MONTGOMERY COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
STAFF REPORT

Address: 10201 Menlo Ave.   Meeting Date: 11/14/18
Resource: Vacant lot   Report Date: 11/7/18
Capitol View Park Historic District
Applicant: Minter Farnsworth   Public Notice: 10/31/18
Review: HAWP   Tax Credit: n/a
Case Number: 31/07-18F   Staff: Dan Bruechert
Proposal: New Construction

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the HPC approve with four (4) conditions the Historic Area Work Permit.

1. The windows proposed for the house need to be wood or aluminum clad wood windows with applied exterior muntins. Detailed specifications of the proposed window need to be submitted for review and approval with final approval authority delegated to Staff.
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3. The garage door may either be a roll-up or carriage style but needs to be constructed out of wood or wood composite. Specifications for the garage door need to be submitted to Staff for review and approval with final approval authority delegated to Staff.
4. Staff recommends that a maximum number of trees be re-planted on the site and that the species and placement be included with the HAWP application

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

SIGNIFICANCE: Vacant lot within the Capitol View Park Historic District
STYLE: N/A
DATE: N/A

The parcel is currently undeveloped and is located at the corner of Menlo Ave. and Loma St. in the Capitol View Historic District. The lot slopes steeply down a ravine and into a conservation easement that covers the rear third of the lot. When the Capitol View Park Historic District was surveyed and established in 1982, the subject property was part of a much larger parcel associated with the Hahn House c. 1895 (2801 Barker St.). This is why the map identifies the subject property as associated with the period 1870-1916. The Hahn House lot was subdivided on February 5, 1986 into six separate lots. At the time of subdivision, a conservation easement
was created that includes the easternmost third of the subject property and parts of three other lots. Four of the other lots were subsequently developed, leaving the subject property as the only undeveloped land created as part of this subdivision. A re-survey of the district in July 1990 identified 10201 Menlo Ave. as ‘Vacant Lot’.

**Figure 1:** 10201 Menlo Ave. is located at the intersection of Loma and Menlo. The row of houses to the right are outside of the historic district.

**BACKGROUND**

A HAWP for this property was reviewed and approved by the HPC at the February 13, 2018 HPC meeting. The approval was appealed to the Montgomery County Board of Appeals and an appeal was heard on May 23, 2018. The June 29, 2018 opinion reversed the HPC decision to approve the HAWP.*

The Board of Appeals found that:

“the Intervenor’s (Mr. Farnsworth’s) proposal is not compatible with the character and nature of the overall historic district… the Board finds that the proposed house would be visible from Menlo Avenue and is out of proportion to the houses on Menlo Avenue. The Board therefore finds that the size and massing of the propose house is not in accordance with the historic district where the Property is located and is not compatible with the historic district, and that the building of the proposed house would impair the character of the historic district… The Board finds that the Intervenor can adjust the

scale and mass of the proposed house so that the proposal is compatible with the other resources within the historic district.”

A Preliminary Consultation for this proposal was heard by the HPC on September 19, 2018. The HPC was generally supportive of the design with the recommendations made by Staff in the Staff Report.† Two of the Commissioners expressed their reservation regarding the design of the rear of the house. One of the Commissioners, while recognizing that the apparent size and massing was smaller than the previous proposal questioned whether the reduction was sufficient to find it compatible with the surrounding district.

Four neighbors provided testimony regarding the proposal. The comments provided included the desire to factor environmental concerns into the HPC’s decision making, arguing that the house had not be sufficiently reduced in mass or size to comply with the Board of Appeals decision, and concerns that the design of the house was not an identifiable historical style.

**PROPOSAL**
The applicant proposes to construct a two-story house with an attached garage, install a retaining wall, fencing, a rear deck, and driveway and parking area.

**APPLICABLE GUIDELINES**
When reviewing alterations and new construction within the Capitol View Park Historic District several documents are to be utilized as guidelines to assist the Commission in developing their decision. These documents include the Approved & Adopted Sector Plan for Capitol View & Vicinity (Sector Plan), 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.

