

**20-COA-0097**  
**1473 Saint James Ct.**



**Old Louisville Architectural Review Committee**  
**Public Hearing**

**Bradley Fister, Historic Preservation Specialist**  
**July 29, 2020**

# Request

- Certificate of Appropriateness:

The applicant is seeking approval to remove the existing wood privacy fence from the front of the home, and erect in its place a 4'-8" brick wall. The proposed brick wall will incorporate a cylindrical alcove that will feature a bronze water fountain. The brick wall will also incorporate brick columns to act as support for the proposed deck and railing to be constructed at the rear and side of the property.

# Request

- Certificate of Appropriateness:

The new deck will replace the existing metal deck at the rear of the home. The proposed deck is to be constructed of wood and will be clad with Trex composite decking and cast iron railings to match the proposed new cast iron railings for the front steps. The brick columns will be capped with limestone consistent with the existing limestone trim on the home.

# Request

- Certificate of Appropriateness:
- The new side privacy fence will be constructed of wood with 6” x 6” columns clad in a brick veneer panel. The applicant also proposes to remove the existing cast iron railings and to replace them with railing to match the railing for the new deck.

# Request

- Certificate of Appropriateness:

At this time the applicant proposes to also replace the cracked limestone steps on the front of the home and then flank them with 1'-6" x 1'-6" brick columns approximately 2' in height that will be capped with bronze urns. All brick shall be painted to match the existing colors of the home. The applicant also proposes to cap the current purple portion of the turret with copper, and add a peacock weathervane.

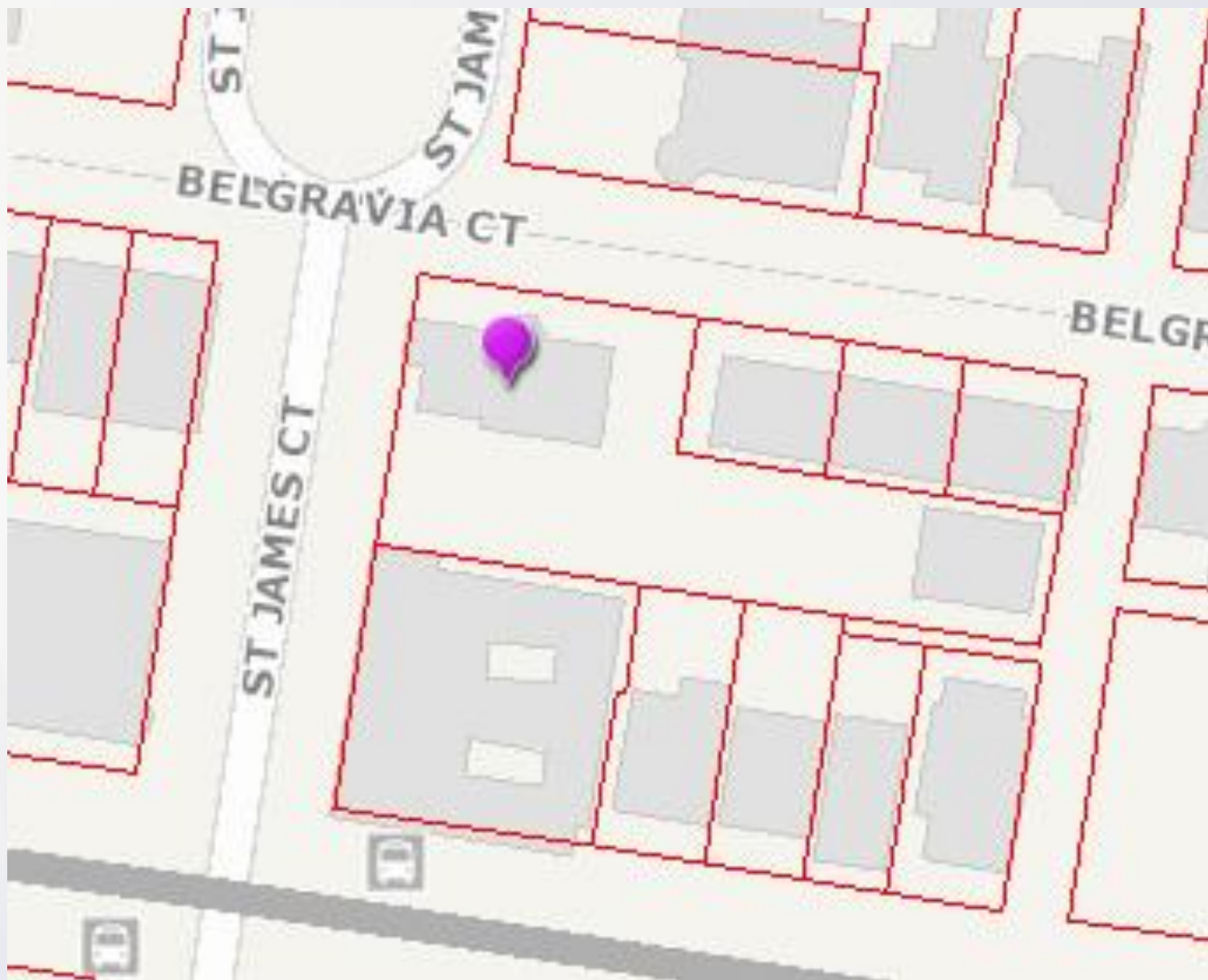
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The applicant also proposes to replace the existing downspouts from on all sides of the home with new copper downspouts to match the existing in size and style. The applicant privacy fence with brick columns at the left side and rear of the property.

