EXPEDITED
MONTGOMERY COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
STAFF REPORT

Address: 6910 and 6908 Westmoreland Ave., Takoma Park  Meeting Date: 3/13/2019

Resource: Contributing Resources  Report Date: 3/6/2019
Takoma Park Historic District

Applicant: Tara Mallory & Preston Quesenberry for 6910  Public Notice: 2/27/2019
Jane Powers and Richard Colbart for 6908

Review: HAWP  Tax Credit: n/a

Case Number: 37/03-19J  Staff: Dan Bruecher

PROPOSAL: Fence Installation

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

☑ Approve
☐ Approve with conditions

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

SIGNIFICANCE: Contributing Resources to the Takoma Park Historic District
STYLE: Craftsman
DATE: 1910-20s

Figure 1: 6910 and 6908 Westmoreland are located to the south of Old Town Takoma Park near the D.C. boundary.
PROPOSAL

The applicants propose to enclose the rear yards with a wood, vertical board fence with two gates in the open space between 6910 and 6908 Westmoreland Ave. The fence will be 6’ 6” (six feet, six inches) tall, and will be installed adjacent to non-historic rear additions on both houses, to the rear of the historic rear wall plane. The fence is approximately 90’ (ninety feet) from the public right-of-way. No trees will be impacted by the proposed fence installation.

APPLICABLE GUIDELINES:

The Expedited Staff Report format may be used on the following type of cases:

10. Construction of fences that are compatible with historic site or district in terms of material, height, location, and design. Requests for fences higher than 48” to be located in the front yard of a property will not be reviewed using an Expedited Staff Report.

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

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.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Commission approve the HAWP application under the Criteria for Issuance in Chapter 24A-8(b)(1) and (2) having found that the proposal is consistent with the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation (specifically, Standard 2), 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 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.
Attachment 4

Detail of Affected Portion of Existing Resource

Proposed Fence
Location of Proposed Fence to Existing Resource

Attachment 5

6966 W. Moreland

Proposed fence line