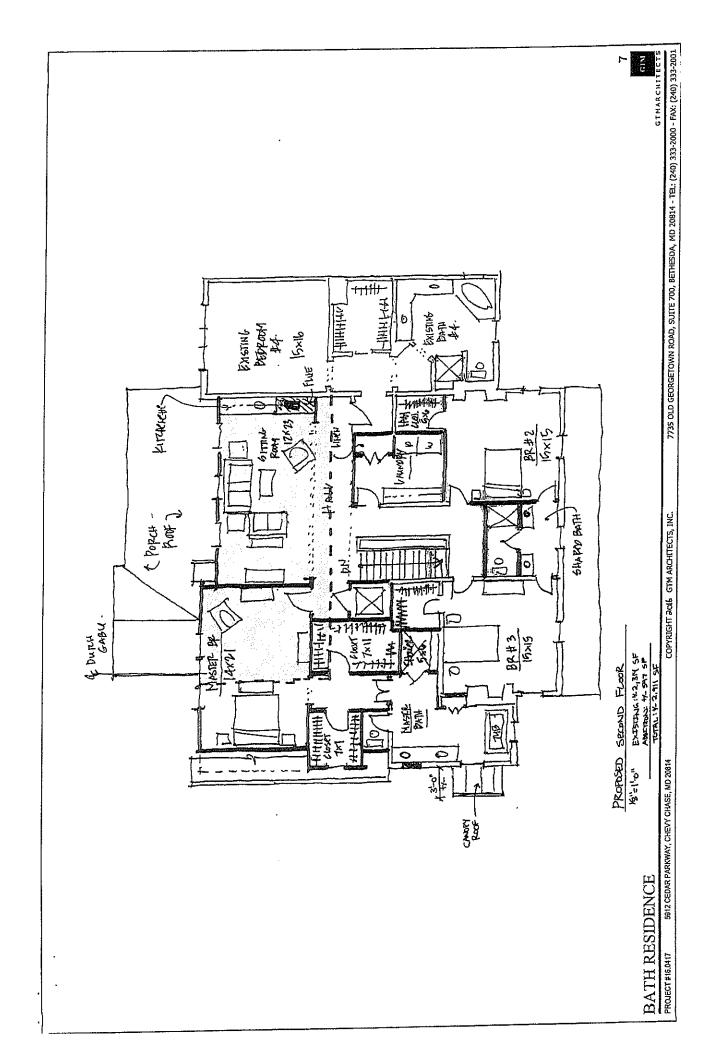


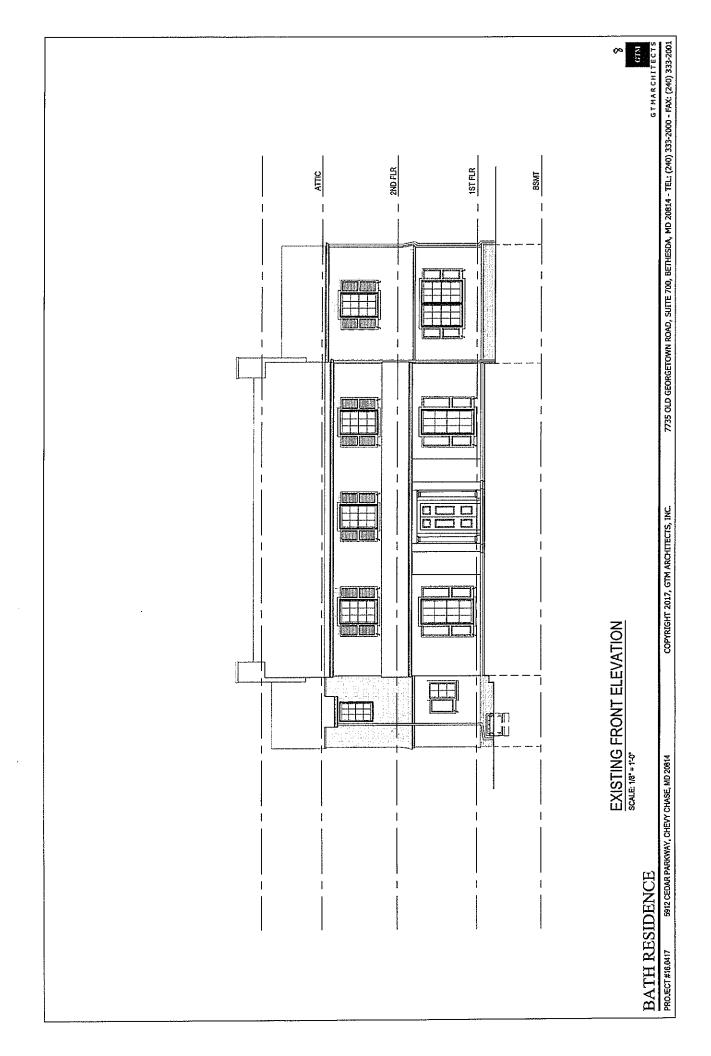




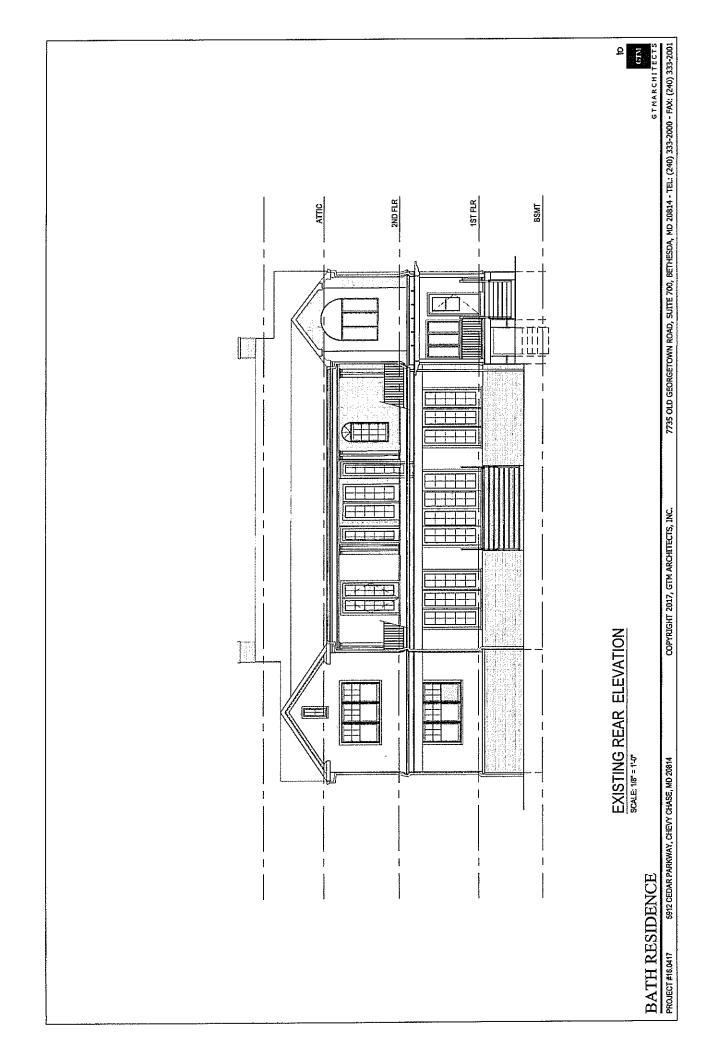


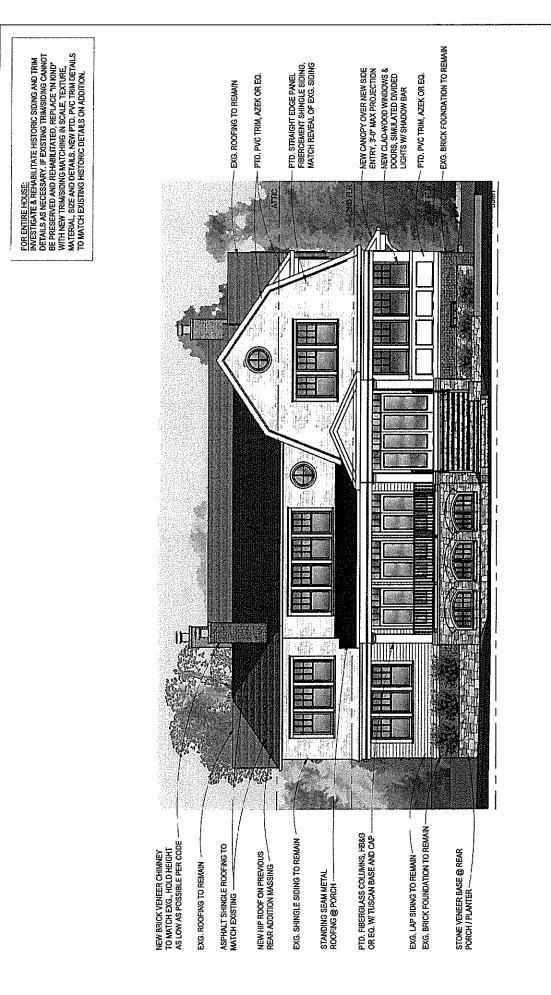












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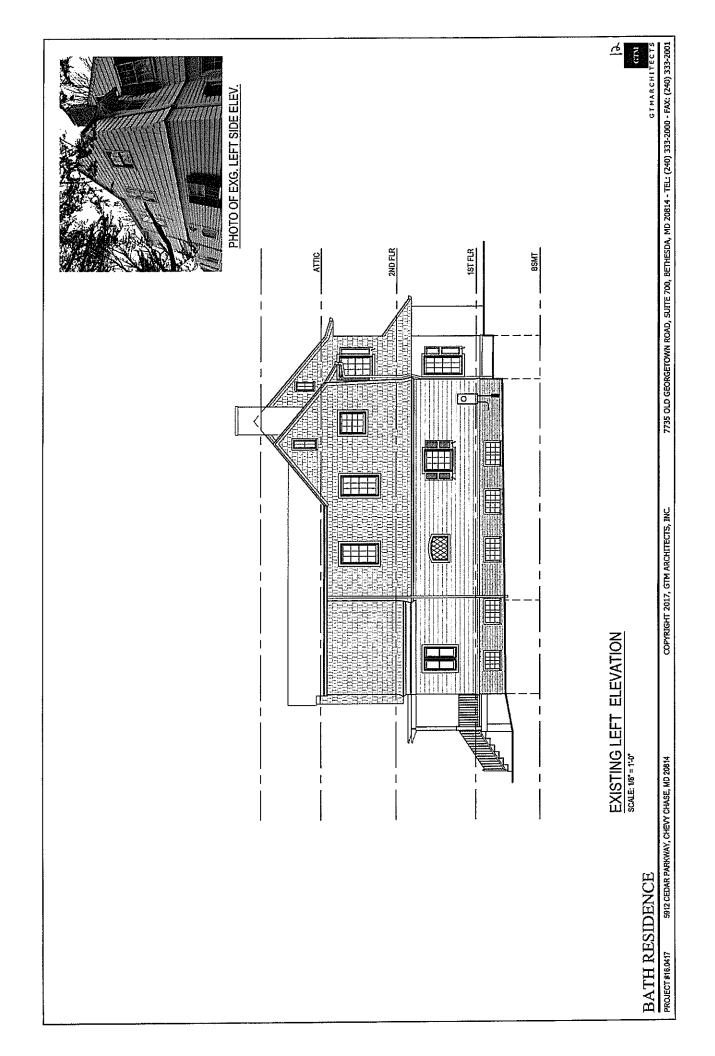
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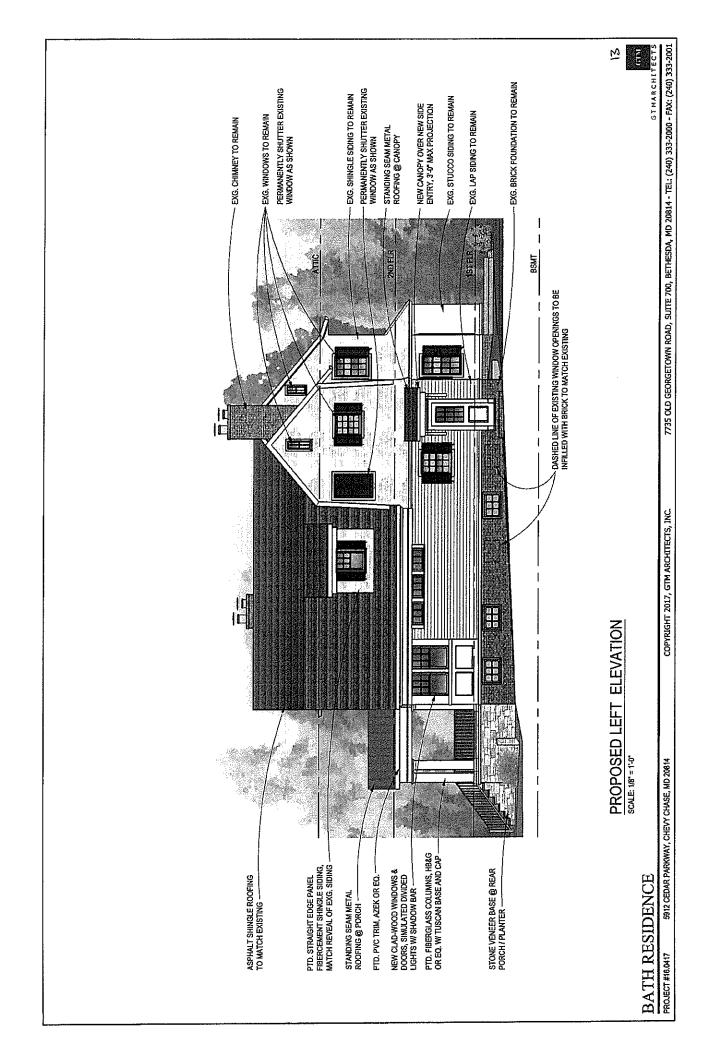
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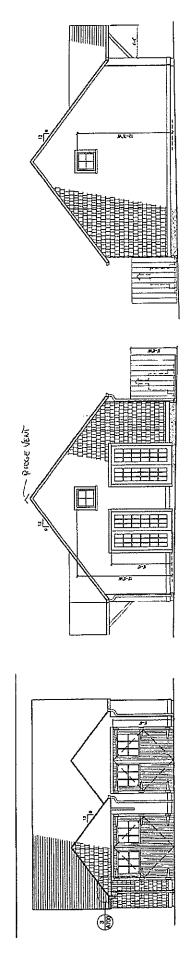


