Address:	3804 Bradley Ln., Chevy Chase	Meeting Date:	9/9/2020
Resource:	Contributing Resource Chevy Chase Village Historic District	Report Date:	9/2/2020
Applicants	Rohit Rao (Anthony Colella, Agent)	Public Notice:	8/26/2020
Applicant:		Tax Credit:	No
Review:	HAWP	Staff:	Michael Kyne
Case Number:	35/13-20Z		
PROPOSAL:	New fence and retaining wall		

## MONTGOMERY COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

## **STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the HPC **<u>approve</u>** the HAWP application.

## **ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:**

SIGNIFICANCE:Contributing Resource within the Chevy Chase Village Historic DistrictSTYLE:CraftsmanDATE:1892-1916



Fig. 1: Subject property.

## **PROPOSAL:**

The applicant proposes to extend an existing solid board wooden fence at the west property line and a timber retaining wall at the east property line.

### **APPLICABLE GUIDELINES:**

When reviewing alterations and new construction within the Chevy Chase Village 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 *Chevy Chase Village Historic District (Guidelines), 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.

#### Chevy Chase Village Historic District Guidelines

The guidelines break down specific projects into three levels of review – Lenient, Moderate and Strict Scrutiny.

"Lenient Scrutiny" means that the emphasis of the review should be on issues of general massing and scale, and compatibility with the surrounding streetscape, and should allow for a very liberal interpretation of preservation rules. Most changes should be permitted unless there are major problems with massing, scale and compatibility.

"Moderate Scrutiny" involves a higher standard of review than "lenient scrutiny." Besides issues of massing, scale and compatibility, preserving the integrity of the resource is taken into account. Alterations should be designed so that the altered structure still contributes to the district. Use of compatible new materials, rather than the original building materials, should be permitted. Planned changes should be compatible with the structure's existing design, but should not be required to replicate its architectural style.

"Strict Scrutiny" means that the planned changes should be reviewed to insure that the integrity of the significant exterior architectural or landscaping features and details is not compromised. However, strict scrutiny should not be "strict in theory but fatal in fact" i.e. it does not mean that there can be no changes but simply that the proposed changes should be reviewed with extra care.

The Guidelines state three basic policies that should be adhered to, including:

Preserving the integrity of the contributing structures in the district. Alterations to contributing structures should be designed in such a way that the altered structure still contributes to the district.

Design review emphasis should be restricted to changes that will be visible from the front or side public right-of-way, or that would be visible in the absence of vegetation or landscaping.

Alterations to the portion of a property that are not visible from the public right-of-way should be subject to very lenient review. Most changes to rear of the properties should be approved as a matter of course.

The Guidelines that pertain to this project are as follows:

<u>Fences</u> should be subject to strict scrutiny if they detract significantly from the existing open streetscape. Otherwise, fences should be subject to moderate scrutiny if they are visible from the public right-of-way, lenient scrutiny if they are not.

## 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 ensure 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.)

## 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, spaces, 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 proportion, and massing to protect the integrity of the property and its environment.

#10: New additions and adjacent or related new construction shall 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 subject property is a c. 1892-1916 Craftsman-style Contributing Resource within the Chevy Chase Village Historic District. The applicant proposes the following work items at the subject property:

- Extend an existing solid board fence at the west (right, as viewed from the front) property line.
  - The fence will be extended 25'-3 1/16'' toward the front of the property.
  - The fence extension will be a minimum of 5' high and a maximum of 6' high, depending on grade.
  - Replace in-kind and extend an existing timber retaining wall at the east (left) property line.
    - The retaining wall will be extended toward the rear.
    - The retaining wall will have a maximum height of 20"

Although the proposed fence will be greater than 4' high forward of the rear plane of the historic house, the house has a moderate setback from the street, and the fence is entirely at the side property line. Therefore, staff finds that the fence will not detract from the open streetscape, and, in accordance with the *Guidelines*, should be reviewed with moderate scrutiny. Applying moderate scrutiny, staff finds the fence compatible with the subject property and surrounding historic district.