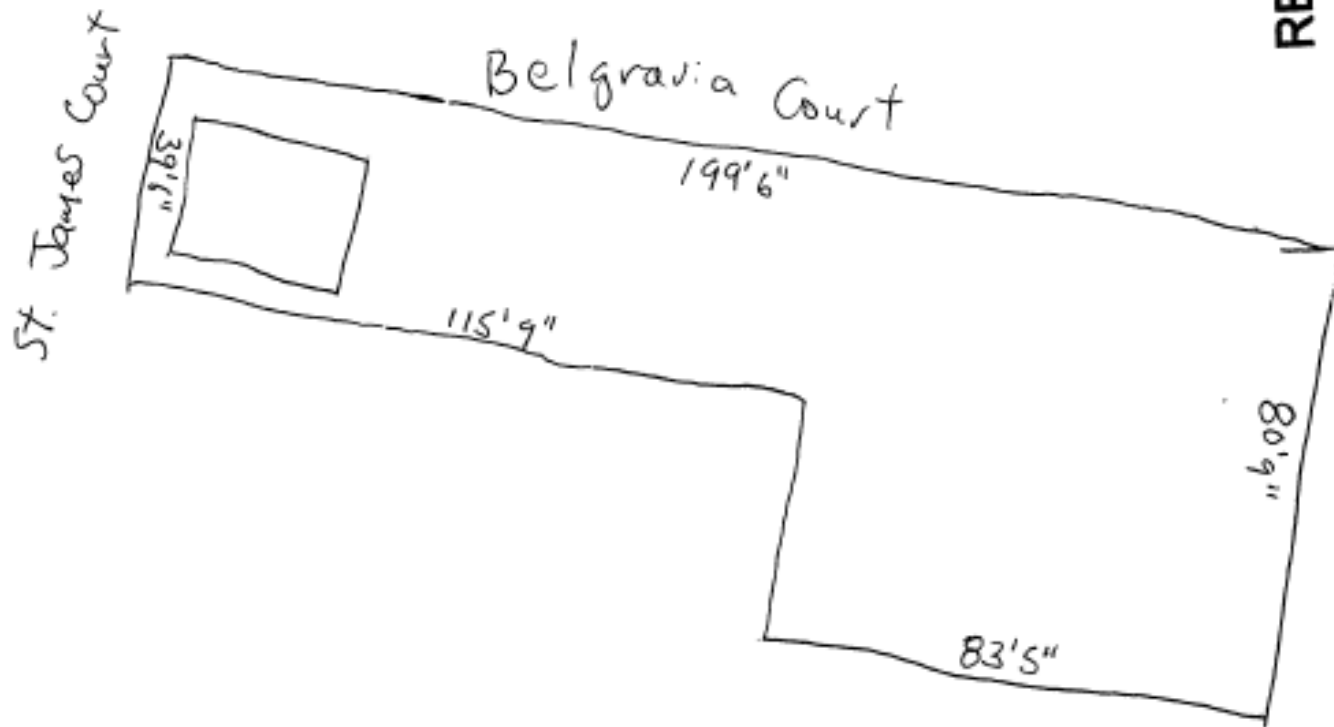
# Case Summary / Background

The site is located on the corner of St. James Ct. and Belgravia Ct. The property is zoned TNZD in a Traditional Neighborhood Form District. The turn-of-the-century Victorian structure (also known as the “Pink Palace”) constructed circa 1890 is a 2.5-story with a raised basement, wood framed, brick clad building with limestone details.