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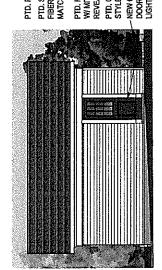
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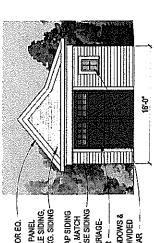


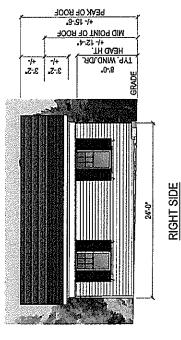


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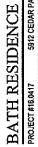




PROPOSED GARAGE ELEVATIONS

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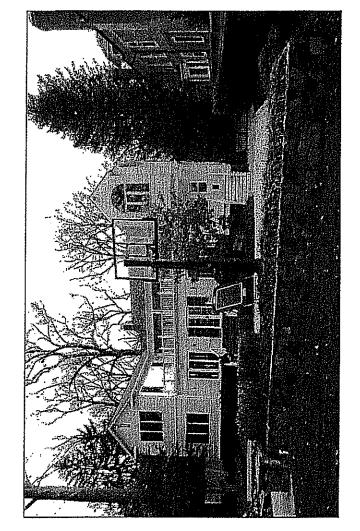
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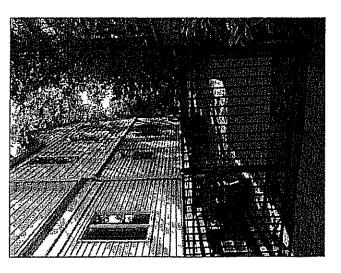




