

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

Property Address:	6908 Willow Street, NW	Agenda
Landmark/District:	Takoma Park Historic District	X Consent Calendar
Meeting Date:	October 28, 2010	X Concept Review
H.P.A. Number:	10-491	X Alteration
Staff Reviewer:	Anne Brockett	New Construction

Owner Jack Werner, working with Colonial Remodeling, seeks concept review for a two-story addition on the rear of his house in the Takoma Park Historic District. The house was built in 1941, just outside the period of significance for the district (1883-1940), and is therefore considered non-contributing. It is a modest 1½ story Colonial Revival brick cottage. Because it is located on a sloped lot, the rear stands a full story taller. The rear elevation features a full-width dormer window and shallow 2-story bump-out, both clad in vinyl siding.

Project Description

The proposed addition measures 17 feet deep by 18 feet wide and projects off the southern portion of the existing house. It stands 2½ stories tall with brick on the lower part and cementitious board siding at the attic level. The gable roof features a shed roof dormer on either side. Fenestration consists of regular punched windows in 6-over-6 and 4-over-4 pane configurations. Smaller casement windows are located in the basement, mimicking the windows on the existing basement level of the house.

Evaluation

Due to the wide side yard of the property to the south, the addition will be partially visible from Willow Street. However, because of its compatible design, the non-contributing status of the house, and the small scale of the addition, the visibility of the addition will not detract from the overall character of the historic district. The addition is deferential and subordinate to the existing house, uses compatible materials in a manner consistent with the existing house, and is restrained and quiet in its design. In form, scale, materials, and details, the addition is compatible with the house and the Takoma Park Historic District

Recommendation

The HPO recommends that the Board approve the project as designed and delegate final approval to staff.