## EXPEDITED MONTGOMERY COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

Address: 7303 Willow Avenue, Takoma Park Meeting Date: 2/10/2021

**Resource:** Contributing Resource **Report Date:** 2/3/2021

(Takoma Park Historic District)

**Public Notice:** 1/27//2021

**Applicant:** Maria Kreiser

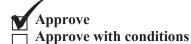
Tax Credit: No

Review: HAWP
Staff: Michael Kyne

Permit Number: 938205

PROPOSAL: Fence

#### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**



#### **ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:**

SIGNIFICANCE: Contributing Resource within the Chevy Chase Village Historic District

STYLE: Bungalow DATE: c. 1910s



Fig. 1: Subject property.

#### **PROPOSAL:**

The applicant proposes to install a 6' high wooden board-on-board fence at the southeast (rear/right, as viewed from the public right-of-way of Willow Avenue) side of the subject property. The proposed fence will be parallel to Willow Avenue, connecting an existing fence at the south (right) side of the property to southeast (rear/right) corner of the historic house.

#### **APPLICABLE GUIDELINES:**

- IV. 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
  - (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 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 *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 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 RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the Commission <u>approve</u> the HAWP application under the Criteria for Issuance in Chapter 24A-8(b), (1), (2) & (d) having found that the proposal is consistent with the *Takoma Park Historic District Guidelines*, 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.





### **APPLICATION FOR** HISTORIC AREA WORK PERMIT HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION 301.563.3400

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AGENT/CONTACT (if applicable):					
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LOCATION OF BUILDING/PREMISE: N	/IIHP # of Historic Property_				
Is the Property Located within an Historic Is there an Historic Preservation/Land map of the easement, and documentat Are other Planning and/or Hearing Examplemental Use, Variance, Record Plat supplemental information.	No/Individua Trust/Environmental Easem tion from the Easement Holo miner Approvals /Reviews R , etc.?) If YES, include inforn	al Site Name nent on the Property? If YES, include der supporting this application. Required as part of this Application?			
Building Number:	Street:		_		
Town/City:	Nearest Cross Street:				
Lot: Block:	Subdivision: Par	rcel:			
Addition	ith this application. Income at apply: eck/Porch ence ardscape/Landscape oof cy to make the foregoing application.	mplete Applications will not Shed/Garage/Accessory Structu Solar Tree removal/planting Window/Door Other: plication, that the application is corriewed and approved by all necessary	rec		

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

Residential home is a 1923 bungalow with wide front porch, front yard shrubbery/gardens, narrow walkways from front yard to backyard, and a back porch and deck.

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

Neighboring property owners (7301 Willow) are in the process of planning for a wooden fence for their entire back property; this will include a fence running along the property line of the backyards intersecting 7303 and 7301 Willow, as well as approx 10 linear feet of fence section (and gate/door) for the small portion of our property running from our house perpendicular to the property line. The additional 10 linear feet of fencing would face the street but would be situated towards the back of the house. Fence will likely be constructed by Potomac Fence as a 6' high 1 x 4 Cedar Wyngate Style Fence.

There is currently a short (and old) wooden fence and gate running from our home to the property line, facing the street. The new fencing perpendicular to the side property line would replace this one.

Work Item 1:	
Description of Current Condition:	Proposed Work:
Work Item 2:	
Description of Current Condition:	Proposed Work:
Work Item 3:	
Description of Current Condition:	Proposed Work:

# HISTORIC AREA WORK PERMIT CHECKLIST OF APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

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