**Approved & Adopted Sector Plan for Capitol View & Vicinity (Sector Plan)**
1. 1870-1916: Characterized by large lots and variety of setbacks, and architecturally encompassing the “Victorian” residential and revival styles and the early bungalow style popular during this period, these twenty-two houses are of a higher degree of architectural and historical significance than the other structures within the district.
2. Nominal: These house of themselves are of no architectural or historical significance, but through their contiguity to the significant resources have some interest to the district.
3. Spatial: Spatial resources are unimproved parcels of land which visually and aesthetically contribute to the setting of the historic district, and which can be regarded as extensions of the environmental settings of the significant historic resources.

* Note: All the Approved and Adopted Sector Plan for Capitol View & Vicinity does not apply more stringent review to certain classes of resources in the same manner as the Design Guidelines for Takoma Park or Chevy Chase.

**Montgomery County Code, Chapter 24A Historic Resources Preservation**

(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; or

(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.)

**The Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation**

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.

**STAFF DISCUSSION**

The applicant proposes to construct a single-family home on the property located at 10201 Menlo Ave. The applicant has made revisions based on the feedback from the HPC and recommendations from Staff. Staff supports approval of this HAWP with the identified conditions.

**Lot Restrictions**

The subject property is located at the intersection of Loma St. and Menlo Ave. The lot has several challenges that somewhat limit what can be built on the site. First, the lot offers narrow access at the corner of Loma and Menlo. Much of the lot sits to the south of Loma St., so that
only 15’ (fifteen feet) of the property abuts the public right-of-way. There are no other locations where a driveway could provide access to the site. Second, there are several utility easements that run across the site. There is a 25’ (twenty-five foot) storm water easement, a 20’ (twenty foot) water easement, and a 12’ (twelve foot) sewer easement that runs both north to south and another that runs east to west. The applicant is permitted to pave on top of these areas but may not build on them. Third, zoning requires a minimal front and side setback. Finally, there is a conservation easement in the rear of the lot, encompassing 12,478 ft² (twelve thousand, four hundred and seventy-eight square feet), which is approximately forty-three percent of the total lot. Nothing may be constructed or altered within this easement. These limitations, coupled with zoning setback requirements, create a buildable envelope of 5160 ft² (five thousand, one hundred sixty square feet) in the southwestern corner of the lot. The applicant provided a color-coded site plan showing the lot coverage of each of these limitations.

In order to accommodate the proposed construction, the application proposes to remove a total of nine trees on the site. Four of these trees are located at the entrance to the lot and have to be removed to provide access to the site. Staff finds that to deny the applicant the ability to remove these trees would deny any reasonable use of the subject property, contravening 24A-8(b)(5). Another three trees are at the center of the buildable envelope and any house construction on the site would require the removal of these trees. Two more trees proposed for removal are located near the southern property boundary within the limits of disturbance. Staff finds that the proposed tree removal will impact the character of the site. However, Staff finds there are several mitigating measures to be considered. First, under the forest conservation program, the applicant is required to re-plant trees one-for-one or pay a fee in lieu. Staff recommends that a maximum number of trees be re-planted on the site and that the species and placement be included with the submission of permit drawings for stamping. Second, the conservation
easement that encompasses the rear third of the lot may not be impacted by any of the work on the site or construction and will maintain its wooded character. Staff supports the removal of these trees as part of the work proposed under this HAWP.

Architectural Design and Compatibility
The applicant made several alterations to the design from the previous proposal based on feedback from the HPC and Staff. The applicant has made the following changes to the previous submission by:

- simplifying the form of the house so that the front elevation has one front-facing gable to simplify the building form;
- Setting the garage further back from the wall plan an additional 3’ (three feet);
- Extending the left projecting stair by from 10” (ten inches) to 2’ (two feet);
- Changing the proposed windows from a one-over-one to a two-over-two sash configuration and removing the shutters;
- Widening the shed dormer at the front to match the dimension of the paired sash windows below; and

Expanding the front porch so it covers the full width of the front elevation. The proposed house will be a two-story, gable-L house, three bays wide, with front porch, and an attached garage. The house has a right, front gable projecting L. The house will be clad in Hardi clapboard siding, with 6” (six inch) Hardi corner boards, with two-over-two windows, and shingle siding. Only two elevations, the west and north, will be visible from the public right-of-way from within the district. The elevation to the south will be visible to its immediate neighbors and the east elevation will be visible from one neighboring property and from outside the historic district.

