HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW BOARD STAFF REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

Landmark/District: Address:	Cleveland Park Historic District 3225 33 rd Place NW	() Agenda(X) Consent(X) Concept
Meeting Date: Case Number: Staff Reviewer:	June 22, 2017 17-421 Steve Callcott	 (X) Concept () Alteration (X) New Construction () Demolition () Subdivision

Owner Matthew Offen, with plans prepared by Thomson+Cooke Architects, seeks concept review for construction of a garage on an alley behind 33rd Place in the Cleveland Park Historic District.

Property Description

The L-shaped alley in this square dead-ends behind the subject property and the garage lots are on the opposite side of the alley from the street-fronting house lots facing 33rd Place backing up to the Twin Oaks estate. The alley has a variety of one-story garages; a garage stood on the subject lot until recently.

Proposal

The new garage would be brick on the sides and cementious siding on the front and rear. It would rise to a height of 20 feet to allow an interior loft space. The roof would be flat but would slope down in height to one -story facing the alley; this sloped pent roof would be clad in asphalt shingles.

Evaluation

While the proposed garage is taller than is typical in the Cleveland Park Historic District, the height is mitigated by the stepping down of the roof toward the alley. The location of the building, where it doesn't abut house lots or rear yards of adjoining houses is also a mitigating consideration. The materials and simple vocabulary are compatible with the character of secondary buildings in the historic district

Recommendation

The HPO recommends that the Board find the proposal compatible with the Cleveland Park Historic District and delegate final approval to staff.



The house is identified above; the garage lot is located across the alley.