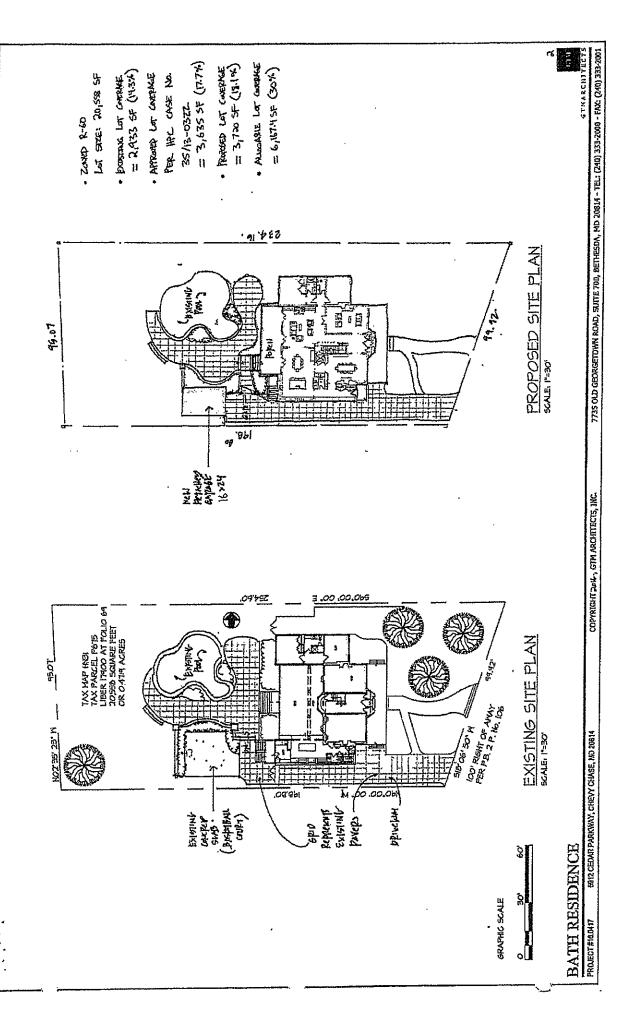




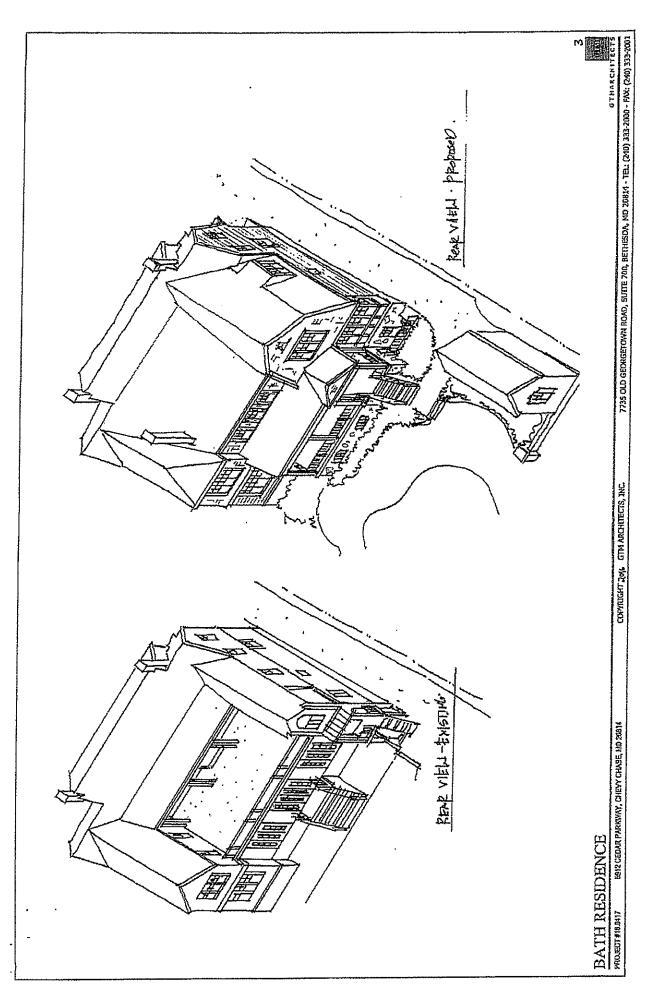


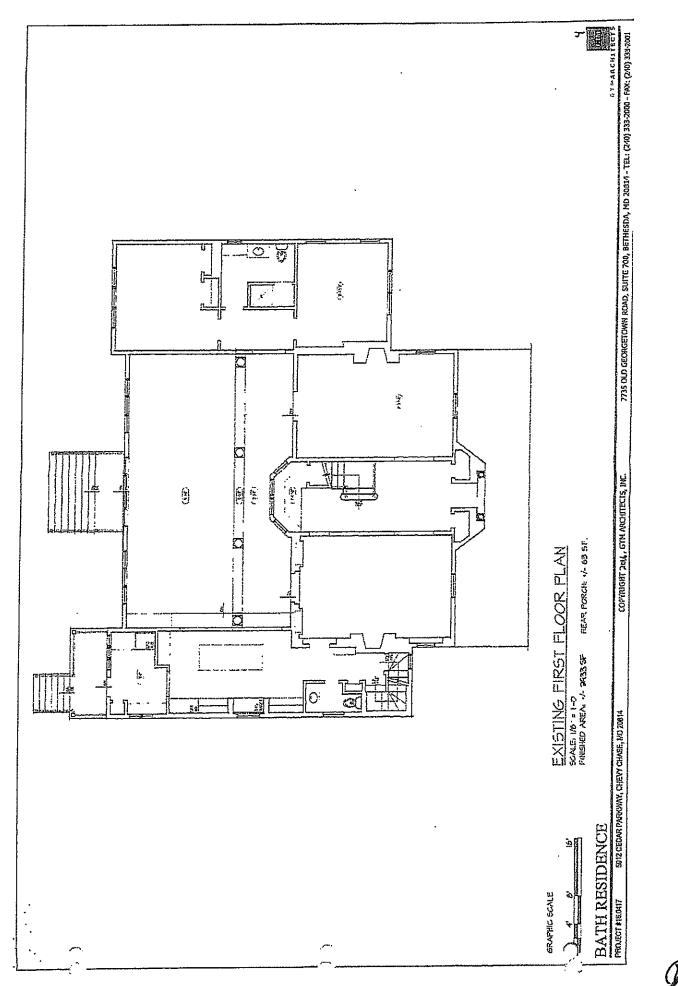




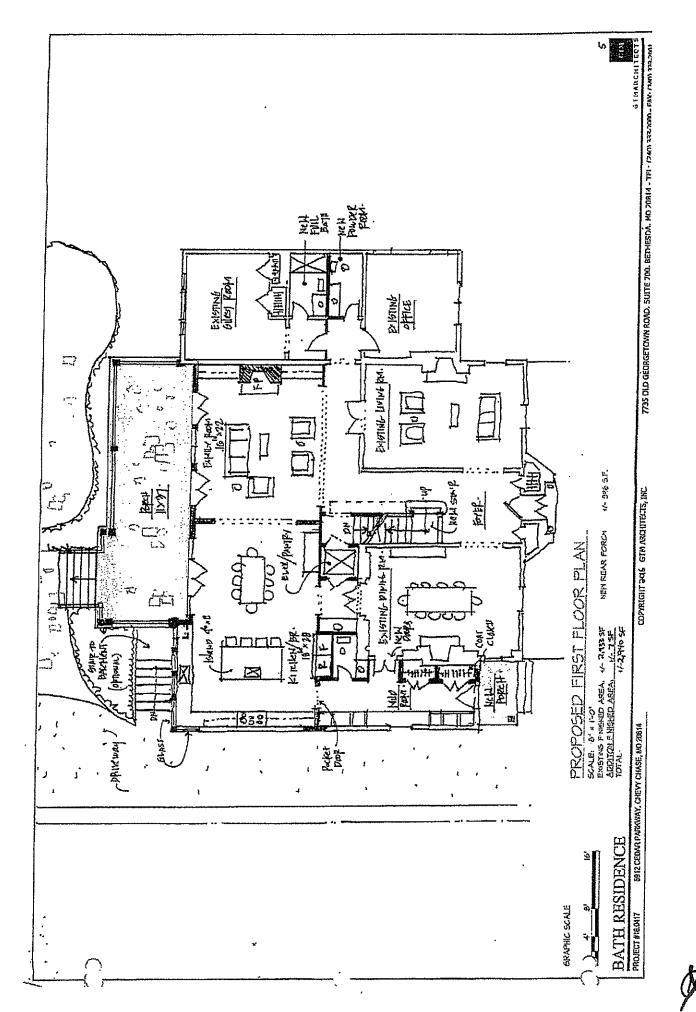




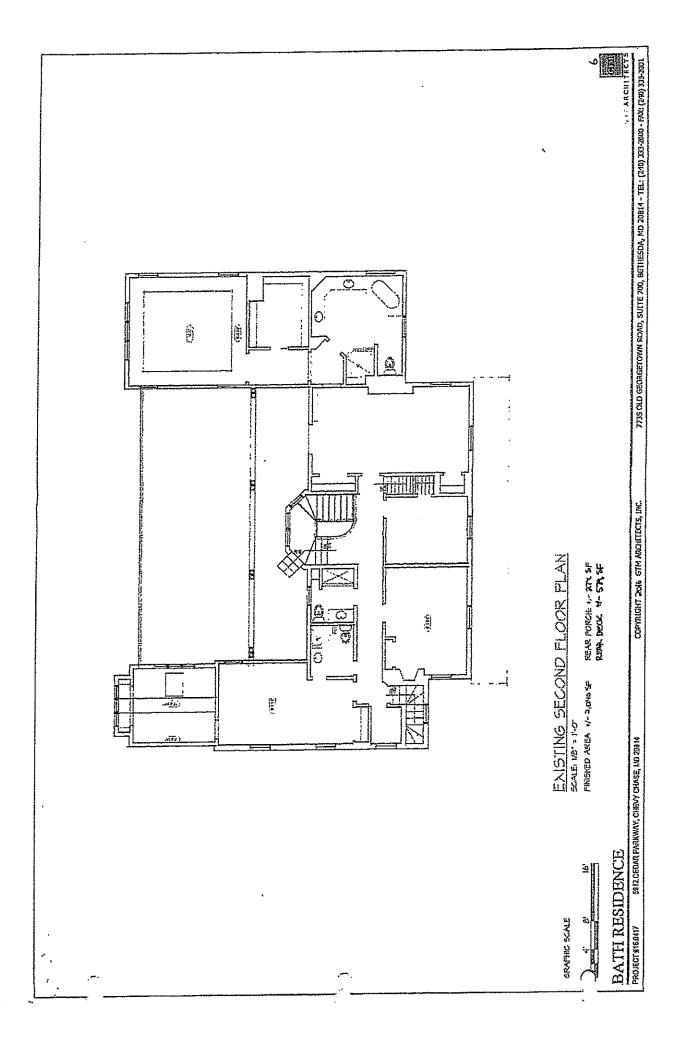




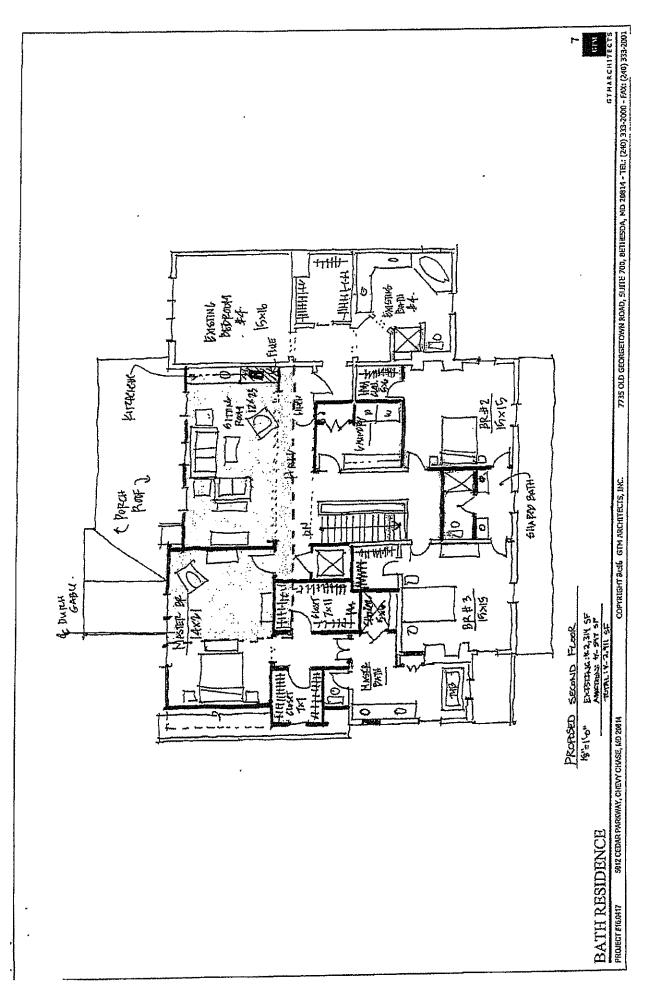










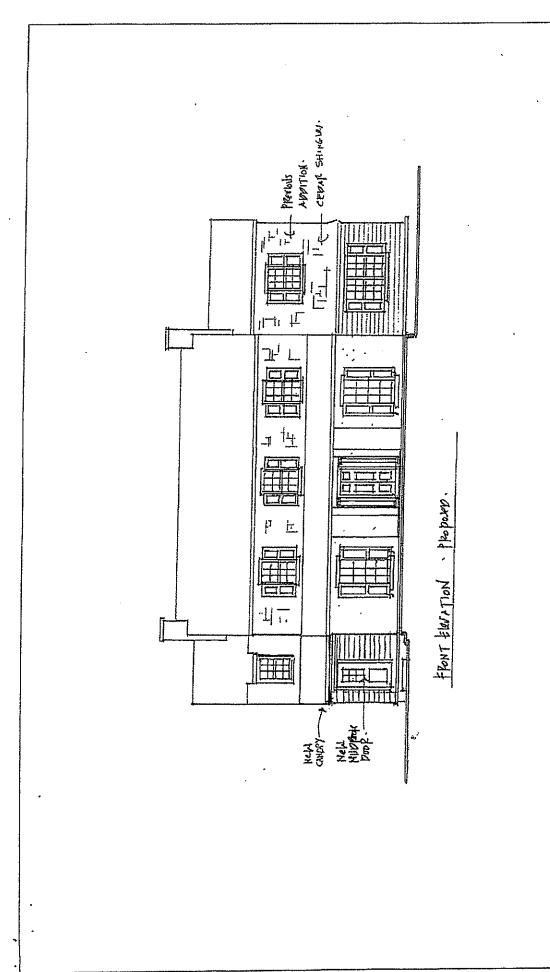


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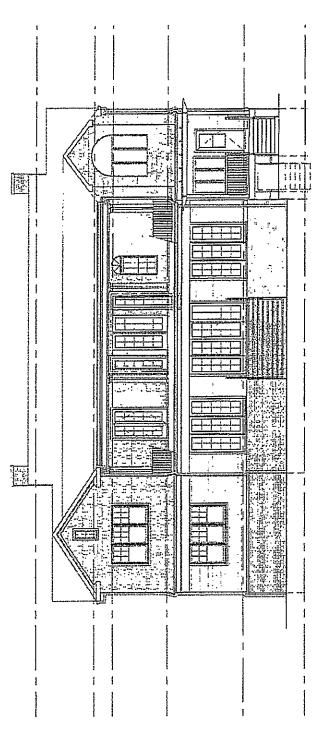


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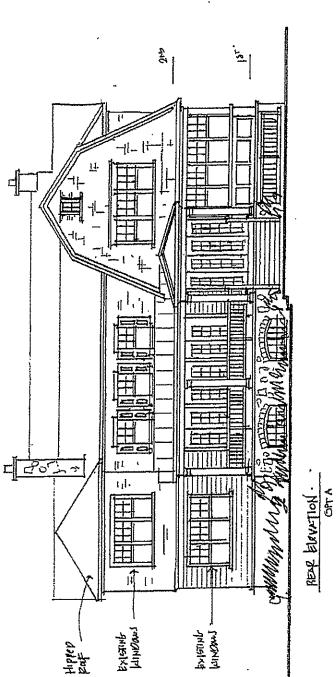
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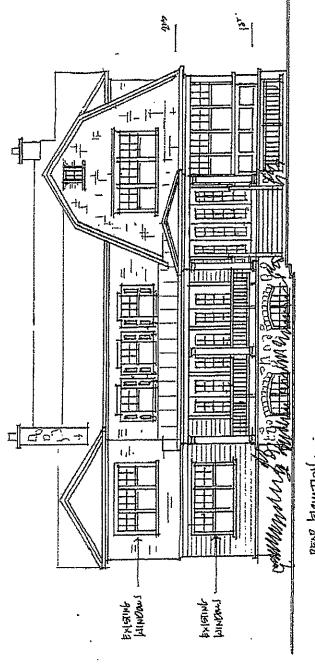
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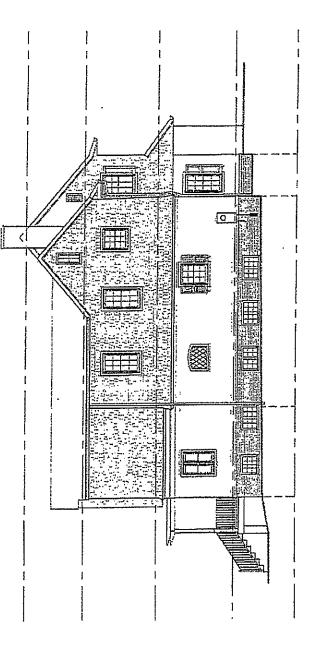
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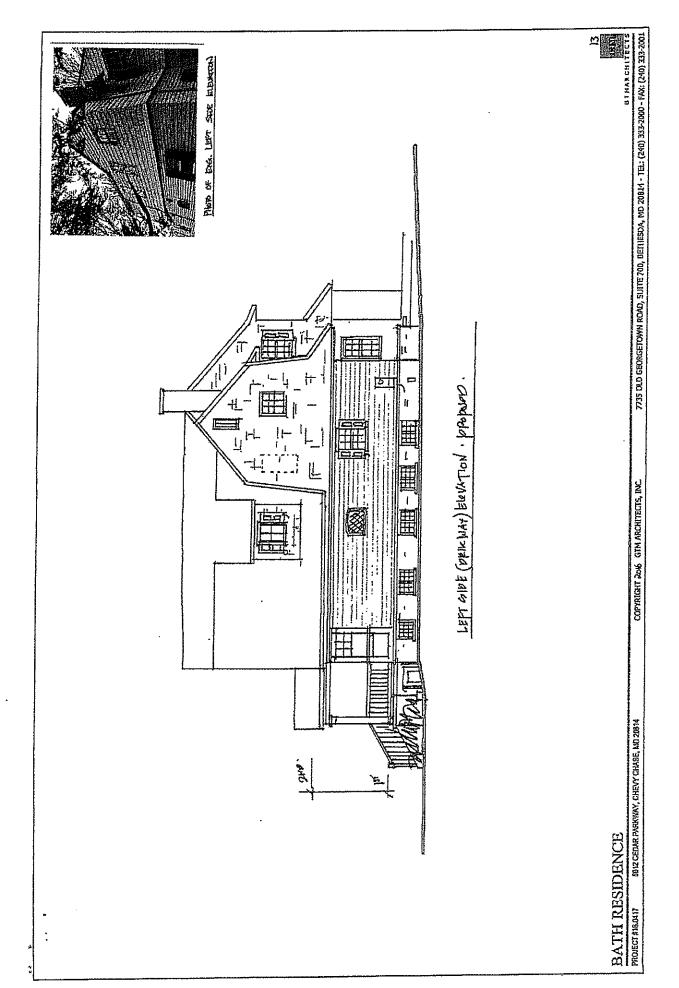
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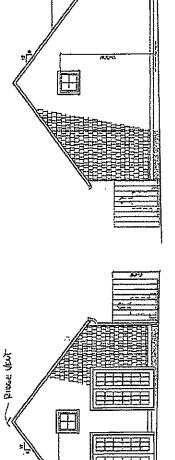
