



Historic Landmarks and Preservation Districts Commission

Report to the Committee

To: Limerick Architectural Review Committee
Thru: Cynthia Elmore, Historic Preservation Officer
From: Bradley Fister, Historic Preservation Specialist
Date: June 23, 2021

Case No: 21-COA-0124
Classification: Committee Review

GENERAL INFORMATION

Property Address: 613 W. Kentucky St.

Applicant: Donna Santa Cruz
Turn Key Homes
3306 Collins Lane
Louisville, KY 40345
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Owner: same as applicant

Estimated Project Cost: TBD

Description of proposed exterior alteration:

The applicant requests approval to install a front yard picket fence (material TBD).

Communications with Applicant, Completion of Application:

The application was received on June 23, 2021. The application was classified as requiring Committee Review on June 23, 2021.

Staff emailed applicant to advise them their application had been assigned to a case manager and that the case would require ARC approval.

The case is scheduled to be heard by the Limerick Architectural Review Committee (ARC) on June 30, 2021 at 5:30 pm, via WebEx video conference.

FINDINGS

Guidelines

The following design review guidelines, approved for the Limerick Preservation District, are applicable to the proposed exterior alteration: **Site**. The report of the Commission Staffs 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 five lots east of the intersection of S. 7th St. and W. Kentucky St. The property is zoned TNZD, within the Traditional Neighborhood Form District. The home was built in the early 20th century. It is a frame two-story structure, clad in wood lap siding and stucco clad that has a noncontributing shed roof addition on the rear.

The Limerick neighborhood historically had picket fencing as evidenced in historic photographs. There is case history of the Limerick ARC approving new front-yard, wood, picket fencing 18-COA-1125, 518 Zane St.

Conclusions

The proposed changes to the property have been found to generally meet the Site Design Guidelines for the Limerick Preservation District. Staff determined that the proposed work is appropriate for this property at this time. There was previously chain link fencing at the front of the property, and there is also historically picket fencing in Limerick.

Recommendation

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 present to staff the material of the fencing for approval prior to installation.**
2. **The applicant shall not install fencing higher than 42”.**
3. **The applicant shall paint or stain all exposed wood surfaces with in 6 months of construction.**
4. **The applicant and/or their representative shall obtain any permits necessary to begin the work.**

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Historic Preservation Specialist

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Date

SITE

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
ST1	Consider the relationships that exist between the site and structure when making exterior alterations. Changes to one will affect the other. A primary goal should be to maintain a complementary relationship.	+	Proposed fencing walk will help to strengthen this relationship
ST2	Retain established property line patterns and street and alley widths. Any replatting should be consistent with original development patterns.	+	Property lines shall not change
ST3	Use paving materials that are compatible with adjacent sites and architectural character.	NA	
ST4	Restore and reuse historic paving materials for streets and sidewalks such as brick and hexagonal pavers and limestone curbing. Maintain original curbing whenever possible. The historic relationship between the road surface and edging should be preserved. Any replacement should use historic materials. If replacement with original materials is not technically or economically feasible, a substitute material may be used if it duplicates the color, texture, and visual appearance of the original.	NA	
ST5	Maintain brick, stone, or poured concrete steps wherever present. If replacement is required, original materials should be used. New construction should incorporate steps on blocks where they are a character-defining feature.	NA	
ST6	Do not harm historic resources through road widening or underground utility repair.	NA	
ST7	Locate driveways, parking areas, and loading docks to the side and rear of properties. Access from alleys is preferred.	NA	
ST8	Maintain original front yard topography, including grades, slopes, elevations, and earthen berms where present. New construction should match the grade of adjacent properties. Do not recontour front-yard berms into stepped terraces, using railroad ties, landscape timbers, or any other historically-inappropriate material for retaining walls.	+	Topography shall not change
ST9	Do not carry out excavations or regrading within or adjacent to a historic building, which could cause the foundation to shift or destroy significant archeological resources.	NA	
ST10	Do not install masonry walls in street-visible locations unless they are used to retain earth at changes in grade, screen service areas, or unless a historic precedent exists.	NA	

ST11	Use materials that match existing sections of historic fencing in material, height, and detail when carrying out limited replacement projects. If an exact match cannot be made, a simplified design is appropriate.	NA	
ST12	Use materials that match the existing character of the original when replacing retaining walls or curbing. If an exact match cannot be made, a simplified design is appropriate.	NA	
ST13	Install only historically-compatible iron fencing under 2'-5" in height where there is demonstrable historic precedent.	NA	
ST14	Do not install front-yard fencing where there is no historic precedent.	+	There is historic precedent for front-yard fencing.
ST15	Install any rear- or side-yard privacy fencing so that it is set back from the side wall at least two feet and presents the finished side out. Any privacy fencing should be less than seven feet in height. Contact the Department of Inspections, Permits, and Licenses regarding additional restrictions on fencing at corner properties.	NA	
ST16	Do not install chain-link, split-rail, or woven-wood fencing, or concrete block walls in areas that are visible from a public way. Opaque fencing, such as painted or stained pressure-treated wood, may be permitted with appropriate design.	NA	
ST17	Use understated fixtures when installing any type of exterior lighting. Fixture attachment should be done so as not to damage historic fabric. Fixtures should not become a visual focal point.	NA	
ST18	Do not light parking areas or architectural features in a harsh manner. Generally, an average illumination level of 1.5 to 2.0 foot-candles will be sufficient. Light should be directed down and away from neighboring properties.	NA	
ST19	Parking lots of a certain size should have a portion of the parking area dedicated to plantings that will soften the expanse of paving. See the Jefferson County Development Code - Requirements for Landscaping and Land Use Buffers for specific requirements.	NA	
ST20	Use high-pressure sodium or metal halide lights to create a soft illumination where site or streetscape lighting is desired.	NA	
ST21	Position fixtures, such as air conditioning units, satellite dishes, greenhouse additions, and overhead wiring, on secondary elevations where they do not detract from the character of the site. Try to minimize noise levels to adjacent properties.	NA	
ST22	Preserve large trees whenever possible and enhance established street tree patterns by planting additional trees along public rights-of-way. Consult the city arborist to determine what tree species are suitable for placement near overhead wires. Select and place street trees so that the plantings will not obscure historic storefronts once mature. Removal of trees within or immediately adjacent to a public right-of-way or within public open spaces requires review unless directed by the city arborist for emergency or public safety reasons.	NA	
ST23	Ensure that all proposed cellular towers and associated fixtures will be properly screened from view.	NA	
ST24	Install utility lines underground whenever possible.	NA	