RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the applicant revise their design based on the feedback provided by the HPC and return for a Historic Area Work Permit.

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

SIGNIFICANCE: Primary Resource to the Kensington Historic District
STYLE: Colonial Revival/Queen Anne
DATE: c. 1898

Figure 1: The property at 3944 Baltimore St. is a wedge-shaped lot.
PROPOSAL

The applicant proposes to construct an addition to the rear and side of the house and to expand the rear deck.

APPLICABLE GUIDELINES

_Kensington Historic District Guidelines_

When reviewing alterations and new construction within the Kensington Historic District several documents are to be utilized as guidelines to assist the Commission in developing their decision. These documents include the Approved & Adopted Amendment to the Master Plan for Historic Preservation: Kensington Historic District, Atlas #31/6 (Amendment), Vision of Kensington: A Long-Range Preservation Plan (Vision), 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.

_Vision of Kensington: A Long-Range Preservation Plan_

The HPC formally adopted the planning study, _Vision of Kensington: A Long-Range Preservation Plan_, and is directed by the Executive Regulations, which were approved by the County Council, to use this plan when considering changes and alterations to the Kensington Historic District. The goal of this preservation plan "was to establish a sound database of information from, which to produce a document that would serve the HPC, M-NCPCC, their staff and the community in wrestling with the protection of historic districts amidst the pressures of life in the 21st century." (page 1). The plan provides a specific physical description of the district as it is; an analysis of character-defining features of the district; a discussion of the challenges facing the district; and a discussion of proposed strategies for maintaining the character of the district while allowing for appropriate growth and change.

The _Vision_ identifies the following, as those features that help define the character of Kensington’s built environment:

- Building Setbacks: Residential and Commercial Patterns
- Rhythm of Spacing between Buildings
- Geographic and Landscape Features
- Scale and Building Height
- Directional Expression of Building
- Roof Forms and Material
- Porches
- Dominant Building Material
- Outbuildings
- Integrity of Form, Building Condition, and Threats
- Architectural Style

The _Amendment_ notes that:

_The district is architecturally significant as a collection of late 19th and early 20th century houses exhibit a variety of architectural styles popular during the Victorian period including Queen Anne, Shingle, Eastlake, and Colonial Revival. The houses share a uniformity of scale, setbacks, and construction materials that contribute to the cohesiveness of the district’s streetscapes. This uniformity, coupled with the dominant design inherent in Warner’s original plan of subdivision, conveys a strong sense of both time and place, that of a Victorian garden suburb._
Montgomery County Code, Chapter 24A Historic Resources Preservation

(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;

(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 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.

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 applicant proposes to construct a rear addition to the house at 3994 Baltimore St. On the first floor, the additions consist of a mudroom/pantry in the southwest corner of the house and an extension of the rear wall. The rear/side deck will also be expanded. On the second floor, the applicant proposes installing a new bathroom in the southwest corner. A third-floor exterior wall will be relocated and an alteration to the roofline. All work will occur to the rear/rear corner of the house and will only have a minimal impact on the surrounding streetscape.

Staff’s research demonstrates that the current configuration of the house has been altered from its historic configuration, as shown in the Sanborn map (below). The rear of the house was given a three-story rear addition. The large side/rear porch was also constructed in the latter part of the 20th century.
First Floor Alterations

On the first floor, the applicant proposes to expand the house to the rear and to construct a new mudroom/pantry in the southwest corner. All of this work will be at the rear of the house and will not be visible from the public right-of-way due to the right (south) projecting L. The proposed change that will be visible from the right-of-way is the expansion of the side porch. The existing porch is co-planar with the right side-L. The expanded porch will project approximately 3’ (three feet) beyond the existing wall plane, though this will be mitigated by the chimney at the end of the side-L.

Staff finds that the proposed rear addition will not impact the historic character of the house or the surrounding district, but requests the HPC’s feedback regarding the appropriateness of extending the porch and railing beyond the existing wall plane. Staff additionally would like clarification regarding the materials proposed for the rear addition, and deck, railing, and additional materials.

Second Floor Alterations

The applicant proposes to construct a bathroom in the southwest corner of the second floor. The bathroom will have two small casement windows in the south and west elevations. Due to the shape of the house and placement of this room, this change will only be visible from Prospect Street through the neighboring property. Staff finds that this change will have have a significant impact on the size and scale of the house and is generally appropriate. Materials and specifications for this proposed addition were not provided with the HAWP and should be
discussed during the Preliminary Consultation hearing.