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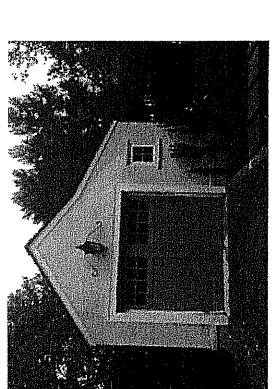
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10	A meeting in the above-entitled matter was held on
11	December 21, 2016, commencing at 7:32 p.m., in the MRO
12	Auditorium at 8787 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland
13	20910, before:
14	COMMITTEE MEMBERS
15	Bill Kirwan, Chair
16	Sandra Heiler Brian Carroll
	Marsha Barnes
17	Kathleen Legg
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1 MR. KIRWAN: Any discussion? All in favor, please raise your right hand. 2 VOTE. 3 MR. KIRWAN: All opposed? 4 VOTE. 5 6 MR. KIRWAN: If any, abstentions? 7 VOTE. MR. KIRWAN: So the motion passed with how many 8 are we tonight, four, eight. So the motion passes 7 to 1. 9 10 Thank you. And for next steps, you'll talk to Staff. The next item on our agenda this evening is a 11 preliminary consultation at 5912 Cedar Parkway in Chevy 12 13 Chase. Do we have a Staff Report? MR. KYNE: Yes, we do have a Staff Report. 14 15 noted, this is 5912 Cedar Parkway, Chevy Chase. Contributing Resource within the Chevy Chase Village 16 Historic District, Colonial Revival, circa 1916 to 1927. 17 18 And the proposal, construct a new covered entry on the front elevation of an existing bump-out at the left side of the 19 20 historic house; remove an existing non-historic enclosed 21 rear porch; construct a new two-story addition in place of 22 the existing non-historic enclosed rear porch to be removed; 23 construct a new left side rear addition/extension with a gambrel roof that extends through the roof of the existing 24