On the first floor, the west (front) elevation of the house has paired two-over-two windows to the left and two two-over-two windows to the right of the centrally placed front door. There is a standing seam, shed-roofed front porch, supported by four round, wood columns that runs the full width of the house. The second floor also has a pair of one-over-one windows on the left side, with three two-over-two windows spaced in the front-facing gable. There is a shed dormer with a pair of two-lite casement windows over the left pair of windows. To the right of the main house massing is a one-bay garage with a shed dormer with a pair of two-over-two sash windows. No information on the material of the garage door was included with the submitted materials, however, the applicant has indicated that he would be agreeable to any material and/or design conditions placed on this element. Staff finds that an overhead-style garage door is an acceptable design and finds that wood or a wood composite is the most appropriate material for the materials used throughout the house. Staff recommends the HPC add a condition for approval that the garage door meet these criteria to be verified by Staff prior to stamping permit drawings.

The north (left) elevation has a small projecting stair bay in the center of elevation. The bay projects 2’ (two feet) from the wall plane. In front of the projecting bay, there is a two-over-two sash window on the first and second floor. To the rear of the projecting bay, each floor has two narrow, two-over-two windows. The central bay proposes to have two fixed, one-lite windows. The exposed foundation on the side elevation will be concrete with a stamped brick pattern.
The east (rear) elevation expresses three full floors as the grade change drops off significantly. All three floors of the rear are clad in Hardi siding. The rear is four bays wide with two-over-two windows spaced throughout and a single fixed casement window in the left-most opening on the second floor. At the left of the first floor, the applicant proposes to construct a small rectangular bay with a pair of two-over-two windows. There is a pair of doors at the basement level, and another on the first floor that provides access to the wood and Azek deck with Wolf metal railing.

The south (right) elevation is made up of the garage and living space above. The roof was reconfigured so that the roof pitch is even in the front and back, before a ‘break’ in the roof slope at the front. The applicant worked with Staff to develop this solution so a more traditional form would be visible from the south and east. The south elevation also has two two-over-two windows on each floor.

In front of the house the applicant proposes to construct an asphalt driveway and apron. Because of the limited frontage, there is no on-street parking adjacent to the subject lot. Much of the proposed asphalt apron will be obscured by the 4’ (four foot) and 6’ (six foot) tall vertical board privacy fence in front of the house. Much of this fence is a continuation of the fence installed at 2900 Loma St. The applicant further proposes to create terraced retaining walls using 6” × 6” (six inch by six inch) railroad ties. These terraces will be created at the edge of the property on the north and south of the lot.

Staff finds that the current proposal appears to meet the requirements of Chapter 24A, the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation and the Sector Plan with the identified conditions.

**Placement, Size, and Scale**

The largest concern expressed by the Board of Appeals regarding the previous submission and approval was that the building was out of scale and out of mass with the other resources within the district. Staff finds that while the change in absolute dimensions is not drastic, the apparent mass and scale of the proposal has been reduced. The Board of Appeals in their decision indicated that the subject property should be evaluated compared to the properties along Menlo Ave. Staff finds that the houses that were created out of the same subdivision are appropriate comparables as they were all reviewed and approved by the HPC as appropriate in-fill construction to the district. For the purposes of establishing findings of compatibility, Staff has used the Menlo houses to evaluate appropriateness.

The applicant included a setback study (shown below) with the application materials. The setbacks on this section of the historic district range from approximately 22’ from the street (twenty-two feet) to nearly 92’ (ninety-two feet). While the setback of the proposed construction is slightly deeper than many of the late 18th century and 1920s houses further up the block, it is within the range of adjacent setbacks 38’ (thirty-eight feet) and should be considered compatible. Staff finds that the setbacks alone should not be used as a sole factor to determine compatibility because this particular lot has so many additional encumbrances (easements, zoning requirements, utility lines) that severely limit many further alterations to the setbacks.
Staff also finds that the placement of the house on this unique lot configuration makes for less impact than any new construction on a lot mid-block.