**Third Floor Alteration**
On the third floor, the applicant proposes to reconfigure a closet in the southwest corner, which will require an alteration to the roofline in this corner. No windows are proposed for this reconfiguration and only roof shingles will cover this new structure. Staff finds that this work will not impact the character of the house and will only have a minimal impact on the massing of this section.

Staff finds that, overall, the project does not overwhelm the historic house and is compatible in size and design and requests HPC feedback on the appropriateness of the projection of the porch and railing beyond the existing wall plane, the design of the rear of the first-floor application, and proposed materials.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS**

Staff recommends that the applicant revise their design based on the feedback provided by the HPC and return for a HAWP.
APPLICATION FOR
HISTORIC AREA WORK PERMIT
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
301.563.3400

APPLICANT:

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AGENT/CONTACT (If applicable):

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E-mail: permits@manionarchitects.com
City: Bethesda
Zip: 20816
Contractor Registration No.: 

LOCATION OF BUILDING/PREMISE: MIHP # of Historic Property

Is the Property Located within an Historic District? ☑ Yes/District Name: Town of Kensington
__ No/Individual Site Name: 

Is there an Historic Preservation/Land Trust/Environmental Easement on the Property? If YES, include a map of the easement, and documentation from the Easement Holder supporting this application.

Are other Planning and/or Hearing Examiner Approvals/Reviews Required as part of this Application? (Conditional Use, Variance, Record Plat, etc.?) If YES, include information on these reviews as supplemental information.

Building Number: 3944
Street: Baltimore Street
Town/City: Kensington
Nearest Cross Street: Prospect Street
Lot: 17 Block: 11 Subdivision: Kensington
Parcel: 

TYPE OF WORK PROPOSED: See the checklist on Page 4 to verify that all supporting items for proposed work are submitted with this application. Incomplete Applications will not be accepted for review. Check all that apply:

☐ New Construction ☑ Addition ☐ Demolition ☐ Grading/Excavation
☐ Deck/Porch ☐ Fence ☐ Hardscape/Landscape ☐ Roof
☐ Shed/Garage/Accessory Structure ☐ Solar ☐ Tree removal/planting ☐ Window/Door
☐ Other: 

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

Signature of owner or authorized agent ___________________________ Date 11- 24- 2019
Description of Property: Please describe the building and surrounding environment. Include information on significant structures, landscape features, or other significant features of the property.

Historic/Victorian colonial style residence.
Basement and 2 stories on original house plus attic.
Rear 2 story addition on crawl space was added.

Description of Work Proposed: Please give an overview of the work to be undertaken:

Expand rear addition and house for larger kitchen and eating area.
Create mudroom/pantry.
Extend deck to rear.
Upgrade bathrooms and rework closets in bedrooms for extra storage.
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# HAWP APPLICATION: MAILING ADDRESSES FOR NOTIFYING

[Owner, Owner's Agent, Adjacent and Confronting Property Owners]

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Sharp Residence

Preliminary Historic Application

HISTORIC SITE: KENSINGTON DISTRICT
MASTER PLAN: KENSINGTON SECTOR PLAN 2010
LIBER: 7542
FOLIO: 348
LOT:17  BLOCK:11
ZONING : R-60
MAX. LOT COVERAGE: 35%
ACTUAL SITE AREA: 11,685 SQ. FT.
MAX. BUILDING HEIGHT: 35'

3944 Baltimore St
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NOT FOR CONSTRUCTION
Prelim. Scheme Historic Review

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Basement Floor-Proposed

SCALE: 1/8" = 1'-0"
Second Floor - Existing

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Scale: 1" = 1'-0"
Second Floor - Proposed

- Will's Bedroom
- June's Bedroom
- Guest Bedroom
- Bath
- Family Room
- Stairs
- Roof Deck

SCALE: 1/8" = 1'-0"
Third Floor - Proposed

BATHROOM
OWNER'S BEDROOM
MECHANICAL
STORAGE
STAIRS
CLOSET
CLOSET

SCALE: 1/8" = 1'-0"
Roof - Existing

SCALE: 1/8" = 1'-0"
Rear Elevations

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First Floor ±0"
Second Floor +10'-2 1/4"
Third Floor +19'-1"

SCALE: 1/8" = 1'-0"

Rear Elevation - Existing

First Floor ±0"
Second Floor +10'-2 1/4"
Third Floor +19'-1"

SCALE: 1/8" = 1'-0"

Rear Elevation - Proposed