left side bump-out into the roof of the main house; alter

the left side elevation and the existing left side bump-out emphasizing a gambrel roof form; construct a dormer on the left side elevation of the existing left side bump-out; and construct a single car garage at the rear/left side of the property.

And I have quite a few photographs here, and we'll just sort of walk around the property. This is looking directly from the opposite side of Cedar Parkway. Again, I'll just walk around the property a bit. And then walking up the drive, and backing up for a moment, this is just sort of demonstrating the visibility of that left side bump-out from the public right-of-way. This is standing at the sidewalk. So not entirely visible, but partially, obviously.

And this is moving closer to the house. And so, that left side bump-out that I kept referring to is what you're seeing right here, the most prominently displayed feature in front of you. And then looking back, and what I'm trying to demonstrate here is the existing second story expansion at that extreme rear. So, the 1927 Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps indicate that this left side bump-out was there at that time. So, in 1927 it included that one-story section at the extreme rear. And, of course, that would make the second story section at the extreme rear a later addition.

And this is just looking, trying to show you that somewhat gambrel form of that roof on the left side. Again, looking at that second story expansion. This is looking at the house directly at the rear, and the center section there is that existing enclosed porch which will be removed, and that entire middle section in-filled with a two-story rear addition. And looking at what is the left side when viewed from Cedar Parkway. So this is where the two-story addition with the gambrel roof will be at the rear. And then looking at this existing addition, which dates to 2000.

And I have all of the plans here should we need to reference them. And, I will point out that we do have two options here, Option A and Option B, and the only difference that I was able to find was the -- if you look at the left side in this image, we have a hipped roof, and in Option B we have a gable end roof. And it currently does have a gable end roof, but there is no window in the proposal.

And here, I want to point out the embellishment added to sort of emphasize that gambrel roof form of that left side bump-out. And the applicable guidelines are the Chevy Chase Village Historic District Guidelines, and the Secretary of Interior Standards for Rehabilitation. And, on to the discussion.

I'm asking for your guidance on the following, the covered front entry. So, as we noted, the applicant does

propose to construct a new covered entry on the front elevation of the existing bump-out at the left side. As proposed, the existing first floor window on the front elevation of the bump-out will be removed. A new door will be installed in the same approximate location, not the exact location, but approximate location. And an awning will be constructed over the new door. And the proposed awning will be similar to those on the main house, and on the second story of the bump-out. So those awnings then will be mimicking are historic.

And again, Staff consulted the 1927 Sanborn Fire Insurance Map, which showed that bump-out. As discussed earlier, it's two stories in this image, until we get to that extreme rear where it's one story. Staff asks for the Commission's guidance regarding the appropriateness of the proposed new covered front entry, particularly given the fact that the left side bump-out is historic, and that the proposed alterations will be highly visible from the public right-of-way. And, in accordance with the Guidelines, the Commission should review the proposed awning, window and door alterations with moderate scrutiny.

One thing I do want to point out quickly, so the Sanborn Fire Insurance Map that we consulted based in 1927, so we know that that left side bump-out was there at that time. Though, the tax records indicate that the house was

actually constructed in 1908. So it may not be original to the house though, while certainly, in my opinion, I think that it is. But, I would still say that it is historic.

The enclosed rear porch removal and two-story rear addition. Staff fully supports the removal of the existing non-historic enclosed porch from the rear elevation, and the construction of the new addition. The proposed alterations are at the rear. They will not be visible from the public right-of-way at all, and they have no potential to impact the surrounding district. The proposed two-story addition will remain within the same approximate footprint as the enclosed porch to be removed.

Something that I didn't discuss in the Staff Report, there is a new porch at the rear which perhaps you have some guidance on. But, my opinion is that it will not be visible from the public right-of-way. The submitted elevations indicate that a new chimney is proposed on the right side, and that's as viewed from Cedar Parkway of the proposed two-story addition. And I'm asking for your guidance regarding the appropriateness of the chimney given its potential visibility from the right-of-way.

The left side rear addition and expansion. The applicant proposes to construct a new addition expansion at the rear of the historic left side bump-out, which we spent quite a bit of time on thus far. That addition expansion

will have a gambrel roof form, taking cues from the somewhat gambrel roof form of the historic left side bump-out. And the proposed gambrel roof will be extended through the rear portion of the left side bump-out with its ridge extending to the main house. And the ridge of the gambrel roof will remain below that of the main house.

The roof of the historic left side bump-out will be embellished, emphasizing its somewhat gambrel form, which we saw on the plans. A dormer is also proposed on the left elevation of the bump-out. And, consulting the 1927 Sanborn Fire Insurance Map, shows a one-story feature at the rear of the bump-out. We've already discussed this but, I just want to emphasize this again. A second story expansion has previously been added here.

The location of the -- again, it's clear from the photographs and the elevations submitted by the applicant, and we can clearly see in the 1927 map that it was a onestory feature at that time. Staff suggests that the gambrel roof approach could minimize the perceived massing from the public right-of-way, which is important because, as proposed, the addition is coplanar with the historic left side bump-out. However, the proposal would make the original form of the historic bump-out nearly indiscernible detracting from the subject property and surrounding historic district.

