MONTGOMERY COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
STAFF REPORT

Address: 4808 Cumberland Avenue, Chevy Chase  Meeting Date: 4/28/2021
(Somerset Historic District)  Public Notice: 4/14/2021
Applicant: Alan Kaplan and Erica Cohen  Tax Credit: N/A
Review: HAWP  Staff: Michael Kyne

Permit Number: 948147

PROPOSAL: Alterations to the rear elevation

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:
Staff recommends that the HPC approve the HAWP application.

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:
SIGNIFICANCE: Secondary (Post-1915) Resource within the Somerset District
DATE: c. 1983

Fig. 1: Subject property.
PROPOSAL:

The applicants propose alterations at the rear of the subject property.

APPLICABLE GUIDELINES:

When reviewing alterations and new construction within the Somerset Historic District several documents are to be utilized as guidelines to assist the Commission in developing their decision. These documents include 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.

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 the 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.” Standards 2, 9, and 10 most directly apply to the application before the commission:

#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 shall not destroy historic materials that characterize the property. The new work shall be differentiated from the old and shall be compatible with the massing, size, scale, and architectural features to protect the historic 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 applicants propose the following alterations at the rear (south side) of the subject property:

- Enclose the existing screened porch.
  - The enclosure will consist of MDO siding and trim to match the existing and aluminum-clad glazing in place of the existing screening.
  - The existing standing seam metal roof will remain.
- Remove an existing deck and spiral staircase to grade at the rear/right (southwest), as viewed from the public right-of-way of Cumberland Avenue.
- Construct a new powder coated steel, front loaded staircase to grade in place of the existing deck and spiral staircase at the rear/right (southwest).
  - The staircase will have a cable railing.
- Construct a new screened porch at the rear/left (southeast).
  - The screened porch will consist of square columns, a 36” high guardrail, Azek wrapped framing and trim, a screened panel system, and a standing seam metal roof to match the existing.
  - There will be rear loaded steps to grade constructed from stained pressure treated wood at the left (east) side of the proposed new screened porch. The steps will have a cable railing.
  - There will be two (2) fixed skylights on the roof.
- Extend the brick patio at the rear/right (southwest) and add a grill area.

Staff fully supports the applicants’ proposal. The proposed alterations are all at the rear, where they will be negligibly visible from the public right-of-way of Cumberland Avenue, at best. The proposal will not remove or alter character-defining features of the subject property or surrounding streetscape, in accordance with Standards #2 and #9. In accordance with Standard #10, the proposed alterations can be removed in the future without impairing the essential form and integrity of the historic property and its environment. Staff finds the proposed materials appropriate and compatible with the existing materials.

After full and fair consideration of the applicant’s submission staff finds the proposal as being consistent
with the Criteria for Issuance in Chapter 24A-(b) 1 and 2, and (d), having found the proposal is consistent with the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation #2, #9, and #10 outlined above.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the Commission approve the HAWP application under the Criteria for Issuance in Chapter 24A-8(b), having found that the proposal will not substantially impact the historic resource(s) 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 an electronic set 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 michael.kyne@montgomeryplanning.org to schedule a follow-up site visit.
APPLICATION FOR
HISTORIC AREA WORK PERMIT
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
301.563.3400

APPLICANT:

Name: Alan Kaplan & Erica Cohen
Address: 4808 Cumberland Avenue
Daytime Phone: 301.715.7277

E-mail: info@mcdstudio.com
City: Chevy Chase
Zip: 20815

Tax Account No.: ________________

AGENT/CONTACT (if applicable):

Name: MCDStudio LLC cc: Matt McDonald
Address: 4948 St. Elmo Ave, Suite 300
Daytime Phone: 301-215-7277

E-mail: matt@mcdstudio.com
City: Bethesda
Zip: 20814

Contractor Registration No.: ________________

LOCATION OF BUILDING/PREMISE: MIHP # of Historic Property

Is the Property Located within an Historic District? X Yes/District Name Somerset 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: 4808 Street: Cumberland Avenue
Town/City: Chevy Chase Nearest Cross Street: Surrey Street

Lot: 31 Block: 2 Subdivision: 0044 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 X Deck/Porch
☐ Addition ☐ Fence
☐ Demolition ☐ Hardscape/Landscape
☐ Grading/Excavation ☐ 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 ________________

FOR STAFF ONLY:
HAWP# 948147
DATE ASSIGNED ________________
## HAWP APPLICATION: MAILING ADDRESSES FOR NOTIFYING
[Owner, Owner’s Agent, Adjacent and Confronting Property Owners]

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| MARK DONNELLY & ILONA COHEN                             | JEFFREY AND JENNIFER MASCOTT                        |
| 5818 SURREY STREET                                       | 5820 SURREY STREET                                  |
| CHEVY CHASE, MD 20815                                    | CHEVY CHASE, MD 20815                               |
Description of Property: Please describe the building and surrounding environment. Include information on significant structures, landscape features, or other significant features of the property:

The site, located at 4808 Cumberland Avenue, was built c1983 in the Somerset Historic District. Somerset was developed in 1890 as one of the first streetcar neighborhoods in Montgomery County. The neighborhood was originally developed along the trolley line (Rockville Electric trolley) and Wisconsin Avenue. There are at least four major periods of development in the Somerset Historic District. The first three phases include Victorian and Queen Anne, Bungalows/Craftsman and then brick and frame Colonial Revival houses. The last phase from 1940 to present, which is the phase this house was constructed, has had many different styles from modern to Neo-Colonial. The residence is a 2 story with walk-out basement Colonial with Queen Anne details at the frieze board and porch. There is no noted architect listed with the original structure. A screened porch, kitchen extension and decks were added at a later time. Due to the location of the main house on the site, the Front Façade is the most visible from the Cumberland Avenue. There are neighboring properties and trees that obscure the majority of the view of the property from Cumberland Avenue.

The site is slopes from Cumberland Avenue to front entrance and then continues to slope to the rear facade and walk-out basement. There is heavy vegetation on the East, West and South property lines.

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

The proposed project will enclose the existing screened porch at the rear facade, remove a portion of the rear deck, construct a new screened porch at the location of the existing rear deck that remains, extend the lower level patio at the rear, construct an outdoor grill area and provide staircases down from the new screened porch and the family room to the lower level existing patio. The area of work will not be visible from Cumberland Avenue.

At the Rear/Left side of the house we are proposing a single story screened porch with a low slope roof to limit the visual impact to the existing screen porch two tiered gabled roof at the rear facade. There will be a staircase down from the porch to the existing driveway. The existing screened porch will be enclosed to create a breakfast area. Similar height and width glazing will replace the existing screened panels. Trim and paint colors will match existing. The existing metal roof will remain, no changes.

At the Rear/Right side of the house the existing deck and spiral staircase will be removed and replaced with a metal staircase to connect the family room exterior door down to the expanded patio area where an outdoor grill area will be created.
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Material specifications will be refined after this preliminary review. Tree survey will be provided when project footprint and hardscape has been determined for Final HWAP.
Existing Property Condition Photographs (duplicate as needed)

Detail: FRONT OF HOUSE - PROPOSED SCREENED PORCH AND ADDITION AT EXISTING SCREENED PORCH WILL NOT BE VISIBLE FROM CUMBERLAND AVENUE

Detail: FRONT/LEFT OF HOUSE - PROPOSED SCREENED PORCH AND ADDITION AT EXISTING SCREENED PORCH WILL NOT BE VISIBLE. IT WILL BE OBSCURED BY EXISTING VEGETATION
Detail: FRONT/RIGHT OF HOUSE - PROPOSED SCREENED PORCH AND ADDITION AT EXISTING SCREENED PORCH WILL NOT BE VISIBLE FROM CUMBERLAND AVENUE. IT WILL BE OBSCURED BY EXISTING VEGETATION

Detail: REAR/RIGHT SIDE OF HOUSE. EXISTING DECK WILL BE REMOVED AND REPLACED WITH METAL STAIR DOWN TO LOWER LEVEL PATIO. EXISTING LOWER PATIO TO BE EXTENDED TOWARD WESTERN PROPERTY LINE TO INCLUDE GRILL AREA
Detail: REAR/LEFT OF HOUSE - EXISTING SCREENED PORCH WILL BE ENCLOSED. EXISTING METAL ROOF TO REMAIN. PROPOSED SCREENED PORCH AT LOCATION OF EXISTING DECK
EXISTING SCREENED PORCH TO BE ENCLOSED
EXISTING PENTAL ROOF TO REMAIN

EXISTING SPIRAL STAIRCASE BEYOND TO BE REMOVED
EXISTING RAILING TO BE REMOVED, DECK TO REMAIN

EXISTING HOUSE AND ROOF TO REMAIN, NO CHANGES.
HOUSE IS PAINED SIDING AND UPRAINTED BRICK AT LOWER LEVEL. ROOF IS ASPHALT SHINGLES

1: Existing Left Elevation
1/8" = 1'-0"

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HAWP - Existing Elevation
Kaplan Residence

Scale: 1/8" = 1'-0"
Drawing Issue Date: 04-06-2022
EXISTING HOUSE AND ROOF TO REMAIN. NO CHANGES. HOUSE IS PAINTED SIDING AND UNPAINTED BRICK AT LOWER LEVEL. ROOF IS ASPHALT SHINGLES.

EXISTING SCREENED PORCH TO BE ENCLOSED. EXISTING METAL ROOF TO REMAIN.

