HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW BOARD STAFF REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

| Property Address: Landmark/District: | 3421 Wisconsin Avenue, NW Cleveland Park Historic District | Agenda Consent Calendar |
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| Meeting Date: H.P.A. Number: | October 27, 2022 22-435 | Concept Review Alteration New Construction |
| | | Demolition Subdivision |

Owner Dilek Barlas, with plans prepared by Bonstra/Haresign Architects, seeks conceptual design review for rear and roof additions to a house in the Cleveland Park Historic District.

Property Description

3421 Wisconsin Avenue is a two-story, flat front brick rowhouse with a full-width front porch. It is the end corner unit in a row of seven houses on Wisconsin Avenue at Norton Place that were constructed together with two pairs of duplex houses around the corner at 3620-3626 Norton. The eleven houses were built in 1924 and designed by Washington architect George Santmyers for the Wenger Brothers. The houses are characterized by their dark tan brickwork, classical porches, six over six windows, and red tile roofs with decorative dormers. 3421is unusual in the row for having a one-story side addition that was likely built as an open porch but enclosed with brickwork to match the main body of the house early in its life.

Proposal

The plans call for removing the enclosed two-story rear porch and adding a brick addition of the same footprint, and a two-story frame addition at the rear of the brick addition. A one-story brick addition would also be added to the back of the existing one-story side addition; windows throughout the additions would match the six over six windows of the original house. The roof would be slightly raised behind the ridges of the red tile roof to increase the ceiling height in the attic, and dormers added to the side of the elevation. Three additional windows would also be added to the second floor.

Evaluation

The additions are compatible in size, height, scale, materials, fenestration and architectural character with the house and the historic district. The alteration to the roofline has been designed to retain the existing ridge lines and, in a revision made since the current plan set was submitted, the original front dormer would also be retained in its existing form and height.

Recommendation

The HPO recommends that the Board find the addition to be compatible with the character of the Cleveland Park Historic District and that final approval be delegated to staff.

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