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Building Front



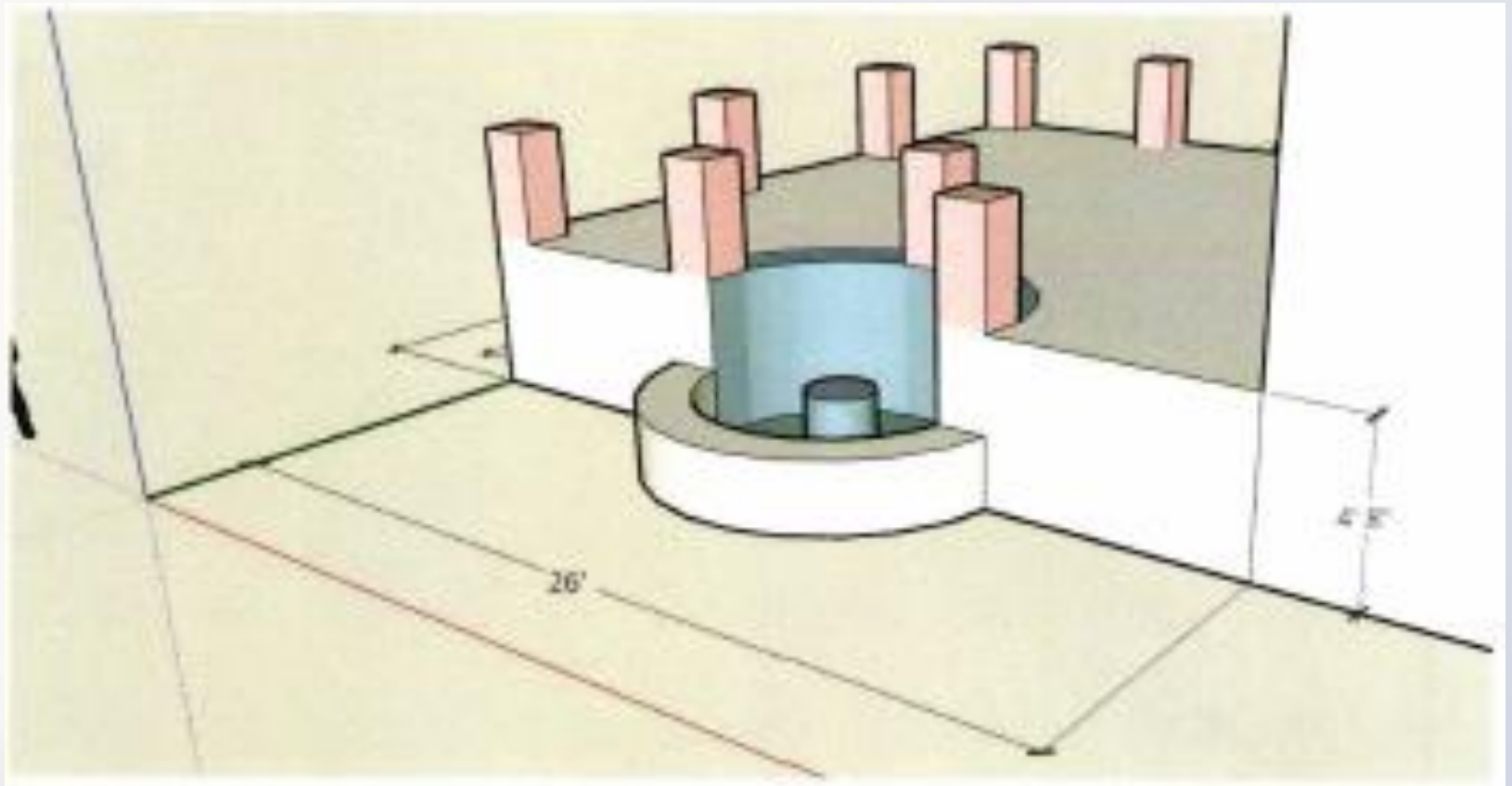
