MONTGOMERY COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
STAFF REPORT

Address: 10903 Kenilworth Ave., Garrett Park  
Meeting Date: 5/10/17

Resource: Outstanding Resource  
Garrett Park Historic District  
Report Date: 5/3/17

Applicant: Jason Paige  
Public Notice: 4/26/17

Review: HAWP  
Tax Credit: N/A

Case Number: HPC Case No. 30/13-17B  
Staff: Dan Bruechert

Proposal: Side Deck and door installation

STAFF RECOMMENDATION
Staff recommends that the HPC approve with two (2) conditions the HAWP application.

1. Measured plan drawings of the proposed porch must be submitted to staff for review with final authority for approval delegated to staff.
2. Measured elevations drawings showing the railing and balusters, with inset pickets, must be submitted to staff for review with final authority for approval delegated to staff.

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION
SIGNIFICANCE: Outstanding Resource to the Garrett Park Historic District
STYLE: Colonial Revival/Chevy House
DATE: 1923

An important feature of the Garrett Park Historic District is the construction of the "Chevy" Houses in Garrett Park. The development of these modest cottages enticed homebuyers to pay a bit extra to receive a new Chevrolet as part of their house purchase.

BACKGROUND
In May 2013, the subject property applied for a HAWP for a number of alterations to the house including the removal of the original sleeping porch and the construction of an addition that added 658 ft² to the total footprint of the house. The HAWP for the new construction was approved.

The Town of Garrett Park has reviewed the building permit application for the proposed deck and approved it on April 4, 2017.

PROPOSAL
The applicant proposed to construct a 10’ × 13’ deck off the side of the house, connecting to the house at the addition. A new set of French doors will be installed to provide access to the deck.
APPLICABLE GUIDELINES
When reviewing alterations and new construction within the Garrett Park Historic District several documents are to be utilized as guidelines to assist the Commission in developing their decision. These documents include the historic preservation review guidelines in the approved and adopted amendment for the Montgomery County Code Chapter 24A (Chapter 24A), and the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation (Standards). The pertinent information in these documents is outlined below.

Outstanding Resource: A resource which is of outstanding significance due to its architectural and/or historical features. An outstanding resource may date from any historical period and may be representative of any architectural style. However, it must have special features, architectural details, and/or historical associations that make the resource especially representative of an architectural style, it must be especially important to the history of the district, and/or it must be especially unique within the context of the district.

Montgomery County Code Chapter 24A
(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

Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation
2. The historic character of a property will be retained and preserved. The removal of distinctive materials or alteration of features, space and spatial relationships that characterize a property will be avoided.
5. Distinctive materials, features, finishes and construction techniques or examples of craftsmanship that characterize a property will be preserved
9. New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction will not destroy historic materials, features, and spatial relationships that characterize the property. The new work shall be differentiated from the old and will be compatible with the historic materials, features, size, scale and proportions, and massing to protect the integrity of the property and its environment.
10. New additions and adjacent or related new construction will be undertaken in such a manner that, if removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the historic property and its environment would be unimpaired

STAFF DISCUSSION
The current proposal will add a deck to the south side of the 2013 addition to house at 10903 Kenilworth Ave., in Garrett Park. The deck will be constructed using pressure treated wood and the total footprint of the deck, excluding the stairs will be 10’ x 13’ (ten feet by thirteen feet).
The applicant originally indicated that that stairs would run perpendicular to the wall plane, but a revised design (See: Circle _____) has reoriented the stairs so that they run parallel to the house, minimizing the impact to the larger side yard. The applicant has not submitted revised, measured plan drawings of the proposed deck. French doors will be installed in place of the tripled six-over-one sash windows.

The proposed deck will connect to the house at the edge of the 2013 addition and will not connect to the historic portion of the house. By installing the deck in this location, it will not destroy historic materials and it will be reversible in a manner that will not impact the historic portion of the house (per Standards 9 & 10 and 24A-8(b)(1)). The use of stained wood is an appropriate material for a clapboard sided house from this time period and complies with Chapter 24A-8(b)(2). Staff believes that the current design, with the side loading stairs, will create a more transparent appearance and will have less of a visual impact than the original proposal.

The applicant’s proposal to construct the deck on the side yard is typically not a recommended practice, however, this proposal is driven by two factors unique to this house. First, the orientation of the house is not square to Kenilworth Ave., so that the rear corner of the house is very close to the setback required by code. The installation of deck off the rear of the house is likely not achievable within the confines of that requirement. The second factor driving the current proposal is that a bedroom was added to the rear of the house with family space centrally located (see: Circle ___ from the 2013 HAWP application) and the applicant wants this space to be accessible without having to use bedroom access.