The proposed construction will be 23’ (twenty-three feet) above the grade of Menlo Ave. Staff finds that the height is generally consistent with the surrounding district (see the streetscape study below).

Staff finds the height of the proposed building above street grade is identical to its immediate neighbor to the north (10203 Menlo Ave.) and lower than 10205 and 10207 Menlo Ave.

Staff additionally finds that the width of the house is generally consistent with the neighboring houses. The width of the main mass of the proposed house 35’ (thirty-five feet) at the front
elevation; the stair bay projection will add 2’ (two feet) and the garage will add an additional 12’ (twelve feet). The house at 10203 Menlo is 32’ (thirty-two feet) wide with an additional wrap-around porch that increases the perceived mass of the house. The subject property is 35’ (thirty-five feet) wide with an additional 12’ for the garage. Staff finds that the garage does make this house larger than its neighbor, but that it is not out of proportion with its neighbor. Additionally, the garage will have a smaller impact on the surrounding district because the revised design sets the garage back 4’ (four feet) from the front wall plane. The other houses to the north are also 30’ (thirty feet) and 35’ (thirty-five feet) wide. This is consistent with the main massing of the proposed house. Staff acknowledges that the attached garage will have an impact on the massing of the house but as the rendering in Fig. 5 shows, it will not be as significant as a garage that is co-planer to the front wall.

One of the questions of compatibility has to do with the overall size of the proposal. The applicant has presented a table of the square footage of the roof area of houses in the area. Absent other methodology of measuring livable house square footage, Staff finds this to be an acceptable comparison. The subject property as proposed has a footprint measuring 1933.7 ft² (one thousand, nine hundred thirty-three point seven square feet). The subject property is larger than all but two of the properties but, Staff does not find this to be out of scale with the district.

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The house footprints range from 901 ft² to 2160 ft² with an average house footprint of 1410 ft². Staff finds that there is a wide variety of house sizes along Menlo Ave. to go along with the eclectic styles. Staff finds that the proposed house will be larger than many of the houses along Menlo Ave., but it is not out of character with the houses found in this portion of the historic district. It will also not be the largest house in terms of square footage, and is comparable to the most recent infill houses that also have a footprint of approximately 2000 square feet (10219 Menlo and 10203 Menlo).

Of the other properties that were part of the subdivision of the Hahn house (including the Hahn house), the average roof square footage is 2421.6 (two thousand, four hundred twenty-one point six square feet). This is nearly 500 ft² (five hundred square feet) larger than the house proposed under this HAWP. Staff finds that these houses are a reasonable comparison from the subject property, as four of these properties are infill construction, reviewed and approved by the HPC. The other buildings along Menlo are generally smaller than the proposed construction and are a mix of historic and infill houses average 1,337.75 ft² (one thousand, three hundred thirty-seven point seven five square feet).
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Staff finds that the size, and placement of the proposed house are generally consistent with the surrounding district and complies with 24A-8(b)(1) and 24A-8(b)(2).

**Architectural Details**

Staff finds that the architecture and architectural details of the proposed house is appropriate for the eclectic Capitol View Historic District. The architecture of the house can generally be called a gable-L form with an attached garage. Staff finds that Hardi siding is appropriate for in-fill construction and on additions in most historic districts, including Capitol View. The two-over-two window configuration helps to accentuate the verticality of the house without adding additional height to the roof. The applicant indicated that the windows would be vinyl, however, Staff finds that an aluminum clad window would add more depth to the window to create more variation to the wall plane and recommends that the HAWP approval be conditional on the windows being an appropriate aluminum clad design with applied exterior muntins (the applicant has agreed to meet this condition). Staff also finds that the 6” (six inch) corner boards, frieze, and crown molding on the exterior are compatible with the traditional design of the house.

Staff finds that the detailing on the north elevation is appropriate for the house and surrounding district, but recommends that the central fixed windows be altered to contain a traditionally designed window. These windows could have a decorative grille pattern similar to the image below.

![Image](image.png)

*Figure 5: A window similar to this in the stair bay would add visual interest and be more compatible than a picture window.*
Figure 6: View of the house from the corner of Menlo Ave. and Loma St.