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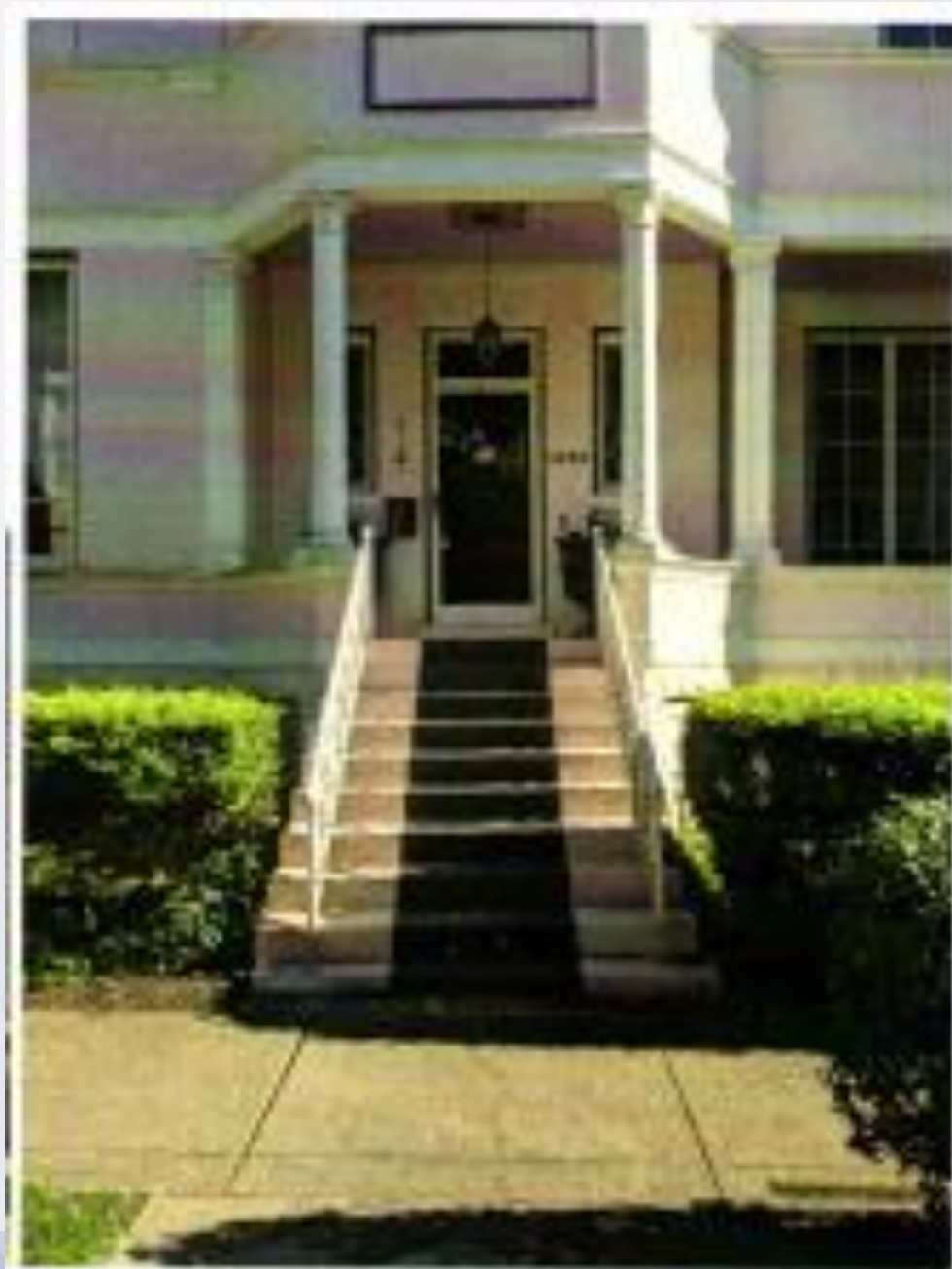
