EXPEDITED MONTGOMERY COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

Address: 2801 Barker Street, Silver Spring Meeting Date: 10/14/2020

Resource: 1870 - 1916 Resource **Report Date:** 10/7/2020

Capitol View Park Historic District

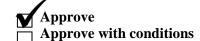
Applicant: Emily Volz **Public Notice:** 9/30/2020

Review: HAWP **Tax Credit:** n/a

Case Number: 31/07-20N Staff: Dan Bruechert

PROPOSAL: Hardscape alteration

STAFF RECOMMENDATION



ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

SIGNIFICANCE: 1870 - 1916 Resource within the Capitol View Park Historic District

STYLE: Eclectic

DATE: c. 1895 with several historic and non-historic additions.



Figure 1: 2801 Barker St. is the eastern boundary of the Capitol View Park Historic District.

PROPOSAL

The applicant proposes constructing two stone piers at the entrance of their driveway. The piers will be $20" \times 20" \times 40"$ (twenty inches by twenty inches by forty inches tall) and will have bluestone caps. The address and property owners' names will be affixed to the street-facing elevation of the piers.

Staff finds that this element will not have a significant impact on the visual character of the site or the surrounding district and is easily reversible.

APPLICABLE GUIDELINES

Policy On Use of Expedited Staff Reports for Simple HAWP Cases

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

- 2. Modifications to a property, which do not significantly alter its visual character.
- 11. Construction or replacement of walkways, parking areas, patios, driveways or other paved areas that are not readily visible from a public right-of-way and/or are compatible in material, location, and design with the visual character of the historic site or district.

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
- (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. 94, § 1; Ord. No. 11-59.*)

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." The relevant *Standards* are as follows:

- 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 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 RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Commission <u>approve</u> the HAWP application under the Criteria for Issuance in Chapter 24A-8(b)(1), (2), and (d), having found that the proposal 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 contact the staff person assigned to this application at 301-563-3400 or dan.bruechert@montgomeryplanning.org to schedule a follow-up site visit.



APPLICATION FOR DATE ASSIGNED. HISTORIC AREA WORK PERMIT

FOR STAFF ONLY:

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION 301.563.3400

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Name: Harry and Emily Volz	E-mail: 20910		
Address: 2801 Barker St.	City: Silver Spring zip: 20910		
Daytime Phone: 301-588-9593	Tax Account No.:		
AGENT/CONTACT (if applicable):			
Name:	E-mail:		
Address:	City: Zip:		
Daytime Phone:	Contractor Registration No.:		
LOCATION OF BUILDING/PREMISE: MIHP # of Hist	oric Property		
LOCATION OF BOTTOM TO SEE THE COMMENT OF THE COMMEN	Yes/District Name No/Individual Site Name		
Is the Property Located within an Historic District? Is there an Historic Preservation/Land Trust/Environ	No/Individual Site Name		
Is there an Historic Preservation/Land Trust/Environmap of the easement, and documentation from the Are other Planning and/or Hearing Examiner Approv (Conditional Use, Variance, Record Plat, etc.?) If YES supplemental information.	als /Reviews Required as part of this Application?		
Building Number: Street:			
Town/City: Nearest C	cross Street:		
Lot: Block: Subdivision			
TYPE OF WORK PROPOSED: See the checklist of for proposed work are submitted with this approposed for review. Check all that apply: New Construction Deck/Porch Addition Fence Demolition Hardscape/Lag Grading/Excavation Roof I hereby certify that I have the authority to make the and accurate and that the construction will comply agencies and hereby acknowledge and accept this	Shed/Garage/Accessory Structure Solar Tree removal/planting Window/Door Other: Two (2) stone piers he foregoing application, that the application is correctly with plans reviewed and approved by all necessary to be a condition for the issuance of this permit. Sept. 22, 2020		
Circulation of owner or authorized agen	nt Date		

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

This property is historically significant mostly for it's enormous, ancient deciduous trees, at least one of which is believed to date back to the Civil War era. Many trees are visible from our property entrance, from Barker Street, on the South end. The house on the property is not visible from the street, being set back almost 200 feet. There is a Conservation Zone on the North side of the property that runs from East to West, and does not overlap the street entry at any point. None of the trees on the property will be affected by the addition of stone piers at the street entrance.

The property is adjacent to Oakview Rehab and Nursing facility along the largest part of our South property line. The two entries abut each other at the corner of Leafy Ave and Barker Street, but have poor signage, largely because the nursing home is not allowed to have their main sign at the top of their driveway. Thus, delivery trucks, ambulances and other visitors often come into, or all the way down, our driveway, thinking it's the nursing home.

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

We want to build the two (2) Verona Bluestone piers to visually identify our property so as to distinguish it from the nursing home property. The piers will be set behind the driveway apron such that they will be located at least 5'-0" from the Oakview Rehab and Nursing property line.

At the location of the piers there are no large trees or roots of any such that will interfere with the foundations. The stone piers will be $20" \times 20" \times 40"$ each, and each will stand upon a $20" \times 20" \times 12"$ concrete foundation. Each will be lit on the underside of the $24" \times 24" \times 3"$ Verona Bluestone Caps. Our name and street number will be affixed to the street face of the piers, so as to clearly differentiate our property from that of the nursing home.

Work Item 1: Stone Piers	•				
Description of Current Condition: Undifferentiate d driveway entrance	Proposed Work:Build two identifying stone piers, as described above.				
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Work Item 3:	_				
Description of Current Condition:	Proposed Work:				

HISTORIC AREA WORK PERMIT CHECKLIST OF APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Proposed Work	Required Attachments I. Written Description	2. Site Plan	3. Plans/ Elevations	4. Material Specifications As described	5. Photographs	6. Tree Survey	7. Property Owner Addresses
New Construction	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Additions/ Alterations	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Demolition	*	*	*		*		*
Deck/Porch	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Fence/Wall	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Driveway/ Parking Area	*	*	0 ** 2.20	*	*	*	*
Grading/Exc avation/Land scaing	*	*		*	*	*	*
Tree Removal	*	*		*	*	*	*
Siding/ Roof Changes	*	*	*	*	*	,	*
Window/ Door Changes	*	*	*	*	*		*
Masonry Repair/ Repoint	*	*	*	*	*		*
Signs	*	*	*	*	*		*



DEPARTMENT OF PERMITTING SERVICES

Marc Elrich County Executive Mitra Pedoeem Director

HISTORIC AREA WORK PERMIT APPLICATION

Application Date: 9/22/2020

Application No:

927550

AP Type: HISTORIC

Customer No: 1386069

Comments

Two (2) 20"x20" x 40" Verona Bluestone piers with low voltage LED lighting under 24"x 24" stone pier caps, set on 20" x 20" x 12" concrete foundation. Name and street number on posts to differentiate us from Oakview Nursing and Rehab, and redirect ambulances, delivery trucks, and visitors.

Affidavit Acknowledgement

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

Primary Applicant Information

Location

2801 BARKER ST 2801 Barker Stre Silver Spring, MD 20910-1002

Homeowner

Volz

Homeowner

Volz (Primary)

Historic Area Work Permit Details

Work Type

Scope of Work Two stone piers flanking driveway, set inside property line.