Staff finds that the architectural details and materials are appropriate for in-fill construction under the requirements of Chapter 24A-8(b)(2) and 24A-8(d) and the Capitol View Historic District.

**Environmental Concerns**

The proposed house sits on an environmental sensitive area with a branch of Rock Creek running along the eastern edge of the lot within a conservation Area. The applicant has undertaken soil testing (included in the application materials) according to County Department of Permitting Service guidelines.

In order to address the storm water management requirements, the applicant proposes to install three drywells in the eastern portion of the lot. This section of the lot is outside of the sewer easements and outside of the conservation easement. The installation of these drywells will not result in a visual change to the site and Staff finds that they will result in no material change.

The applicant has informed Staff that there is a known storm water drainage issue and has been working with the Department of Public Works to get the issue resolved prior to construction beginning on the site. If this work is undertaken, it will occur in the identified 25’ (twenty-five foot) Storm Drainage Easement and will be covered with ground cover. This easement pre-dates the conservation easement and is recorded on the plat map. This work, which will not be undertaken by the applicant, will not require a HAWP as the visual appearance of the lot will be retained upon completion of this work.
STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS
Staff recommends that the Commission approve with four (4) conditions the HAWP application:

1. The windows proposed for the house need to be wood or aluminum clad wood windows with exterior applied muntins. Detailed specifications of the proposed window need to be submitted for review and approval with final approval authority delegated to Staff;
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4. Staff recommends that a maximum number of trees be re-planted on the site and that the species and placement be included with the HAWP application; and

as being consistent with Chapter 24A-8 and the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation; 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.
APPLICATION FOR
HISTORIC AREA WORK PERMIT

Contact Email: Farnsworthhomes@verizon.net
Contact Person: Minter Farnsworth
Daytime Phone No.: 301-370-8625

Tax Account No.: 02 610440

Name of Property Owner: 10201 Menlo LLC
Daytime Phone No.: 301-370-8625

Address: 25101 Peachtree Rd Clarksburg, MD 20871

Contractor: Minter P. Farnsworth III
Phone No.: 301-370-8625

Contractor Registration No.: 126100

Agent for Owner: Same
Daytime Phone No.: 301-370-8625

LOCATION OF BUILDING PREMISE

House Number: 10201 Menlo Ave

Street: Silver Spring, Nearest Cross Street: Loma St.

Lot: 13 Block: 18 Subdivision: Capitol View Park

User: 54526 Filer: 00309 Parcel: N/A

PART ONE: TYPE, LOCATION AND USE

1A. CHECK ALL APPLICABLE:

\- Construct \- Extend \- Alter/Rezone

\- Move \- Install \- Wreck/Flare

\- Revises \- Repair \- Reversible

1B. Construction cost estimate: $ 350,000

1C. If this is a revision of a previously approved active permit, see Permit #: N/A

PART TWO: COMPLETE FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION AND EXTENSION ADDITIONS

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) 0 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/assessment

I swear 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 9.25.17

Approved: For Chairperson, Historic Preservation Commission

Disapproved: Signature: Date:

Application/Permit No.: Date 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:
   
   Construct new house on vacant lot

   b. General description of project and its effect on the historic resources, the environmental setting, and, where applicable, the historic district:
   
   Construct new house, retaining walls, deck and fence compatible with the neighborhood

2. SITEPLAN
   Site and environmental setting, drawn to scale. You may use your plot. 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" sheet 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 resources and the proposed work.
   b. Elevations (frontal, with marked dimensions), clearly indicating proposed work in relation to existing construction and, where appropriate, context.
   All materials and finishes 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 drawings.