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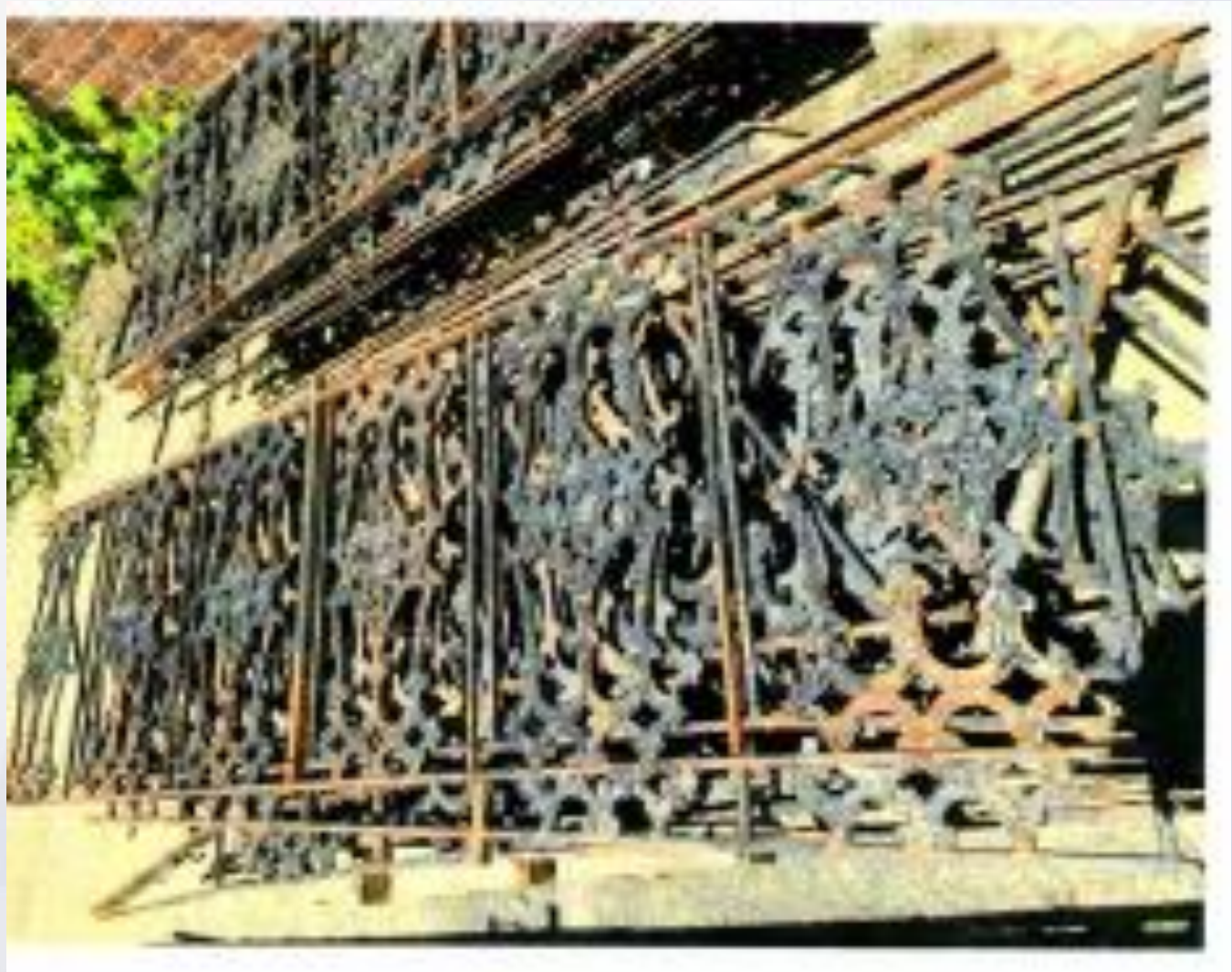
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