# 21-COA-0006 2213 Longest Ave.

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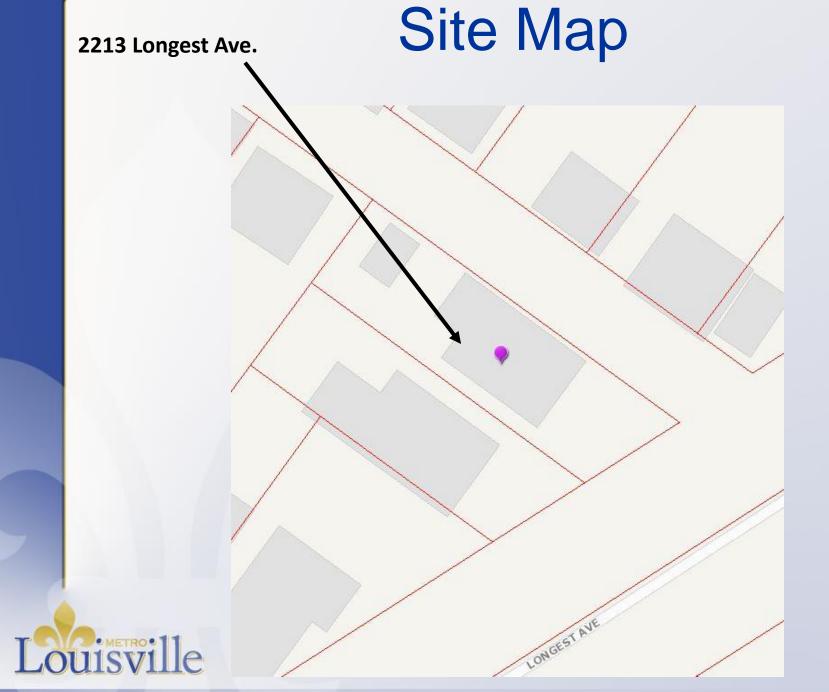
Cherokee Triangle Architectural Review Committee Public Hearing

> Bradley Fister, Historic Preservation Specialist March 03, 2021

#### Request <u>Certificate of Appropriateness</u>:

The applicant seeks approval for a retaining wall extending approximately 10' along the front yard at the public sidewalk. The wall is to be constructed of stone block and is proposed to be 10" in height.





### **Aerial Image**



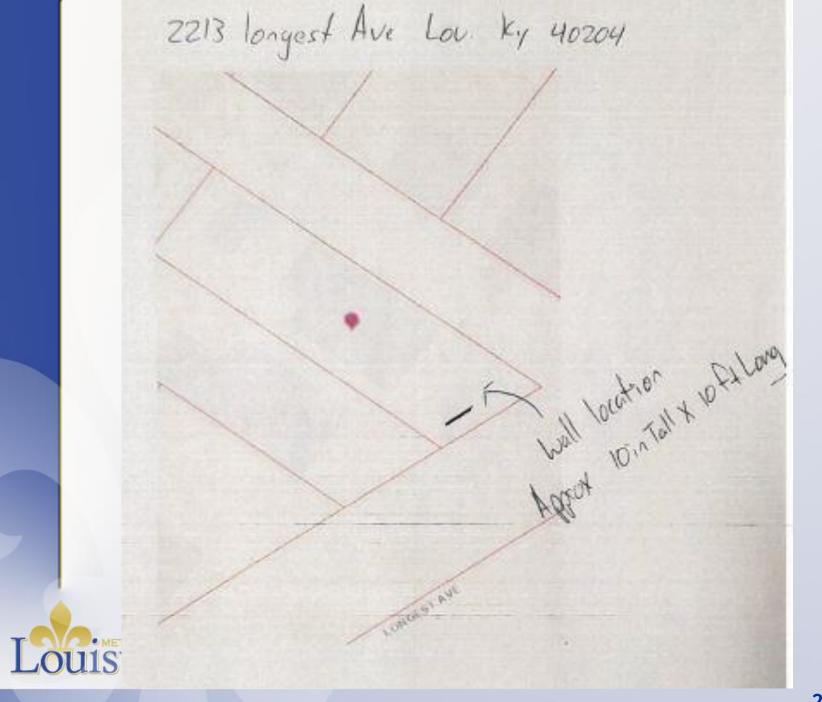


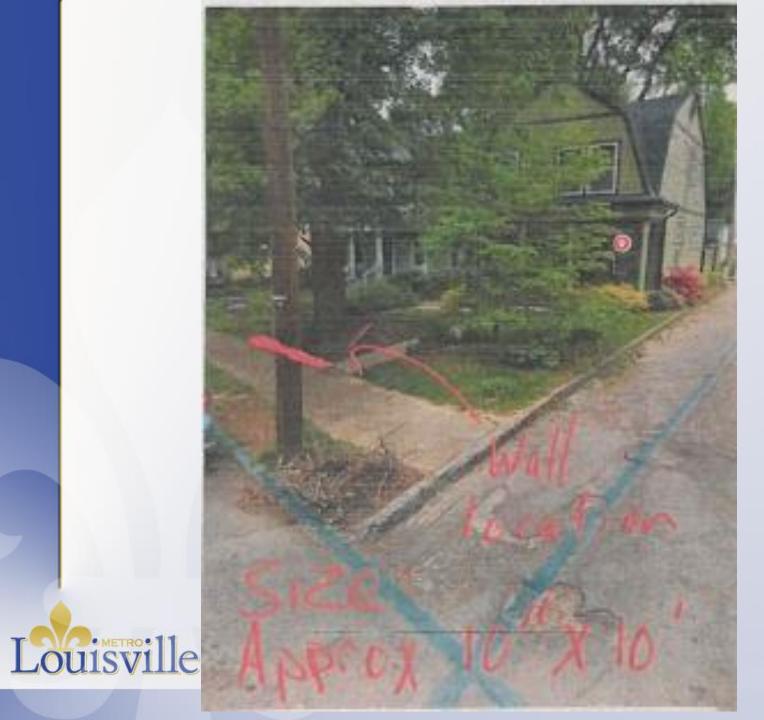


#### Site Context / Background

The R5B zoned property in the Traditional Neighborhood Form District is located on the northwest side of Longest Avenue, two lots south of Willow Avenue. The circa 1910 home is a two-story wood frame lap sided home with a prominent Gambrel Style roof. The surrounding buildings are predominately two homes of varying styles and materials.



















## **Proposed Material**



#### Conclusion

The front yard retaining wall generally meets the Site guidelines for the Cherokee Triangle Preservation District. The majority of the yards in Cherokee Triangle slope toward the street, and do not require retaining walls. Similar cases for this scope of work show that the ARC and Landmarks staff have approved curbing rather than retaining walls to preserve the front yard slopes. However, this yard has unique, sitespecific challenges that may warrant a retaining wall. There is a healthy tree in the front yard that the soil and mulch wash away from onto the sidewalk. Thus, staff recommends approval fiof the retaining wall due to site-specific challenges. 21-COA-0006

#### Conclusion

The landscaping wall along the east side of the house generally meets the **Site** guidelines for the Cherokee Triangle Preservation District. It will be relatively low to the ground and constructed of natural stone.



#### 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 retaining wall shall be constructed of natural stone.

2. The retaining wall shall not exceed 10" in height across the front of the property.

3. If the scope of the project should change, the applicant shall contact staff for approval

4. The applicant shall obtain any and all permits required prior to starting.