5. PHOTOGRAPH
   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 labeled 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 outline 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 CONTRASTING PROPERTY OWNERS
   For all projects, provide an accurate list of adjacent and contrasting 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 OR TYPE IN BLUE OR BLACK INK OR TYPE THIS INFORMATION ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE.
PLEASE EATHER WITH THE GUIDES OF THE TEMPLATE, AS THIS WILL BE PHOTOCOPIED DIRECTLY INTO MAILING LABELS.
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Existing Property Condition Photographs (duplicate as needed)

Detail: **DRIVEWAY ENTRANCE @ CORNER OF MENLO + LOMA**

Detail: **PROPOSED NEW FENCE LOCATION (ON SITE PLAN)**

Applicant: **10201 MENLO LLC**
September 24, 2018

Mr. Minter Farnsworth
25101 Peach Tree Road
Clarksburg, MD 20871

Re: Historic Area Work Permit for 10201 Menlo Avenue, Takoma Park;

Dear Bubba:

I mentioned that Somer Cross in our office has very good graphic art skills. When I saw the hand drawn exhibits which you had provided to Dan up on the screen at the recent HPC meeting, I thought that it would be relatively simple to convert those drawings into something even more compelling. (You may recall that a couple of the Commissioners talked about the development constraints on the property).

Attached are revised versions of your hand drawn exhibits showing the various constraints on the Subject Property. I think that when displayed in the sequence attached, they cumulatively demonstrate how difficult this property is to work with.

I recommend that the attached documents be included in your HAWP application and that we consider referencing them during our presentation to HPC, depending on how much time remains available to us after the more important presentation from Jef Fuller.
Please call me if you have any questions about the attached documents in your preparation of the HAWP application.

Sincerely Yours,

MILLER, MILLER & CANBY

Jody

Jody S. Kline

JSK:sda
Attachments
cc:  Jef Fuller
     Somer Cross, Esq.
Dear Mr. Farmworth,

Submitted is our report of soil testing performed for the above site.

One sample in B-2 was completed by us on March 9, 2018 for soil testing for drywell design. The sample was taken at the location shown in Exhibit 1. The sample was removed at a depth of 1.5 feet below grade. Soil testing was performed according to the MD EPD guidelines. Note that sampling was performed at the location as described, but data was withdrawn via auger at 1.5 feet below grade, not the design for infiltration. Soil testing was completed, not performed for B-1.

The following is a summary of USDA tests performed in our laboratory:

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The sample was classified as Sandy Loam according to USDA Territorial Classification System. An infiltration of 1.82 inches was calculated for the sample, according to MD EPD. The gradation chart and USDA triangle chart are enclosed herein.

Please call the undersigned if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

GEOTECH ENGINEERS, INC.

Paul Chang, PE
State of Maryland

Enclosures:
1. Gradation Test Reports
2. USDA Soil Classification Charts
3. Sample Location Plan

GEOTECH ENGINEERS, INC.
Beltsville, Maryland
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Decking Material

Color: Canyon
Gray

House

Wolf Rails

South Elevation

1/8" = 42"
10201 MENLO AVENUE

PROPOSED FENCING:
PRESSURE TREATED 1” X 6” VERTICAL
6’ HIGH PRIVACY FENCING WITH NATURAL FINISH
LOCATION AS PER SITE PLAN DRAWING
10201 MENLO AVENUE

PROPOSED RETAINING WALLS:
6" x 6" PRESSURE TREATED RETAINING WALLS
WITH 6" x 6" PRESSURE TREATED TIE BACKS
WITH NATURAL FINISH
LOCATIONS AS PER SITE PLAN DRAWING
Kevin Manarolla
Historic Preservation Committee

Chrisopher Larkin
Bartlett Tree Experts
Maryland LTE 616
ISA Certified Arborist MA-0131
ISA Tree Risk Assessment Qualified

Mr. Manarolla
Historic Preservation Committee
Fax: 301 563 3412

This is an evaluation of the existing trees located on the development lot #13:
10201 Menlo Avenue
Silver Spring MD 20910.

Owner: Minter Farnsworth
25101 Peachtree Road
Clarksburg, MD 20871

Mobile Phone: 301-370-8625
E-Mail Address: farnsworthhome@verizon.net

Eleven (11) trees are noted on the site development plan and located in or near the
building disturbance area. The following summary notes the condition of each of
the trees and factors affecting their survivability through the construction process.

Of the eleven (11) trees:
Four (4) are located near the street in the access to the lot.
1) 5” diameter Tulip Poplar overwhelmed with ivy in poor condition.
2) 13” diameter Walnut with a significant basal cavity and decay,
   leaning toward the street in fair condition.
3) 15” diameter Boxelder with no visible root flare and a severe lean
   in poor condition.