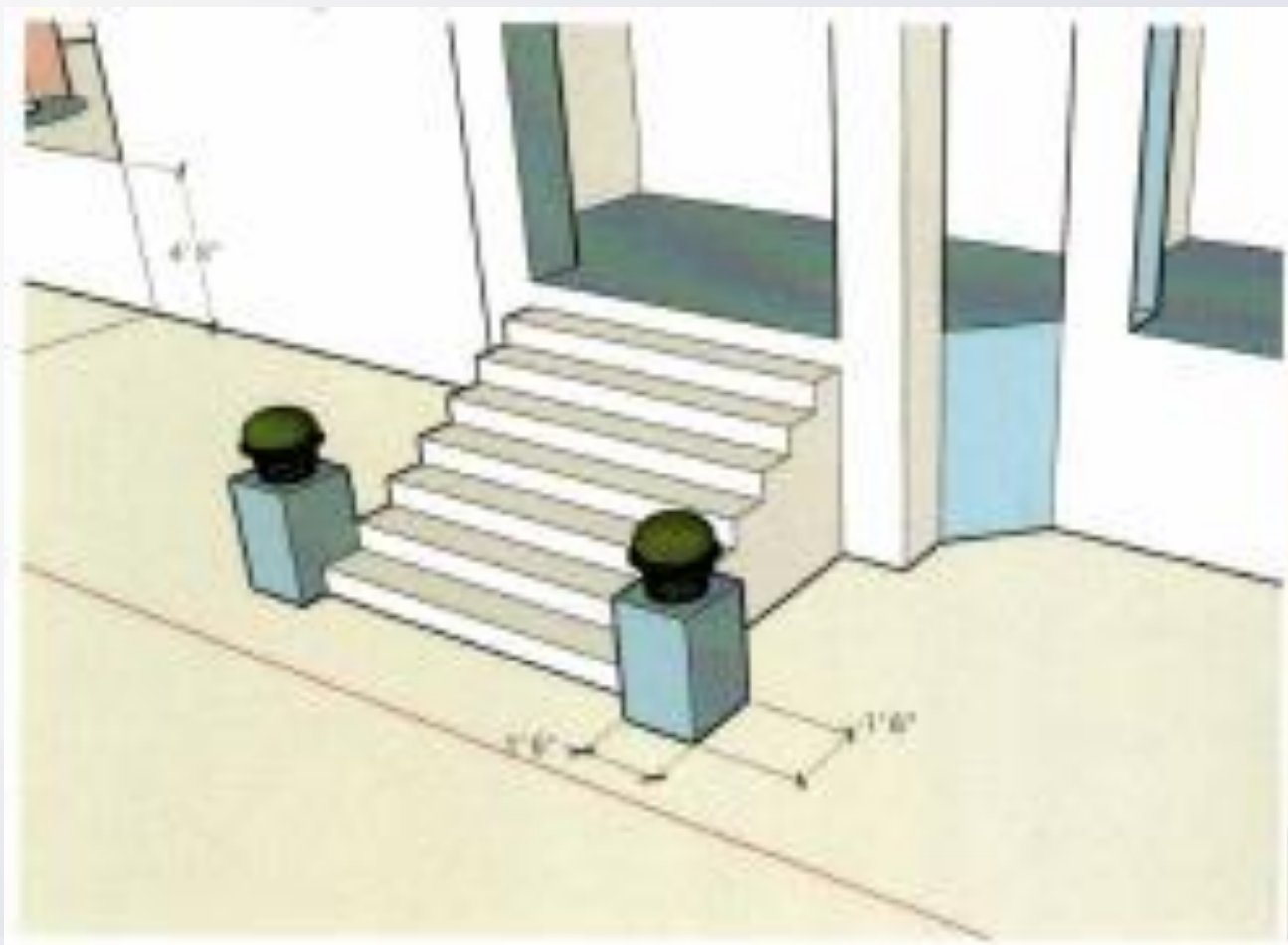
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