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## Historic Landmarks and Preservation Districts Commission

### Report to the Committee

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To: Cherokee Triangle Architectural Review Committee  
Thru: Cynthia Elmore, Historic Preservation Officer  
From: Bradley Fister, Historic Preservation Specialist  
Date: January 28, 2020

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**Case No:** 19-COA-0159  
**Classification:** Committee Review

#### GENERAL INFORMATION

**Property Address:** 1445 Willow Avenue

**Applicant:** Karen LaMontagne  
The Door Store & Windows  
4625 Shelbyville Rd.  
Louisville, KY 40207  
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**Owner:** Dr. Bradley Calobrace  
1445 Willow Ave.  
Louisville, KY 40204

**Estimated Project Cost:** \$9,000.00

#### Description of proposed exterior alteration:

The applicant requests approval to remove the existing wood door and sidelights in order to replace it with a new, painted, cherry grain fiberglass pre-hung door and sidelight unit. The new pre-hung door unit proposed will fit in the same opening as the existing door. The proposed sidelights will be slightly wider and without the raised panel at the bottom as shown in the image, but with a mail slot that is not shown.

## **Communications with Applicant, Completion of Application:**

The application was received on December 12, 2019. The application was classified as requiring Staff Review on December 16, 2019 and staff emailed applicant to advise them their application had been assigned to a case manager. Staff contacted the applicant via phone and email to request additional information to assist in their understanding of the project. On December 31, 2019 the applicant was notified the proposed project would require committee level review. The case is scheduled to be heard by the Cherokee Triangle Architectural Review Committee (ARC) on February 12th, 2019 at 4:30 pm, at 444 S. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Conference Room 101.

## **FINDINGS**

### **Guidelines**

The following design review guidelines, approved for the Cherokee Triangle Preservation District, are applicable to the proposed exterior alteration: **Doors**. The report of the Commission Staff's findings of fact and conclusions with respect to these guidelines is included in this report.

The following additional findings are incorporated in this report:

### **Site Context/ Background**

The site is located on the north corner of Willow Ave. and Eastern Parkway. The 1920 wood framed, two-and-a-half-story brick house has a hip roof and gables. The foundation is stone with a partial basement and crawl space. The property is zoned R5B within the Traditional Neighborhood Form District. Previous cases include a 1999 ARC case to remove an addition on the rear of the home and construct a new basement-level two-car garage with roof terrace as well as other alterations. Also a 2017 Staff Review COA for an awning.

### **Conclusions**

The existing door was changed at some point after June 12, 1999. These photos were included by the owners architect for a previous COA application. The sidelights however are original 1920 character-defining elements of the home. The existing sidelights are 100 years old and maintain their historic form, material, location, setting, and integrity. D1 states not to alter the character of entrances by either removing historic elements or through the addition of elements for which there is no historic precedent. Staff recommends that the existing character defining historic sidelights to stay in place.

Staff recommends to allow for the replacement of the door slab itself, on the basis it is not original to the home, it has been replaced in the last 21 years, and it is in disrepair. The proposed new door does meet the design guidelines for **Door**. D4 states that replacement doors shall duplicate the design, proportion, and arrangement of paneling and glazing of the original. The adjacent homes have a mix of door styles similar to the one proposed

by the applicant. The proposed door meets the architectural context of the neighborhood in location, size, massing, and scale and the materials are complimentary to those in the district.

### Recommendation

On the basis of the information furnished by the applicant, Staff recommends a Certificate of Appropriateness is **approved with the following conditions:**

- 1. The historic sidelights shall be retained and preserved.**
- 2. If the design or materials change for the replacement of the door, the applicant shall contact staff for review and approval.**

*The foregoing information is hereby incorporated in the Certificate of Appropriateness as approved and is binding upon the applicant, his successors, heirs or assigns. This Certificate does not relieve the applicant of responsibility for obtaining the necessary permits and approvals required by other governing agencies or authorities.*

  
Bradley Fister  
Historic Preservation Specialist

1.31.2020  
Date

## DOOR

### Design Guideline Checklist

- + Meets Guidelines
- Does Not Meet Guidelines
- +/- Meets Guidelines with Conditions as Noted
- NA Not Applicable
- NSI Not Sufficient Information

|    | Guideline  | Finding | Comment  |
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| D1 | Do not alter the character of entrances by either removing historic elements or through the addition of elements for which there is no historic precedent. | +/-     | The proposed replacement sidelights will take a significant character defining element away from the home as well as the district. |
| D2 | Photographically document architectural features that are slated for reconstruction prior to the removal of any historic fabric                            | +       | Photos on file of the previous door 1999 or older, the current door and the proposed door.   |

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| <b>D3</b>  | Use historical, pictorial, and physical documentation when undertaking the reconstruction of a missing entrance or porch feature. If there is not sufficient information to determine the original design, a new design should be prepared that is compatible with the architectural character of the building and the district. Conjectural or falsely-historical designs are not appropriate. | NA |   |
| <b>D4</b>  | Use only those replacement doors that duplicate the design, proportion, and arrangement of paneling and glazing of the original.  | +  | Proposed door itself is appropriate for the home, the period, and the district. |
| <b>D5</b>  | Do not replace historic double leaf doors with a single door.   | NA |   |
| <b>D6</b>  | Do not alter original openings to accommodate stock doors.  | NA |   |
| <b>D7</b>  | Install only screen doors or storm doors that are simple with a narrow-frame design that enables the inner door to be seen. Metal screen and storm doors should be painted or finished to match the inner door.   | NA |   |
| <b>D8</b>  | Install any security bars in such a way that they do not obscure the architectural character of original doors or damage historic fabric. Commercial security grilles should retract out of sight during business hours and preferably be mounted inside the glass. Painting security bars an unobtrusive color is recommended.   | NA |   |
| <b>D9</b>  | Differentiate between primary and secondary doors, using the detailing of the doors or the articulation of the frame.   | NA |   |
| <b>D10</b> | Do not add vestibules to primary facades unless there is a historic precedent. Such additions alter the character, proportion, and massing of the façade.   | NA |   |
| <b>D11</b> | Do not create new entrances on facades that can be seen from a public way.  | NA |   |
| <b>D12</b> | Replacement of non-original, non-historic doors with new doors that are appropriate to the period and style of the building and are the size of the original opening is recommended.  | +  | Proposed door meets this guideline  |