EXISTING FAILING TO BE REMOVED, DECK TO REMAIN.

EXISTING SPIRAL STAIRCASE AND DECK TO BE REMOVED.

EXISTING REAR ELEVATION

1/8" = 1'-0"
Existing House and Roof to Repair. No changes. House is Painted siding and unpainted brick at lower level. Roof is asphalt shingles.

Existing Screened Porch to be enclosed. Existing metal roof to remain.

Existing Spiral Staircase and deck to be removed.

Existing Right Elevation
1/8" = 1'-0"
Sample text for the diagram.
Proposed Rear Elevation

1/8" = 1'-0"
**Panel Overview**

- Finishes: PVDF and Acrylic-Coated Galvalume®
- Corrosion Protection: AZ55 per ASTM A 792 for unpainted Galvalume®
  AZ50 per ASTM A 792 for painted Galvalume®
  G90 per ASTM A 653 for Galvanized
- Gauges: 24 ga standard; 22 ga optional
- 16” or 18” panel coverage; 2” rib height
- Panel Length: Minimum: 5’ for striated, 7’ for non-striated; Maximum: 45’ recommended
- Architectural, structural vertical rib standing seam roof system
- Integral mechanically seamed side lap with factory-applied sealant
- Minimum roof slope: \( \frac{1}{2}:12 \)
- Panels can be factory-notchted and punched
- Accommodates \( \frac{1}{2}'' \) to 6” blanket insulation

**Testing and Approvals**

- UL 2218 Impact Resistance - Class 4
- UL 790 Fire Resistance Rating - Class A, per building code
- UL 263 Fire Resistance Rating - per assembly
- ASTM E 1680 Air Leakage - 0.016 cfm/ft² at 12 psf*
- ASTM E 1646 Water Penetration - none at 12 psf*
- ASTM E 2140 Water Penetration, Static Head - none*
- ASTM E 1592 Structural Performance
- UL 580 Uplift Resistance - Class 90 Constructions: #506, #506A and #506B
- FM 4471 Roof Approval - Class 1-90, 1-105, 1-165
- Texas Windstorm - Evaluation RC-197
- 2020 FRC Approvals - FI 10999 5, FI 11560 6 and FI 11560 7
- Miami-Dade County, Florida NOAs - 18-0901.01 and 18-0901.02 expires 12/12/2023
- ICC Evaluation Report - ESR-2385
* with tube sealant at clip locations
MAGNA-LOC

ATTACHMENT DETAILS

Factory-Applied Sealant

Clip

Magna-Loc Panel

Before Seamming

Factory-Applied Sealant

Clip

Magna-Loc Panel

After Seamming

FLOATING CLIP

Clip

Base

1 1/4"

FASTENING INFORMATION

Clips

Clip spacing is based upon the design loads, the spanning capacity of the panels, the fasteners and the support members.

Clip tab is 0.034" and clip base is 0.000". Both conform to ASTM A 1008 or ASTM A 1011 and are coated with G90 per ASTM A 653. As an option, 410 stainless tabs are available.

Floating Clips can accommodate 1-1/2" of thermal movement each way.

Fasteners

Overdriven fasteners will cause panel distortions.

Fasteners should extend 1/2" or more past the inside face of the support material.

Clip Fasteners:

- Attaching to Wood:
  #12-11 x 1 1/2" Wood Screw

- Attaching to Steel:
  <18 ga.: 1/4"-14 Deck Screw
  >=18 ga.: <=12 ga.: 1/4"-14 Driller, No Washer
  >12 ga.: 1/4"-24 Driller, No Washer

Exposed End Fasteners:

- At Eave Plate or Rack-Up Channel:
  #12-14 XL Driller

Concealed End Fasteners:

- At Eave Plate or Back-Up Channel:
  #12-14 Driller, No Washer

Trim Fasteners:

1/4"-14 x 7/8" XL Stitch Screw
1/8" x 3/16" Pop Rivet

SECTION PROPERTIES

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ALLOWABLE UNIFORM LOADS, psf

For various clip spacings

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1. Theoretical section properties have been calculated per AISI 2016 'North American Specification for the Design of Cold-Formed Steel Structural Members'. Ixx and Sxx are effective section properties for deflection and bending.
2. Allowable load is calculated in accordance with AISI 2016 specifications considering bending, shear, combined bending & shear and deflection. Allowable load does not address web crippling, fasteners, support material or load testing. Allowable load considers the three or more equal spans condition. Panel weight is not considered.
3. Deflection consideration is limited by a maximum deflection ratio of L/180 of span.
4. Allowable loads do not include a 1/3 stress increase for wind.

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Shipping

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Note: Custom size flashing kits and custom size blinds are not available.
Note: Some specialty glass options require longer lead times.

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