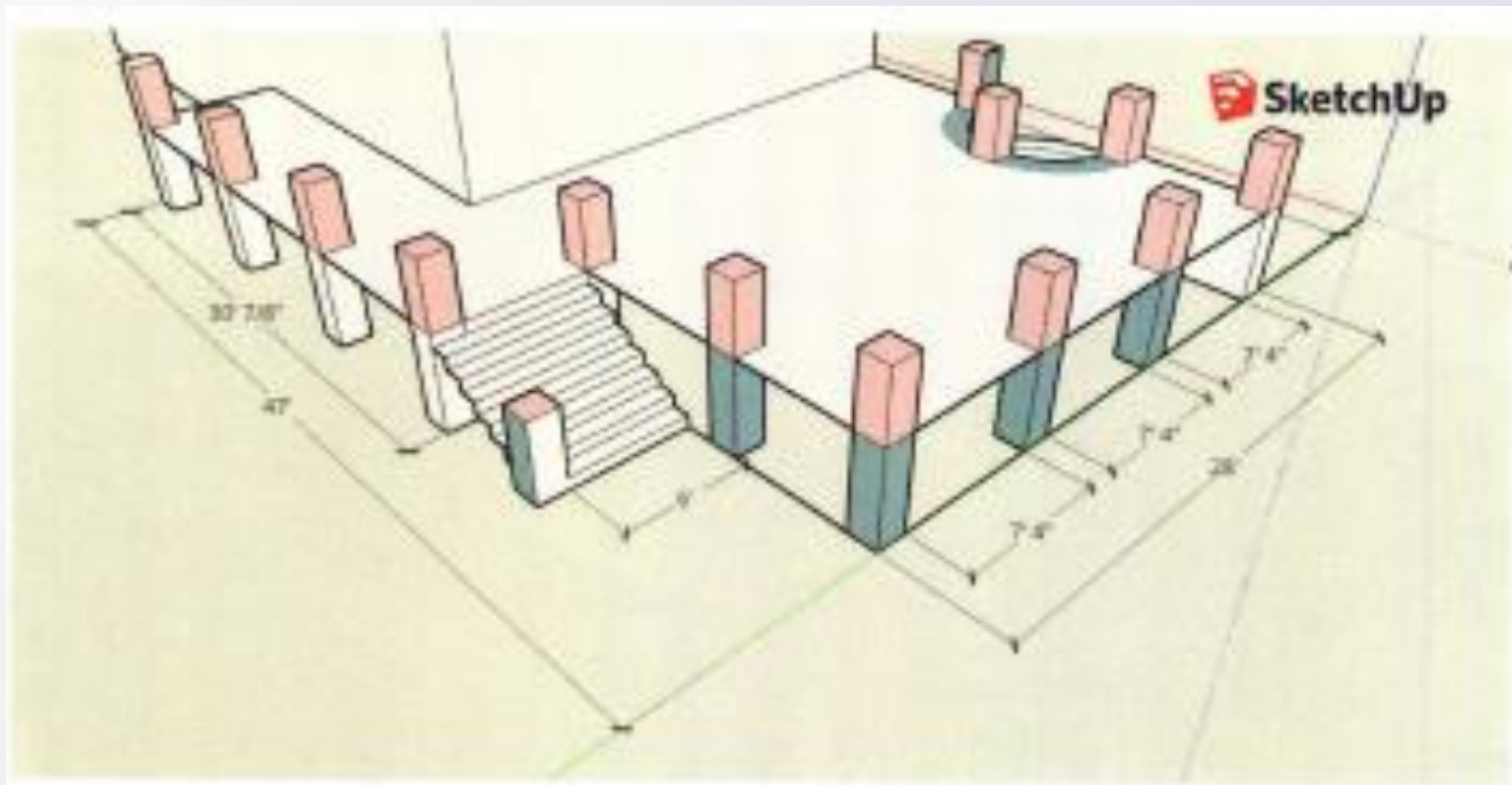
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# Conclusion