There are two mitigating factors that Staff believes overcome the guidance that recommends porches be constructed at the rear of houses. The first is the slope of the yard. The yard slopes gently down towards the rear of the property. The height of the deck will only be about 18" (eighteen inches) above grade at the front of the house. The railing will still be visible; and will project above grade, but the deck height will only have a minimal impact. The second mitigating factor is that the porch will be approximately 40’ (forty feet) from the edge of the lot. This setback is far enough away that passers-by will see the full south façade of the house and will see the modest nature of the new deck as a small piece of the whole.

While constructing side decks is not a recommended practice, Staff believes that in this instance it is an approvable proposal considering the minimal impact the deck will have on the historic portion of the house and the unique placement of the house on its oddly shaped lot.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends the HPC approve with two (2) conditions the HAWP application;

1. Measured plan drawings of the proposed porch must be submitted to staff for review with final authority for approval delegated to staff.
2. Measured elevations drawings showing the railing and balusters must be submitted to staff for review with final authority for approval delegated to staff.

and with the general condition applicable to all Historic Area Work Permits that the applicant will present 3 permit sets of drawings to HPC staff for review and stamping prior to
submission for permits (if applicable). After issuance of the Montgomery County Department of Permitting Services (DPS) permit, the applicant will arrange for a field inspection by calling the DPS Field Services Office at 240-777-6370 prior to commencement of work and not more than two weeks following completion of work.
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
301/563-3400
APPLICATION FOR
HISTORIC AREA WORK PERMIT

Contact Email: Jason.Paige.26@gmail.com
Tax Account No.: 

Name of Property Owner: Jason Paige
Daytime Phone No.: 301-219-6159
Address: 10903 (PO Box 117) Garret Park Kenilworth Ave 20891

Street Number: City: State:

Contractor: Aaron Ruderman
Phone No.: 240-508-4760
Contractor Registration No.: 
Agent for Owner: 

LOCATION OF BUILDING/PREMISES
House Number: 10903 (PO Box 117)
Street: Kenilworth Ave

Town/City: Garrett Park Nearest Cross Street: Strathmore Ave

Lot: Block: Subdivision:

Liner: Parcel:

PART ONE: TYPE OF WORK TO BE PERFORMED
1A. Check all applicable:
   [ ] Construct   [ ] Extend   [ ] Alter/Renovate
   [ ] Move   [ ] Install   [ ] Week/Raze
   [ ] Revision   [ ] Repair   [ ] Revocable
   [ ] Fence/Wall (complete Section 4)   [ ] Other:

1B. Construction cost estimate: 

1C. If this is a revision of a previously approved application, see Permit # 

PART TWO: COMPLETE FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION AND EXTENSIONS
2A. Type of sewage disposal: 01 WSSC 02 Septic 03 Other:

2B. Type of water supply: 01 WSSC 02 Well 03 Other:

PART THREE: COMPLETE ONLY FOR FENCE RETAINING WALL
3A. Height feet inches

3B. Indicate whether the fence or retaining wall is to be constructed on one of the following locations:
   [ ] On party line/property line  [ ] Entirely on land of owner  [ ] On public right of way/ easement

I hereby certify that I have the authority to make the foregoing application, that the application is correct, and that the construction will comply with plans approved by all agencies listed, and I hereby acknowledge and accept this to be a condition for the issuance of this permit.

Signature of owner or authorized agent

Date: 4/5/17

Approved: For Chairperson, Historic Preservation Commission

Disapproved: Signature: Date:

Application/Permit No.: Data Filed: Date Issued:

SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR INSTRUCTIONS
THE FOLLOWING ITEMS MUST BE COMPLETED AND THE REQUIRED DOCUMENTS MUST ACCOMPANY THIS APPLICATION.

1. WRITTEN DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT
   a. Description of existing structure(s) and environmental setting, including their historical features and significance:
      Historic house w/ addition on the rear of the
      historic portion of the house - completed 2014. The deck will be constructed on the side of the house corrected
      for the addition of the house (i.e. not the historic portion of the house).

      See attached justification for to construct the deck
      for more details.

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

      See attached justification.

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;
   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.

3. 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" paper are preferred.
   a. Schematic construction plan, 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, where 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
   a. 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.

   b. 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 at least that dimension.

7. ADDRESSES OF ADJACENT AND CONFRONTING PROPERTY OWNERS
   For all projects, provide an accurate list 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 lots(s) or parcel(s) which lie directly across the
   street/highway from the parcel in question.

PLEASE PRINT (IN BLUE OR BLACK INK) OR TYPE THIS INFORMATION ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE.
PLEASE STAY WITHIN THE GUIDES OF THE TEMPLATE, AS THIS WILL BE PHOTOCOPIED DIRECTLY ONTO MAILING LABELS.
SUBJECT: JUSTIFICATION TO CONSTRUCT A DECK AT PROPERTY ADDRESS, 10903 KENILWORTH AVENUE, GARRET PARK, MARYLAND 20896

In 2014, my wife and I purchased a newly-renovated house from a builder at property address, 10903 Kenilworth Avenue, Garrett Park, Maryland 20896. As noted above, the builder completed renovations to the house, including adding an addition to the rear of the house. Since this is a historic house, the purpose of this letter is to request for approval from Montgomery County Historic Area Work Permits to add a deck to the side of the house. On April 7, 2017, the historic town of Garret Park approved the below plans to construct the deck (see the attached Garret Park approval letter and associated building permit). Below is a detailed description of the proposed deck.