Staff supports the applicant's proposal, finding that it will not remove or alter character defining features of the subject property, in accordance with *Standards #2* and *#9*. In accordance with *Standard #10*, the alterations can be removed in the future without impairing the essential form and integrity of the historic property and its environment.

After full and fair consideration of the applicant's submission staff finds the proposal, as revised, 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, #9, and #10*, and *Chevy Chase Village Historic District Guidelines* outlined above.

## **STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the Commission **approve** the HAWP application only for alterations to the main house under the Criteria for Issuance in Chapter 24A-8(b)(1), (2), and (d), having found that the proposal is consistent with the *Chevy Chase Village 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, 9, and 10;

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 <u>contact the staff person</u> assigned to this application at 301-563-3400 or michael.kyne@montgomeryplanning.org to schedule a follow-up site visit.

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APPLICANT:					
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Daytime Phone: 202-337-7500	E-mail: phil@cas-dc.com City: Chevy Chase Zip: 20815 Tax Account No.: 07-02104451				
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Daytime Phone: 240-418-3204	Contractor Registration No.:				
LOCATION OF BUILDING/PREMISE: MIHP # of Histori	c Property				
Is the Property Located within an Historic District?					
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: <u>3804</u> Street: Bra	dley Lane				
Town/City: Chevy Chase Nearest Cross	s Street: Connecticut Avenue				
Lot: <u>35</u> Block: <u>61</u> Subdivision:	Chevy Chase SEction 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 Deck/Porch	Solar Solar				
☐ Addition ✓ Fence   ☐ Demolition ☐ Hardscape/Lands	cape Window/Door				
Grading/Excavation Roof	✓ Other: landscape timber curb wall				
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.					

Description of Property: Please describe the building and surrounding environment. Include information on significant structures, landscape features, or other significant features of the property:

detached single-family home built circa 1913

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

Extension of existing fencing. Replacement in-kind, and extension of, existing landscaped timber curb wall,



DEPARTMENT OF PERMITTING SERVICES

Mitra Pedoeem Director

#### Marc Elrich County Executive

# HISTORIC AREA WORK PERMIT APPLICATION

Application Date: 8/18/2020

Application No: 923926 AP Type: HISTORIC Customer No: 1382819

## Affidavit Acknowledgement

The Homeowner is the Primary applicant This application does not violate any covenants and deed restrictions

