MONTGOMERY COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
STAFF REPORT

Address: 21 Quincy Street, Chevy Chase
Meeting Date: 10/28/2020

Resource: Contributing Resource
Chevy Chase Village Historic District
Report Date: 10/21/2020

Applicant: Andrew and Jennifer Tulumello
(Wouter Boer, Architect)
Public Notice: 10/14/2020

Review: HAWP
Staff: Dan Bruechert
Tax Credit: N/A

Case Number: 35/13-20U (REVISION)

PROPOSAL: Rear porch revision and rear alteration

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the HPC approve the HAWP application.

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

SIGNIFICANCE: Contributing Resource within the Chevy Chase Village Historic District
STYLE: Craftsman
DATE: 1916

Fig. 1: 21 Quincy St. is building on the left side of a double lot.
BACKGROUND

The applicant presented a preliminary consultation at the May 25, 2020 HPC meeting for a variation of the same proposal. The HPC found that the massing, size, and architectural details of the proposed addition were compatible with the historic resource and surrounding area. Several Commissioners found that extending the new porch in a matching form was incompatible with the Standards and that the proposed side-loading stairs created a new feature that was too replicative of the front entrance and was so prominent that it detracted from the front stairs. Additionally, there was a split amongst the Commissioners regarding the placement of the eastern wall of the addition. Several Commissioners objected to the fact that the eastern wall projects beyond the historic wall plane, while others cited the transparency, distance from the public right-of-way, and that this wall would be obscured by the porch massing.

On June 24, 2020, the HPC approved a HAWP for a proposal that reflected the HPC’s recommendations from the Preliminary Consultation.

PROPOSAL

The applicant proposes to screen-in a portion of the rear porch and construct a flat roof above.

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 or 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.

- **Decks** should be subject to moderate scrutiny if they are visible from the public right-of-way, lenient scrutiny if they are not.
- **Porches** should be subject to moderate scrutiny if they are visible from the public right-of-way, lenient scrutiny if they are not. Enclosures of existing side and rear porches have occurred throughout the Village with little or no adverse impact on its character, and they should be permitted where compatibly designed.
- **Roofing materials** should be subject to moderate scrutiny if they are visible from the public right-of-way, lenient scrutiny if they are not. In general, materials differing from the original should be approved for contributing resources. These guidelines recognize that for outstanding resources replacement in kind is always advocated.

- The **Guidelines** state five basic policies that should be adhered to, including:
  - Preserving the integrity of the Chevy Chase Village Historic District. Any alterations should, at a minimum, perpetuate the ability to perceive the sense of time and place portrayed by the district.
  - Preserving the integrity of contributing structures. Alterations to should be designed in such a way that the altered structure still contributes to the district.
  - Maintaining the variety of architectural styles and the tradition of architectural excellence.
  - 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 a very lenient review. Most changes to the rear of the properties should be approved as a matter of course.

**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

(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.

**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 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 approved HAWP included an extension of the existing wrap-around porch and the construction of a deck at the rear. The applicant proposes to screen in a portion of the previously approved deck at the rear. The roof will be supported by wood columns that match the appearance of the approved columns for the porch extension. The framing supports for the screen will be wood and the doors will be a simply detailed wood door.

Staff finds that the proposed change will not be at all visible from the public right-of-way. Additionally, this proposal will add to new construction, so it will not impact the historic fabric of the house. Staff finds the design of the porch to be compatible with the approved HAWP and historic design of the house. Staff recommends the HPC approve the HAWP under 24A-8(b)(1), (2), and (d); and the Design Guidelines.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Commission approve the HAWP application; under the Criteria for Issuance in Chapter 24A-8(b)(1),(2) and (d) having found that the proposal, is consistent with and compatible in character with the purposes of Chapter 24A; the Chevy Chase Village Historic District Design Guidelines;

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 HISTORIC AREA WORK PERMIT

Contact Email: WouterBoer@JonesBroer.com Contact Person: Wouter Boer

Tax Account No.: 

Name of Property Owner: Andrew & Jennifer Tulmelle

Address: 21 Quincy Street Chevy Chase Village

Corrector: Pultzinger Inc.