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4) 20" diameter Tulip Poplar with numerous vines in the canopy in fair condition.

Removal is recommended for these four trees. The narrow width of access and all construction activity will severely impact these trees.

Two (2) are located on the left side of the lot near the property line. These trees are growing at the edge of, if not in the drainage area.

5) 16" Tulip Poplar partially vine covered and in fair condition
6) 20" Tulip Poplar severely leaning toward the neighboring property and in fair condition.

Preservation of these two trees is possible. Root pruning (only if a soil cut is necessary on that side of the construction site) and tree protection fencing should be at the edge of the construction disturbance as far from the stems as possible but preferably a minimum of 17 feet (twice the 5 times diameter, rule of thumb due to the soil conditions). Limited access and no storage of construction supplies or equipment should be made around the trees. The leaning Tulip Poplar should be considered for removal due to the wet nature of the area and the potential to impact the neighboring property if it fails.

Three (3) are located in the center of the lot on the land above the drainage area.

7) 17" diameter Tulip Poplar with numerous vines in fair condition
8) 23" diameter Tulip Poplar with numerous vines in fair condition
9) 20" diameter Tulip Poplar with numerous vines in fair condition

Removal of these trees will be required to build. They are in the center of the proposed house site.

Two (2) are located on the right side of the lot near the property line.

10) 29" Tulip Poplar with vines in the upper crown in fair condition.
11) 19" tulip Poplar with a severe lean over the proposed building location and vines in the upper canopy in fair condition.

Removal is recommended for these two trees. Their proximity to the construction zone and the necessary limits of disturbance will severely impact the neighboring property.
impact the health of these trees and their roots. The weight distribution of the crown would leave a high likelihood of failure onto the new structure.

The majority, 7 of 9, of the trees recommended for removal are Tulip Poplars, a common tree of the mid-Atlantic region. Tulip Poplars are a rapidly growing pioneer species often colonizing open spaces. The wood is soft, light when dry, decays rapidly in moist conditions and is brittle. Construction activity closer than 5 times the diameter of the tree will cause root damage and often leads to root decay increasing the likelihood of whole tree uprooting. Wet or saturated sites will also affect the stability of the trees. A previously uprooted tree near tree number (6) indicates that the soil in the drainage are often saturated.

You can contact me at: Christopher Larkin
Bartlett Tree Experts
1 Metropolitan Court
Gaithersburg, MD 20878
e-mail clarkin@bartlett.com
cell: 240-447-0837
Fax: 301-881-9063

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Regards,

Christopher Larkin
ISA Certified Arborist MA-0131
ISA Tree Risk Assessment Qualified
Square Footage Footprints

Mr. Staguhn’s previously submitted square footage calculation for his house footprint located at 10203 Menlo was 1759.8 square feet, however this did not include the square footage of the front and rear bay windows.

Attached please find his calculation.

The proposed house located at 10201 Menlo Avenue that we are submitting for approval has a house footprint of 1761.7 square feet. As you can see, they are virtually the same footprint size.

Attached please find my calculation.
These are the calculations of the roofs' square footage area for all of the houses in the historic area on that section of Menlo Avenue and houses located in the same subdivision as the proposed house. (These calculations were taken from a 30 scale aerial print provided by MNCPPC.)

**Proposed House**

10201 Menlo 1933.7 square feet

**Houses in same subdivision**

10203 Menlo 1992 square feet
2801 Barker 2334 square feet
2901 Barker 2200 square feet
2903 Barker 2020 square feet
2905 Barker 3562 square feet

**Houses on Menlo Avenue not in the same subdivision**

10205 Menlo 970 square feet
10207 Menlo 1295 square feet
10209 Menlo 1340 square feet
10211 Menlo 901 square feet
10213 Menlo 1115 square feet
10215 Menlo 1000 square feet
10217 Menlo 1921 square feet
10219 Menlo 2160 square feet
Landscape Plan

for 10201 Menlo Avenue

Scale: 1" = 10'
December 2017

Menlo Avenue - Fernworth Homes, Inc.

Plant Schedule - December 2017

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Note: this plan is for illustrative purposes only.