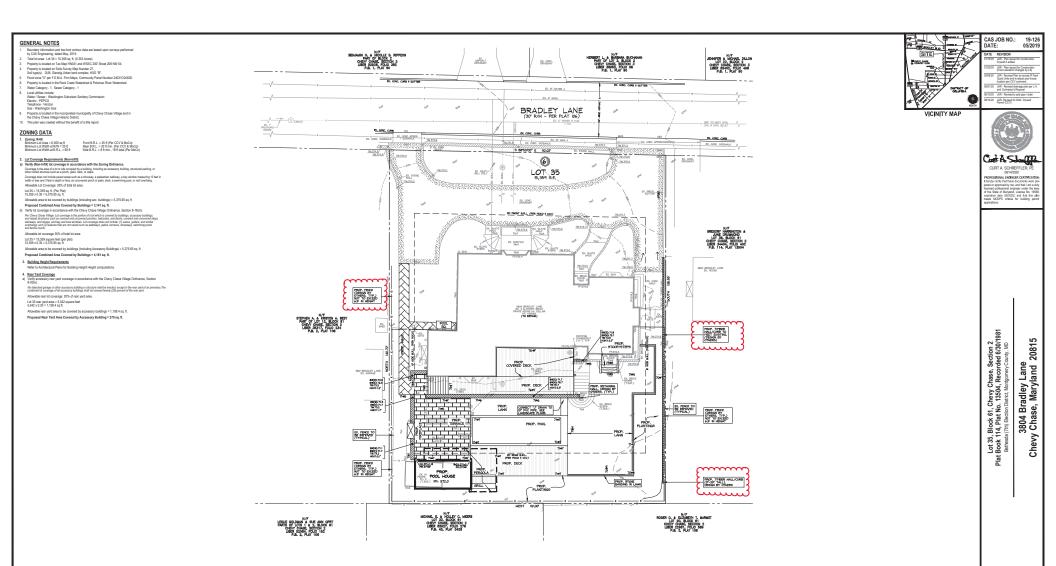
## **Primary Applicant Information**

Address3804 BRADLEY LN<br/>CHEVY CHASE, MD 20815HomeownerWodlinger (Primary)OthercontactCAS ENGINEERING

## Historic Area Work Permit Details

Work TypeCONSTScope of WorkExtension of existing fencing. Replacement in-kind, and extension of, existing landscaped timber curb wall,

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#### 3804 Bradley Lane Lot 35, Block 61 Chevy Chase, Section 2 - Chevy Chase Village -Building Permit Site Plan FOR CONSTRUCTION

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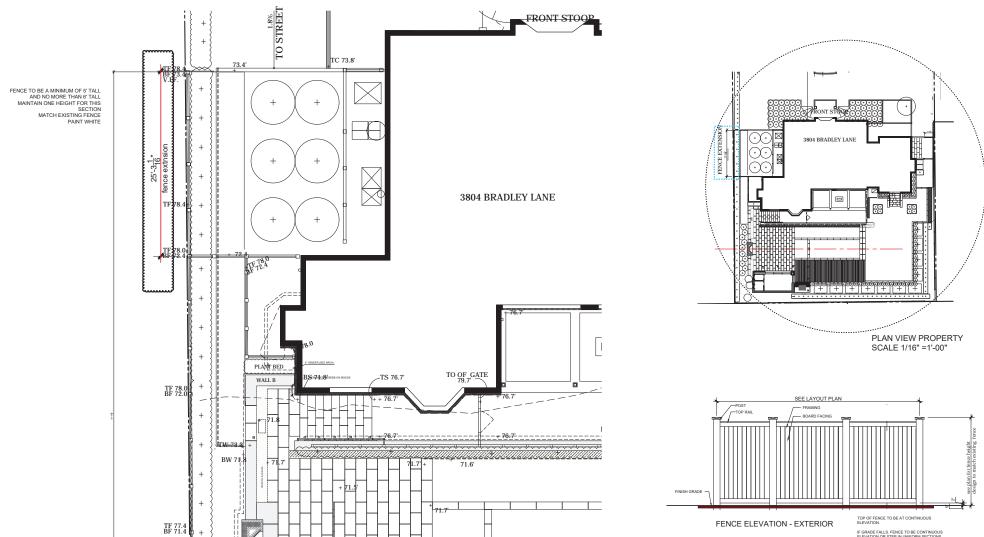
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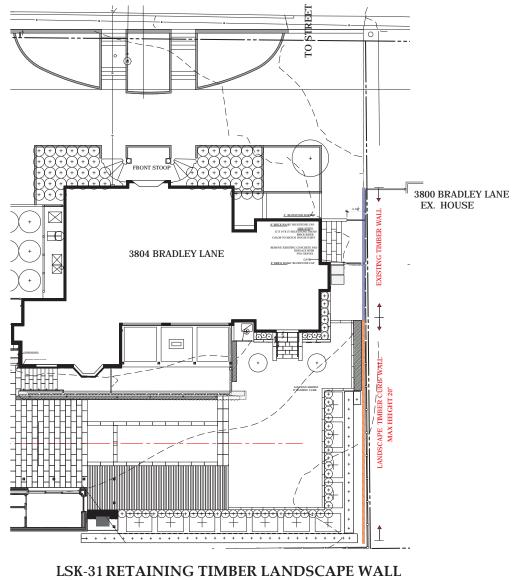


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