The proposed changes generally do not meet the Old Louisville Design Guidelines for **Addition** based on the location of the proposed new deck being located on the side facade according to **A3, A16 & A17**. However the design of the proposed deck is in keeping with the style and character of the existing structure including proportion, size, scale, and use of materials as stated in **A1, A2, A4, A5, & A10**.

# Conclusion

In regard to the proposal of the wall, fountain, and columns, though they generally do not meet the Old Louisville Design Guidelines for **Masonry**, they are in keeping with the style and character of the existing building. There is an existing masonry wall on the Saint James Ct. elevation. The proposed masonry structures are not falsely historic and shall be compatible with the building and district in size, scale, material and color.

# Conclusion

In terms of **Site**, the project generally meets the Old Louisville Design Guidelines with the exception of **ST10**, which states that new masonry structures shall not be visible from the street unless they are used for the retention of soil. The proposed work is complementary to the existing structure per **ST1**, and follows the existing property lines per **ST2**.

# Conclusion

The proposed in-kind replacement of the damaged limestone step meets **ST5**, which states that if changes to steps must be made they should be done with the same materials. In regard to **ST14** which calls for historic precedent for fencing in the front of the home, there is currently an existing wood privacy fence, the material of the fence is what is being proposed to change. This existing fence is located adjacent to the house and not at the sidewalk, as well.

# Conclusion

In regard to the Old Louisville Design Guidelines for **Roof**, the project generally meets them. The use of copper to replace the existing finial on the turret is in keeping with **R1**, and **R2** based on the material choice. The proposed copper downspouts is in keeping with **R13**.

# Conclusion

The Design Guidelines that are in question are **R17**, and **R21** which discuss instillation of non-historic materials to the front elevations of roofs, yet never specifies weathervanes. The proposed weathervane does meet both **R17**, and **R21** in regards to appropriateness in terms of design and materiality.

# Conclusion

Though some of the proposed elements of the project do not specifically meet the Old Louisville Design Guidelines, the majority of the proposed changes are in keeping with both the Design Guidelines as well as the whimsical style of the home known as the “Pink Palace”.

# Recommendations

On the basis of the information furnished by the applicant, Staff recommends the application for a Certificate of Appropriateness be approved with the following conditions.

- 1. The applicant shall stain or paint the proposed wood fence within six months of being installed.**

# Recommendations

**2. The replacement of the cracked limestone stair shall be with the same material and the choice of stone presented to staff for approval prior to removal of existing stair.**

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**3. The painting of the proposed new masonry construction shall not be the same color as the home in order to distinguish between what is historic and what is not, and the color shall be presented to staff prior to painting for approval.**

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**4. The existing stair rails shall stay in place, the railing on the proposed deck shall be distinguishably different in style from what is attached to the home currently, and the applicant shall seek approval from staff prior to instillation of deck railing.**

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**5. The proposed fence and brick columns shall not exceed 7' in height and the finished side of the fencing shall be outward facing per ST15.**

**6.If the design or material changes, the applicant shall contact staff for review and approval.**