

247 South Hanover Avenue
Ashland Park Historic District

Bo Goodman, Owner/Applicant

Scope of Work

Change/alter brick wall and fencing.

Background

At this time, the owner is requesting a Certificate of Appropriateness to conduct the following work:

1. Remove the posts on the South and North sides of the driveway.
2. Rebuild wall as a curved wall.
3. Install one brick piers with a gate in line to the front face of the structure.
4. Install a 4' long stone curb.
5. Install new privacy fence along the property line.

While the one rendering indicates a wrought iron fence atop the brick wall due to the Article 15-B the maximum height is 4' and therefore the proposal to install wrought iron has been eliminated at this time. In addition, at this time the wall and brick columns will remain the same height and no change will occur.

Guidelines

III. Guidelines for site and setting

In addition to buildings, elements of the surrounding site and setting contribute to the character of historic properties. These elements include both natural and manmade features such as trees, fields, gardens, fences, driveways, retaining walls and boundary definers. Historic site elements help to define a property's historic character and appearance. Historic site and setting features should be preserved and maintained.

1. Fences

DESIGN PRINCIPLE: Fences were typically constructed of wood, cast or wrought iron, brick, stone or woven wire. Lexington has a number of historic metal fences. Historic fences should be preserved and maintained. The construction of new fences based upon historic designs and materials is also appropriate. Cast iron or woven wire is preferable for 19th and early 20th century buildings. Wood fences are also allowed; however, it is important to keep the fence as transparent as possible so as not to obscure the view of the historic building.

Fences:

- (III.1.) A. of cast iron, stone, metal, wire, or brick that are original to the property should be preserved and maintained or if missing, may be reconstructed based on physical or pictorial evidence.
- B. of cast iron may be added to properties with buildings constructed to the early 20th century. Cast iron fences are not appropriate for buildings built after 1920.

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- C. of wood pickets are appropriate for front yards. Wood fences in front yards should be no taller than three feet, have pickets no wider than four inches and set no farther apart than three inches. Woven wire fences in front yards should also not be more than three feet tall.
- D. of wood boards for privacy should be located in rear yards and generally be no taller than six feet (most pre-fabricated wood fence sections are 8' wide by 6' high). Privacy fences of this height should be at least half-way back from the front of the building to the back walls on the side of the house. Privacy fences of flat boards in a single row are more historically correct than shadowbox (alternating boards) designs but both designs are acceptable. Fences with flat tops, "dog ear" or Gothic (pointed tops) designs are all acceptable. "Stockade" designs are discouraged.
- E. of free-standing brick or concrete walls are not appropriate in front yards but are acceptable at rear yards and side yards.

5. Driveways and Parking Lots

DESIGN PRINCIPLE: Significant driveway materials such as brick, concrete and asphalt should be preserved and maintained. New driveway or parking lot surfaces should be of a material appropriate to the site and the historic district. Paving and parking should not be visually dominant. Parking areas should not be sited in front yards but at side or rear locations, as appropriate.

Driveways and Parking Lots:

- A. should be maintained.
- B. that are new, should be located at the side or rear of the building and not be visually dominant.
- C. should be of concrete, asphalt, pavers or grassy pavers.
- D. should have their parking areas located in rear yards and be screened with hedges, shrubs or fences as appropriate. Driveways should include concrete tracks where characteristic of the property and historic districts.
- E. should not be sited in front yards.
- F. requiring new curb cuts for access should be kept to a minimum.
- G. On vacant lots between buildings should align edge screening with front elevations/facades of adjacent buildings and on corner lots should have edge screening on both the primary and secondary street.
- H. Driveways and parking lots shall have appropriate retention elements to retain gravel and retard expansion.

Findings

The proposal to remove the two flanking brick piers and rebuild the wall to have a curve is within the Guidelines. This wall is not original and its alteration to make it more accessible is within the Guidelines III.6. B and C that states, "Land Features that are altered or introduced should be compatible to the site and with surrounding properties." and "Land Features should not be visually dominant, intrusive or false sense of history." The proposal to install one brick column with the

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iron gate is within the Guidelines. The brick column is similar in design to the other, shorter columns that are integrated into the existing wall. Guideline III. 6.B.states, “Land Features...should be compatible to the site....”

The installation of stone curbing along the driveway is within the Guideline III.6. The curbing is “not intrusive or visually dominant”.

The proposal to install new privacy fence is within Guidelines III.1.D.

Recommendations

Staff recommends approval with the following condition:

1. Any changes to the plan, shall come to staff for review.
2. Final details of gate post/columns and gate be submitted to staff for review.

Deadline for Board Action

November 11, 2016