MONTGOMERY COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
STAFF REPORT

Address: 7333 Carroll Ave., Takoma Park
Meeting Date: 10/10/2018

Resource: Non-Contributing Resource
Report Date: 10/3/2018
(Takoma Park Historic District)

Applicant: Roy and Traci Mitchell Austin
Public Notice: 9/26/2018

Review: HAWP
Tax Credit: N/A

Case Number: 37/03-18NNN
Staff: Michael Kyne

PROPOSAL:
Siding replacement and window removal

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the HPC approve the HAWP application.

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

SIGNIFICANCE: Non-Contributing Resource within the Takoma Park Historic District
STYLE: Contemporary Traditional
DATE: 1992

Fig. 1: Subject property, as indicated by the yellow star.

PROPOSAL

The applicants propose to replace the existing wooden siding with composite siding of the same style and to infill an existing 2nd-floor window on the rear (east) elevation.
APPLICABLE GUIDELINES

When reviewing alterations and new construction within the Takoma 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 Takoma Park Historic District (Guidelines), Montgomery County Code Chapter 24A (Chapter 24A), and the Secretary of the Interior’s Standard’s for Rehabilitation (Standards). The pertinent information in these documents is outlined below.

Montgomery County Code; Chapter 24A-8

(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; 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.)

Takoma Park Historic District Guidelines

The Guidelines contain the following statements pertaining to Non-Contributing/Out-of-Period Resources:
• Non-Contributing/Out-of-Period Resources are either buildings that are of little or no architectural and historical significance to the historic district or are newer buildings that have been constructed outside of the district’s primary periods of historical importance. These types of resources should receive the most lenient level of design review.

• Most alterations and additions to Non-Contributing/Out-of-Period Resources should be approved as a matter of course. The only exceptions would be major additions and alterations to the scale and massing of Non-Contributing/Out-of-Period Resources which affect the surrounding streetscape and/or landscape and could impair the character of the historic district as a whole.

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 and #9 most directly apply to the application before the commission:

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.

9. 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.

STAFF DISCUSSION

The subject property is a contemporary traditional-style Non-Contributing Resource, which was constructed in 1992. The house is located in the northeastern part of the Takoma Park Historic District, which only covers Carroll Avenue. The rear property line is contiguous with the historic district’s boundary, and the rear of the house is only visible from outside the historic district.

The applicants propose to replace the existing wooden siding with paintable composite siding of the same approximate style and dimensions. An existing 2nd-floor window on the rear elevation is also proposed to be infilled.

According to the Guidelines, Non-Contributing Resources should receive the most lenient level of design review, and most changes should be approved as a matter of course. The only exceptions would be major additions and alterations to the scale and massing of Non-Contributing/Out-of-Period Resources which affect the surrounding streetscape and/or landscape and could impair the character of the historic district as a whole.

Staff fully supports the proposed alterations to this Non-Contributing Resource, finding that the proposal will not detract from the historic district or surrounding streetscape. The proposed replacement siding is typically approved as an appropriate and compatible material for new construction and additions in the historic district, making the proposal consistent with existing modern infill.

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 #2 and #9, and Takoma Park Historic District Guidelines outlined above.
STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Commission approve the HAWP application under the Criteria for Issuance in Chapter 24A-8(b), having found that the proposal is consistent with the Takoma Park 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 #2 and #9;

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.
APPLICATION FOR HISTORIC AREA WORK PERMIT

Contact Email: traciMmitchell@yahoo.com  
Contact Person: Traci Mitchell Austin  
Daytime Phone No.: 301-332-8172

Tax Account No.:  
Name of Property Owner: Roy Austin and Traci Mitchell Austin  
Daytime Phone No.: 301-332-8172

Address:  
7333 Carroll Avenue  
Takoma Park  
MD  
20912 
Street Number  
City  
State  
Zip Code

Contractor:  
Contractor Registration No.:  
Agent for Owner:  
Daytime Phone No.:  

LOCATION OF BUILDING PREMISES

House Number: 7333  
Street: Carroll Avenue  
Tow/City: Takoma Park  
Nearest Cross Street: Manor Circle  
Lot:  
Block:  
Subdivision:  
Lot:  

PART ONE: TYPE OF PERMIT, ACTION AND USE

1A. CHECK ALL APPLICABLE:  
☐ Construct  ☐ Extend  ☐ Alter/Renovate  
☐ Move  ☐ Install  ☐ Week/Remodel  
☐ Revision  ☐ Repair  ☐ Revocable  
☐ Fence/Wall (complete Section 4)  ☐ Other: Siding and Window  

1B. Construction cost estimate: $21,600

1C. If this is a revision of a previously approved active permit, 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 property line/property line  ☐ Entirely on land of owner  ☐ On public right of way/assessment

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: 9/17/17

Approved:  
Signature:  
Date:  
Disapproved:  
Signature:  
Date:  
Application/Permit No.:  
Date Filed:  
Date Issued:  

SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR INSTRUCTIONS

Edit 6/21/99
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:
      The wood siding will be repaired with a similar composite wood siding of the same style and size. It is the same look and feel as traditional wood siding but resists rotting, cupping and splitting.
      A window on the back side of the house, not street facing, will be removed.
   
2. SITE PLAN
   Site and environmental setting, drawn to scale. You may use your plot. Your site plan must include:
   a. the scale, north arrow, and data;
   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 8½" x 11". Plans on 8 1/2" x 11" paper are preferred.
   a. 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 features 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 8" 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 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 lot(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.
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**Adjacent and confronting Property Owners mailing addresses**

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Window to be removed on back porch.
Windows to be removed at back of house.