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

Landmark/District:	Cleveland Park Historic District	<input type="checkbox"/> Agenda
Address:	3542 Porter Street, NW	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent
ANC:	3C	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Concept
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alteration
Meeting Date:	July 27, 2023	<input type="checkbox"/> New Construction
Case Number:	23-443	<input type="checkbox"/> Demolition
		<input type="checkbox"/> Subdivision

Applicant Benjamin Van Dusen, agent for property owner Meghann F. Kovler, seeks concept review for a two-story rear addition to a contributing building in the Cleveland Park Historic District.

Property Description

3542 Porter Street NW was built in 1928. It is a two-story brick residence with Tudor Revival influences. It sits one property in from the corner of Porter Street and 36th Street NW.

Proposal

The applicant proposes removing a non-historic two-story frame rear addition. In its place will be built a two-story addition, approximately double the length of what it will replace. The new addition will measure 18' 4" in length and will have a hipped roof. The first story will be the same width as the main house. The second story will be only half the width, with its massing centered, creating shed roofs with skylights on either side. The addition will be clad in stucco. A 9' 6" open porch, shielded by a shed roof, will extend from the rear of the addition. The new addition, like its predecessor, will be built upon piers rather than have a basement. Condenser units will be relocated to that space, which will be screened from view using cedar slats.

Evaluation

The proposal is compatible. It will not be in view from either Porter Street or nearby 36th Street NW (the building at 3515 36th Street blocks the view of the addition). The addition will feature traditional design elements and fenestration that complements the existing, historic house. The addition's primarily stucco cladding will appropriately contrast it to the brick historic house.

Recommendation

HPO recommends the Board find the project compatible with the Cleveland Park Historic District, and delegate authority to staff.

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