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

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Landmark/District:	<b>Cleveland Park Historic District</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Agenda
Address:	<b>3610 Macomb Street NW</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Concept
Meeting Date:	<b>April 23, 2015</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alteration
Case Number:	<b>15-302</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> New Construction
Staff Reviewer:	<b>Frances McMillen</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Demolition
		<input type="checkbox"/> Subdivision

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Applicants Scott and Olga Jaeckel, with drawings prepared by Overmyer Architects, request permit review for a rear addition and façade alterations to 3610 Macomb Street NW in the Cleveland Park Historic District.

**Property Description**

Constructed in 1909, 3610 Macomb Street is two-story, stucco-clad, hipped roof house designed by A.H. Sonnenmann for owner J.T. Baines. A single-story porch extends across the front of the house. A decorative arch is located at the center of the porch roof. The rear elevation includes a two-story enclosed porch on the house’s southwest side and a two-tiered.

**Proposal**

The proposal calls for the removal of the rear two-story porch and deck to accommodate a two-story addition extending the width of the rear elevation. The addition’s east and west elevations would be a mix of fixed louver shutters and windows. The three-bay rear elevation would be fixed windows and French doors. Two stone terraces and a pool are proposed for the backyard. The proposal also calls for a new window opening on the west elevation, expanding a window opening on the east elevation to create a new basement entrance, and widening a second floor window on the front of the house.

**Evaluation**

The proposal is compatible with the character of the historic house and with the Cleveland Park Historic District in overall massing, design, and materials. The rear elevation includes a significant amount of glazing, but the overall design of the addition is in keeping with the character of the house. A portion of the back of the building may be visible from 36<sup>th</sup> Street, but it will not negatively impact the historic district. The side elevations will be visible from Macomb Street, but the addition is clearly subordinate to the house and the fixed louvered shutters add a porch-like character to the new construction.

The proposal initially called for removing the decorative arch on the front porch roof, but because it could not be determined whether it was an original feature or added during the period of significance for the historic district (1880-1941), the applicants have removed it from the

project until further information can be gathered. If it is determined the feature is not original or added after 1941, there is no objection to its removal. The applicants were able to determine through selective interior demolition that the second floor center window on the front of the house has been reduced in size. Returning the opening to its original size will match the size of the adjacent windows and will return some symmetry to the façade that was lost when the window was altered.

**Recommendation**

*The HPO recommends that the Board find the concept compatible with the house and the historic district and delegate final approval to staff.*