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

Property Address:	2929 Macomb Street, NW	Agenda
Landmark/District:	Cleveland Park Historic District	X Consent Calendar
		X Concept Review
Meeting Date:	September 27, 2018	X Alteration
H.P.A. Number:	18-611	New Construction
Staff Reviewer:	Steve Callcott	Demolition
		Subdivision

Architect Daniel Jacobeen, representing the owner, seeks conceptual design review for a side and rear addition on a shingle style house in the Cleveland Park Historic District. The side addition would be visible from Macomb Street.

Property History and Description

2929 Macomb Street was constructed in 1906 and is one of the original “cottages” developed by John Sherman’s Cleveland Park Land Company designed by his artist/architect wife, Ella Bennett Sherman. The house illustrates many of the Arts-and-Crafts inspired features used by Ms. Sherman, including decorative shingle work, “artistic” multi-light window sash, deep overhanging roof and porch eaves, and rope-dipped-in-plaster ornamentation.

The two properties at 2929 and 2935 appear to have been constructed on three lots, each with a generous side yard between them. A one-story addition has been constructed on 2935 since the designation of the historic district.

Proposal

The project calls for removing a non-original one-story side bay projection and a rear deck for construction of a two-story side wing that steps down to a one-story on the rear for a mudroom/ vestibule. The two-story side addition would have a hipped roof projecting off the primary roof of the house, and the addition would be set back 15 feet from the house’s front elevation. The front elevation would have French doors opening to a full-width one-story porch facing the street.

Evaluation

The addition is compatible in height, placement, roof form and materials. Most recently, the plans have been revised in consultation with HPO to redesign the side elevation on the first floor as an enclosed porch projection, detached from the porch proposed on the front of the addition. The revised proposal is successful in breaking down the mass of the addition, resulting in compatible proportions with the main house.

Recommendation

The HPO recommends that the Review Board approve the general concept as consistent with the character of the Cleveland Park Historic District, and delegate final approval to staff.