The proposed deck will be constructed on the side of the house, facing Strathmore Avenue, and will be attached to the addition (i.e., not attached to the historic portion of the house). Since the master bedroom is located towards the rear of the house, the deck can only be constructed on the side of the house. The proposed size of the deck is 10 feet by 13 feet, with stairs (3 feet wide) from the deck to the ground level. The total blueprint of the deck, including the stairs will be 10 feet by 16 feet. In addition, the proposed deck will include a door on the side of the house to allow entry/exit from the family room. The proposed deck will be constructed using pressure treated wood, and will be stained a light brown color. See the attached drawing (to scale) to see the size, location of the deck in relationship to the house.

Please see the attached permit application requesting for approval.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me via email at Jason.paige26@gmail.com or by phone at 301-219-6159.

Jason Paige, Homeowner
10903 Kenilworth Ave.
PO Box 117
Garrett Park, MD 20896
April 4, 2017

Dear Mr. Paige,

Your Building Permit Application for a deck on the side of your house at 10903 Kenilworth Avenue, Garrett Park, MD has been approved. The Land Use Committee advised that you must obtain a Montgomery County Historical Work Permit prior to any work taking place.

Please post the Garrett Park Building Permit next to the County Permit when the work is taking place, and advise the Town Office at 301-933-7488, or managergene@garrettparkmd.gov when work is complete.

Sincerely,

Gene Swearingen,
Town Manager
Town of Garrett Park
Town Office
PO Box 84, Penn Place, 4600 Waverly Avenue
Garrett Park, MD 20896-0084
Tel: 301-953-7488 Fax: 301-953-8932
Email: manager@garrettparkmd.gov

BUILDING PERMIT

Permit No.: BP20170404-01 Expires: __04/04/18

Issued To: Jason Paige

Address: 10903 Kenilworth Ave, Garrett Park, 20896

Permit Issued For: Side Deck

By: Gene Swearingen Date: 3/15/17

Town Manager

Work is Permitted During Following Hours Only:

Monday - Friday: 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Saturday: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
No Work Allowed on Sunday

By Order of the Garrett Park Town Council

POST NEXT TO MONTGOMERY COUNTY PERMIT
**HAWP APPLICATION: MAILING ADDRESSES FOR NOTIFYING**  
[Owner, Owner's Agent, Adjacent and Confronting Property Owners]

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**Adjacent and confronting Property Owners mailing addresses**

| Todd & Dawn Harris                           |                                 |
| 10909 Kenilworth Ave                         |                                 |
| Garrett Park, MD 20896                       |                                 |

| Kevin and Bridget O'Brien                    |                                 |
| 4709 Statamoore Ave                          |                                 |
| Garrett Park, MD 20896                       |                                 |
The plat is of benefit to a consumer only insofar as it is required by a lender or a title-insurance company or its agent in connection with contemplated transfer, financing or re-financing. The plat is not to be relied upon for the establishment or location of fences, garages, buildings, or other existing or future improvements. The plat does not provide for the accurate identification of property boundary lines, but such identification may not be required for the transfer of title or securing financing or re-financing.

NOTES:
1. The lot shown hereon does not lie within the limits of the 100 year flood plain as shown on FIRM Panel No. 240049 0361D
   Date of Map: 9-29-2006
   Flood Zone: "X"
2. No property corners found or set unless otherwise noted.
3. The accuracy of this survey and the apparent setback distances is 2±

SURVEYOR'S CERTIFICATE
I hereby certify that the property delineated hereon is in accordance with the plat of subdivision and/or deed of record, that the improvements were located by accepted field practices and include permanent visible structures, if any. This PLAT IS NOT FOR DETERMINING PROPERTY LINES OR FOR CONSTRUCTION OF IMPROVEMENTS, but prepared for exclusive use of present owners of property and also those who purchase, mortgage, or guarantee the title thereto, within six months from date hereof, and as to them I
from 2013 HAWP

10903 KENILWORTH AVE., GARRETT PARK, MD

PROPOSED PROJECT:

5-8-13

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1ST FLOOR PLAN

EX-EDEN 11' 10" 13' 6"

EX PORCH

EX WINDOW Z-6' X 5'2"

EX VORCH Z-6' X 3'2"

EX DOOR

EX VORCH Z-6' X 5'2"

EX VORCH Z-6' X 3'2"

PROPOSED

DRAWN BY:
CCL

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