
**HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW BOARD
STAFF REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION**

Landmark/District:	Cleveland Park Historic District	<input type="checkbox"/> Agenda
Address:	2942 Newark Street NW	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Concept
Meeting Date:	September 18, 2014	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alteration
Case Number:	14-567	<input type="checkbox"/> New Construction
Staff Reviewer:	Frances McMillen	<input type="checkbox"/> Demolition
		<input type="checkbox"/> Subdivision

Applicants Franklin Foer and Abigail Greensfelder, with drawings prepared by Anne Decker Architects, request concept review for a side addition and facade modifications to 2942 Newark Street NW in the Cleveland Park Historic District.

Property Description

Designed by architect Frank Barton and constructed in 1905, 2942 Newark Street NW is a two-story Dutch Colonial style house. The building has undergone several alterations, including the reorientation of the main entrance, removal of the front porch steps, and the addition of a bay window and deck on the east elevation.

Proposal

The proposal calls for removing the wall enclosing the porch and returning the entrance to its original configuration. A central stair would be added to the porch and flagstone lead walk to the house. The proposal also calls for a single-story addition to the east elevation and new windows and doors at the rear of the house.

Evaluation

The addition is compatible with the house and the historic district in terms of overall massing, height, fenestration, and materials. The new porch stairs and lead walk are a welcome change as they will return the entrance to its historic condition. A 1905 property plat included with the proposal documents the original configuration of the porch. The design for the retaining wall and railing at the side entrance is in need of further refinement and the applicant is encouraged to work with staff in finalizing the plans. As the project progresses, it is also recommended the applicant work with staff in selecting the materials for the walk, steps, walls, and railings.

Recommendation

The HPO recommends that the Board find the concept compatible with the historic district and delegate final approval to staff with the condition the applicant consult with HPO on the selection of new railings and the stone for the walk, steps, and new foundation wall.