And, I also note that the left side bump-out does not have a true gambrel roof form. And, in accordance with the Standards, it is likely inappropriate to embellish this feature which could create a false sense of history. On to the garage, the applicant proposes a one car garage at the rear left side. The proposed garage will be at the end of an existing driveway, and is entirely consistent with other garages in the district. According to the 1927 Sanborn Map, there was originally a detached garage in the same approximate location at the rear left side. And in accordance with the Guidelines, garages and accessory buildings which are detached from the main house should be subject to lenient scrutiny, but should be compatible with the main building. Which, in my opinion, the proposed is.

And other. And this stage, the applicant has not provided materials for the proposed alterations. And, I ask your guidance on the appropriate materials for the various aspects, including the windows, doors, siding, roofing, and rear porch materials. And we discussed earlier Option A and Option B which, at the rear, we see the hipped roof and the gambrel roof. So, any guidance on that would be appreciated. I am in support of both options. However, I do note that there are no existing hipped roofs on the house. And with that, I will take any questions you have for me.

MR. KIRWAN: Any questions for Staff? 1 2 MS. HEILER: I think you indicated that there would be a new chimney that would be visible from the public 3 right-of-way. Can you point out where that is? 5 MR. KYNE: In this elevation. So, this is the proposed rear. So the chimney in question is the one, if you look, focus on the screen here. This is the chimney, and that's Option A and Option B. But we can see that it's not there in --10 MS. HEILER: So that's in addition to the two chimneys that already exist on the house? 11 MR. KYNE: That's my understanding, yes. 12 13 MS. HEILER: Okay. 14 MR. KYNE: We can check with the applicants, but that's my understanding of the proposal. 15 16 MS. HEILER: Thank you. MS. LEGG: And just to confirm, I also have a 17 18 chimney question. The materials for that have not been 19 decided, that's correct? 20 MR. KYNE: They have not. It appears, perhaps, 21 that it's going be stone, but I'm not sure what they're 22 actually proposing. 23 MR. KIRWAN: Any other questions for Staff? All right, if not, ask the applicant to please come forward. We 24

can give you seven minutes for your testimony. And, before

you speak, just make sure you speak into a live microphone and state your name for the record.

MR. OLSEN: Luke Olsen, GTM Architects.

MR. BATH: Blake Bath.

MR. OLSEN: So, I just wanted to highlight a couple of things that are in the Staff Report. Actually, these are things that you already know but. Per the Chevy Chase Historic District Guidelines, the property is a Contributing Resource, so is subject to moderate scrutiny, which involves things like alterations should be designed so that the structure still contributes, and use compatible and new materials rather than original materials should be permitted. And plan changes should be compatible with the structure's existing design, but they don't necessarily need to replicate its architectural style.

In addition, there is three main tenets that they ask that we adhere to. That we preserve the integrity of the contributing structures in the district, and that alterations to contributing structures should be designed in such a way that the altered structure still contributes.

The design should be restricted to changes that will be visible from the front and/or side public right-of-way, or that would be visible in the absence of vegetation or landscaping. And that alterations to the portion of the property that are not visible, should be subject to very

lenient review. Most changes to the rear of the property should be approved as a matter of course.

I believe what we are proposing is a modest addition, entirely to the rear of the subject property, including a few modifications to the existing left side elevation with the intent of relieving what is essentially a 42 foot long two story wall plane that's not very visible from the public right-of-way. In fact, I believe, the photos that Staff has shown, it is very, very hard to see anything along that left side from the street. This is actually up the driveway a little ways from where we're standing right here.

We feel that given the degree of previous additions and alterations made to the property, the subordinate scale and massing of our proposed addition, and the minimal impact to the historic resource visible from the public right-of-way, our proposal meets the tenets of the historic district. That being said, we are welcome to answer any questions that you might have.

MR. KIRWAN: Thank you. Any questions for the applicant?

MS. HEILER: Can you tell us what the material of this third chimney will be? I think the existing chimneys are brick.

MR. OLSEN: It wouldn't be brick, unless we did a

natural masonry chimney. Are you looking to do a wood burning chimney?

MR. BATH: We would like a wood burning chimney.

MR. OLSEN: We're open to a suggestion from Staff on that. But more than likely, brick to match the existing, but not exactly would be appropriate.

MS. HEIELR: And is it the same height as the existing chimneys, or would it be -- I guess my question is, has to do with whether it's going to be visible from the road?

MR. OLSEN: Well, when you look at it from the street, it is stacked directly behind an existing chimney, and the height is going to be as low as we can possibly make it per code, without being a fire danger. So it's usually two feet above, 10 feet away from a roof plane or two feet above the gable. I believe the existing chimneys are approximately that high, so we'd probably be at that same height. But we'll hold it as low as we can.

MS. BARNES: My question relates to the proposed mud room entry, and the alteration of the front facade by putting in a door and a canopy over the door. And I'm curious as to whether, because you just referred to the issue of sort of breaking up the very long wall, which is not visible from the street. Was any thought given to an entry into the mudroom, not in the front of the house, but

on the side?

MR. OLSEN: The issue that we've kind of encountered with that, number one, this house is set back pretty far from the street, so any mudroom entry that far back would be even further back. It's a pretty long distance to have to go to enter your house. It's also very tight on that side. So, if you're trying to park a car and get up steps into a mudroom entry, it's going to project even further into that space and just be very uncomfortable. And so this seems like the most logical place to have a mudroom entry, given kind of the siting and the plan of the house.

MS. BARNES: It may be a logical place, but if one is looking at the question of an alteration to a historic resource, and one that's visible from the street, the changing from a small window to a door with steps and a canopy, represents a substantial change. So, that is for me an issue, and that's why I was curious to hear if there had been thought given to some other approach. I appreciate what you're saying about convenience.

MR. OLSEN: Well, it's not just a matter of convenience. Sorry to interrupt. To be able to actually drive back to this garage that we'd like to put in, if you put a mudroom entry on that side without significantly stepping back the footing, and then you further impacting

- kind of the existing design of the house, would render that 1 2 driveway essentially useless. And then you'd be parking cars in the front rather than in the rear at a driveway. And so we really can't get it anywhere in that side. So 5 then you're putting it all the way to the rear of the house. MS. VOIGT: What is the width there of the 6 7 driveway? MR. OLSEN: It looks like it might be 10 or 12 8 9 feet. 10 MR. BATH: It may be a little bit more than that. It's my quess it's 15. 11 MR. OLSEN: What we're kind of trying to do is 12 13 minimize the impact not only to the house, but the site as well. A single door for a window, and as minimal of a porch that we can get there. Just some sort of covering to 15 protect it, is much different than changing the entire 16 hardscape of this property. And the functionality of the 17 18 existing house, how it's used. 19 MS. LEGG: I see a fence there. Do you often 20 drive your car all the way back, or do you stop before the fence? 21 I'm sorry. We don't live in this house 22 MR. BATH: right now. I live in the neighborhood. I've lived there 23 for 25 years. 24
- 25 MS. VOIGT: I have a quick question. On page 12,

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on Circle 12. So in looking at the rear view of the 1 proposed addition, so that it's all hidden behind the 2 existing house. So looking at from the front, and I'm talking about the right hand side. That roof, the new 5 gambrel roof, is lower -- it's hard for me to tell -- is lower than the existing front roof now? 7 MR. OLSEN: It is, yes. MS. VOIGT: And it's set in from -- that's a new 8 9 bump-out in front of it? 10 MR. OLSEN: That's an existing bump-out in front 11 of it. What we're essentially doing is, there's a two story 12 portion right here, that's this whole 42 foot two story wall plane that I was referring to. 13 MS. VOIGT: 14 Right. 15 MR. OLSEN: This portion, rather than having it be wall plane, we're converting that to part of a gambrel roof, 16 17 retaining everything from this point forward. 18 MS. VOIGT: And bumping out that window on the 19 side? 20 MR. OLSEN: Yeah, and providing a dormer as part of that gambrel roof. So, you know, that portion of what 21 was essentially existing wall plane would remain, to be 22 rebuilt as a dormer rather than wall. 23

MS. VOIGT: So basically from the back of the

house, so that that addition is not seen from the front of

the street?

