HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW BOARD STAFF REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

Landmark/District:	Cleveland Park Historic District	() Agenda
Address:	3410 Macomb Street NW	(X) Consent
		(X) Concept
Meeting Date:	February 22, 2018	(X) Alteration
Case Number:	18-202	() New Construction
		() Demolition
		() Subdivision

Applicant Chris Snowber, representing property owners Robert and Sloane Menkes, seeks conceptual design review for a one-story and basemen addition, along with a siding alteration at 3410 Macomb Street. NW.

Built in 1919 by George Santmyers, 3410 is a two-story frame house with four bay openings and a central dormer at the hipped roof. Currently sided in aluminum, 3410 also features a single-story front porch with four columns and picket railing.

Proposal

This project proposes a to remove an existing two-story rear addition and replace it with a new one-story addition and basement. Also proposed is replacing the existing aluminum siding with new shingle siding, as well as restorative work to the front façade.

Evaluation

The addition will extend somewhat beyond the existing building footprint, however, the overall height of the addition will be reduced by one-story from existing condition. Site visits indicate that the visual impact of the addition from the street would be minimal, with perhaps some minor visibility from oblique angles. The proposal also calls for the existing aluminum siding to be removed and replaced with new shingle siding. The two neighboring houses to the south of 3410 were also designed by Santmyers and constructed under the same permit (permit #800) in 1919; both neighboring houses have shingle siding. It is reasonable to infer that the original siding for 3410 was also shingle and was changed at some point. The material use, scale, massing, and limited visibility of the newly proposed addition result in the alterations being compatible with the Cleveland Park Historic District.

Recommendation

The HPO recommends that the Review Board find the concept for addition and alteration to be compatible with the character of the historic district, and delegate final approval to staff.

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