Contractor Registration No.: 

Agent for Owner: Wouter Boer

LOCATION OF BUILDING/PREMISE

House Number: 21

Street: Quincy Street

Town/City: Chevy Chase Village

Nearest Cross Street: Brookville Rd

Lot: 

Block: 

Subdivision: 

Parcel: 

PART ONE: TYPE OF PERMIT AND USE

1A. CHECK ALL APPLICABLE:

☐ Construct ☐ Alter/Revolve ☐ A/C ☐ Studio ☐ Room Addition ☐ Porch ☐ Dock ☐ Shed

☐ Move ☐ Install ☐ Roof/Truss ☐ Solar ☐ Fireplace ☐ Wood Burning Stove ☐ Single Family

☐ Revision ☐ Repair ☐ Revocable ☐ Fence/Wall (complete Section 4) ☐ Other: 

1B. Construction cost estimate: $5 million

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

PART TWO: COMPLETE FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION AND EXTENSIONS

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: 32 feet 10 inches

3B. Indicate whether the fence or retaining wall is to be constructed on one of the following locations:

☐ On property line/property line ☐ Entirely on land of owner ☐ On public right of way/lease

I hereby certify 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 hereby acknowledge and accept this to be a condition for the issuance of this permit.

[Signature] 5/11/2020

Signature of owner or authorized agent

Approved: 

Disapproved: 

For Chairperson, Historic Preservation Commission

Date:

Application/Permit No.: 

Date Filed:

Date Issued:

SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR INSTRUCTIONS

Edit 5/21/99
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:

   Existing: Ca 1920's wood framed 2 1/2 story house w/porch w/ a Ca 1920's addition on the rear and side. House is sited on large double lot. Some landscape features including raised beds, terraced and stone patio in rear.

   b. General description of project and its effect on the historic resource(s), the environmental setting, and, where applicable, the historic district:

   Remove existing 1920's addition. 1920's slate terrace & wood deck. Replace with new 2 story wood frame addition - materials (cladding, roof, porch) to match existing Ca 1920's house. The addition on 1st floor is articulated as a glassed bay under a porch. New side porch has a flat roof to differentiate from the existing porch with roof.

2. SITE PLAN
   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 8.5" x 11" paper 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 resource(s) and the proposed work.
   b. Elevations (façades), with marked dimensions, clearly indicating proposed work in relation to existing construction and, where appropriate, context. All materials and fixtures proposed for the exterior must be noted on the elevations drawings. An existing and a proposed elevation drawing of each façade 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 design drawings.

5. PHOTOGRAPHS
   a. Clearly labeled photographic prints of each façade of existing resource, including details of the affected portions. All labels should be placed on the front of photographs.
   b. Clearly label 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 dripline 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 CONFRONTING PROPERTY OWNERS
   For all projects, provide an accurate list of adjacent and confronting 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 lots or parcels which lie directly across the street/highway from the parcel in question.

PLEASE PRINT IN BLUE OR BLACK INK OR TYPE THIS INFORMATION ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE.
PLEASE STAY WITHIN THE GUIDES OF THE TEMPLATE, AS THIS WILL BE PHOTOCOPIED DIRECTLY ONTO MAILING LABELS.
# HAWP APPLICATION: MAILING ADDRESSES FOR NOTIFYING

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

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Owner’s mailing address</th>
<th>Owner’s Agent’s mailing address</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Andrew &amp; Jennifer Tulmello</td>
<td>Jones &amp; Boer Architects</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1463 Kirby Road</td>
<td>1739 Connecticut Ave</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>McLean, VA 22101</td>
<td>Washington D.C. 20009</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Adjacent and confronting Property Owners mailing addresses</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>
| 14 Quincy Street  
Chevy Chase         | 25 Quincy Street  
Chevy Chase        |
| 24 Quincy Street  
Chevy Chase         | 26 Quincy Street  
Chevy Chase        |