MR. OLSEN: It should not be, no. It's pretty far back there, and we're trying to retain as much as we can of that front mass, and incorporate it into a way that makes sense given the existing design of the house.

MR. KIRWAN: Any other questions for the applicant? All right, if not, you can turn off your microphone. We'll give you our thoughts on the case. Anybody want to kick things off?

MR. CARROLL: I just want to kick this off and say that, when I was looking through this earlier today, I was thinking, you know, it's nice to see you, but this is really one of the simpler prelims I've ever seen. Just given the fact that you took that 42 foot wall, tipped it back behind the existing massing, the front of the house. We very rarely see additions that actually move the massing back in behind the house. Everything else filled in to the rear of the house.

I don't have a problem with the covered entryway. The fact the garage in the 1927 Sanborn Map, and all of this is in the rear of the house, I just don't see any problems with this. I'd like to know, you know, about materiality, but like I said, it's very rare that we see an addition that actually makes the house appear a little bit smaller from the street. So, pretty simple for me.

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MR. KIRWAN: I'll just jump in. I agree with Commissioner Carroll on everything except the mudroom I think I do have a problem with the mudroom entrance. entrance on that front left side projecting wing. there are ways to solve the dilemma of entering the mudroom from the driveway. I mean the entrance could be within the volume of the addition. You could step into something and take stairs up into the mudroom a different way. are ways to still have your cake and eat it to in that regard. So, I don't -- so given that, I think I, you know, it leads me to believe there are possible solutions that would allow us to preserve that front facade the way it is. So, that's the only component for me that I think needs to be worked on.

MR. OLSEN: Would I be able to just -- there's one thing I kind of forgot to mention as part of that. So one of the things that we're also trying to do with that front entry and canopy is, what Staff has been referring to as a gambrel like form, to me as an architect, is a gambrel. It's a very poor gambrel, but it is clearly a gambrel, and I would think that the embellishment ever so much would improve that form and make it more pleasing to, and more suitable for the historic district. And while I understand it's a change that is visible from the public right-of-way, that's something we're likely to do. That being said, doing

that and then also finding a different location for the door opening, to exploring that.

MS. HEILER: I would like to agree with the Chairman. I think you've made a great improvement by continuing the gambrel on the side. Everything on the back is just fine. I agree with you that it would probably improve the appearance of the house, but there are lots of historic houses that could be improved by changing them, and our goal is to preserve them, even with their less than gorgeous side additions. And so, I could not agree to the awning or the change to a door. I think you would do wonders for that house just to complete that gambrel on the side, and certainly your proposals for the rear are great.

I think also the additional chimney is not going to be a big deal as long as it's brick, and it's no taller than the -- or no wider, bigger than the existing chimneys.

MS. LEGG: First, thanks for coming in for a prelim. I think it's really helpful, and it should make for a speedy HAWP when you come back in. I, too, would like to see just some things on materials, the door, the chimney, and maybe some drawings, like straightforward or just a little sketch to see how it reads from the street. I align myself with the Chairman on the door in the front. I think it's a big change, and it's not something you'd see in that neighborhood a lot. And so, I would encourage you to try to

find another solution for it. Everything in the back I'm fine with. That's it.

MS. SALISBURY-JONES: I don't have a whole lot to add to what's been said. I agree with the Chairman. I would like to see some possible solutions for the mudroom entrance. But other than that, everything looks good.

MR. ARKIN: I'm going to suggest a revision to a prior speaker who was talking about less than gorgeous. I prefer to think of eccentricities or unique qualities. And, I think this house has got plenty of those. I don't have much to add. I think this is -- you're making some very constructive changes to, I think, a charming house. And, I do think you need to do a bit more work on the mudroom. But, I'm glad you came in. Appreciate your coming in, and I'm looking forward to seeing this in a HAWP in the very near future.

MS. BARNES: You heard me in the very beginning raise the question of the door to the mudroom. That is, for me, a serious problem. I notice that you were using a window aperture to turn it into a door. There is a current window aperture on the side, now I think went to a powder room. That perhaps offers you the opportunity to do a door on the side for your mudroom. And, I take the point that it would be better to have it closer to the front rather than far in the back.

I am supportive of what you are proposing in the rear. I share views of the other Commissioners about the chimney. Then need for it to be compatible with the existing chimneys, both in material and in height. I would favor the gable rather than the hipped roof where you had Option A or Option B. And, I'm sorry, I don't remember which one was which. But, I prefer the gable, which I think is more in keeping rather than introducing yet one other element. And that's it.

MS. VOIGT: I agree pretty much with the Commissioners. I think, you know, we're supposed to pretty much review from the public right-of-way and the impact to the historic building. I think that your addition is hidden behind the existing house. But I certainly agree with that front door, the mudroom door. I thought when we looked at, that it could kind of in some way be switched to the side for access. It seemed easy to me when I looked at it to switch to the driveway. So, that's about it, and thanks for coming.

MR. KIRWAN: So, I think you heard some pretty consistent comments and suggestions. So I think, you know, you'll get some very good interpretation of those from Staff, and you should be well on your way to a solution. Do you have a comment?

MR. BATH: I was just going to say, thank you all

for your comments. The only point I was going to make, and I apologize if I'm out of order in any way but, part of the 2 rationale for the placement of that door was there is a slope, a slight slope of the driveway backward. And so, I 5 originally wanted the mudroom entrance on the side as you all did. I've lived in that neighborhood for a long time. There will be steps up to that, you know, which will now be visible from the street. MR. KIRWAN: Well, not necessarily. There's a solution where that happens inside. So, I mean, there's 10 11 creativity that I think they can happen there, that maybe 12 gives everybody what they want. MS. HEILER: You had questioned did we prefer 13 14 option A or B. And, I think because it's invisible, it's 15 your choice. MR. KIRWAN: Very good, thank you. We look 16 17 forward to seeing you come back for a HAWP. The next item 18 on our agenda are meeting minutes. Do we have any minutes to approve? 19 20 MS. SALISBURY-JONES: I move that we approve the June 8th minutes. 21 22 MR. KIRWAN: Is there a second?

MR. KIRWAN: All in favor, please raise your right hand.

MS. HEILER:

I second the motion.

VOTE.

MR. KIRWAN: The June 8th minutes are approved.

Were there any other minutes? No, that's it? And, do we have a volunteer for this evening? Thank you, Commissioner Arkin, appreciate that. And, are there any Commission items? No? Then we have a Staff item, I believe. Join us up front, Mr. Whipple.

MR. WHIPPLE: We have one Staff item for you that we shared with you previously for 7 East Irving Street in Chevy Chase.

MR. KIRWAN: Yes, we looked at that upstairs, and we approved that. Great. All right, there's no other items, and with that, best wishes for a very happy holiday. We're adjourned.

(Whereupon, at 8:49 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.)

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