LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICT: Dilworth

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 528 East Worthington Avenue

SUMMARY OF REQUEST: 2nd Story Addition

OWNER: Kathryn & Russell Cole

APPLICANT: Trisha Chambers

Details of Proposed Request

Existing Conditions
The single family house is listed as a contributing structure in the National Register of Historic Places. Built in 1915, it is a single story home on a sloped corner lot which falls to the rear. The home has a “very low hip roof with low hip roof porch which wraps to one side, and supported by replacement bungalow posts and piers.” The home has wood siding and 1/1 windows. The character of adjacent homes along the street is a mix of one and two story bungalow type designs.

Proposal
The proposed project is an addition to the rear of the existing home with new living space on the lower level, demolition and reconstruction of living space on the main level, the addition of living space on a new second level and a new front porch. The chimneys will be raised and designed in accordance with the second story addition. The plans show 4/1 windows with materials and details to match the existing structure. The addition to the rear will step down to reflect the natural grade of the lot. The exterior materials will match the existing home. There will be no major impacts to mature trees or significant changes in grade.

Policy & Design Guidelines for Additions

Additions to existing structures in Local Historic Districts have a responsibility to complement the original structure. Additions should reflect the design, scale and architectural style of the original structure. The following guidelines are intended to encourage addition designs that are compatible with the existing structure, while not fully mimicking the original design.
HDC Design Policy on Additions requires that additions be evaluated according to the following:

1. **All additions will be reviewed for compatibility by the following criteria:**

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<td>d. Fenestration</td>
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2. Additions must respect the original character of the property, but must be distinguishable from the original construction.

3. All additions to the front or side of existing properties must be of a design that is sensitive to the character and massing of the existing structure.

4. Additions to the front or side of existing structures that are substantially visible from a street must go before the full Commission.

**Staff Analysis**
Staff believes the proposed design meets the HDC Guidelines for additions. The HDC may consider whether the rhythm of fenestration can be improved along the right elevation (the master bedroom is located at the rear, bathrooms and closets toward the front).
A New Addition For
The
Cole Residence

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Project Location:

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Project Description:

The existing home at 528 East Worthington Ave is a 1900 square foot, single story bungalow with an uncovered deck off of the back. The homeowners would like to expand their living space but want to be sensitive to the surrounding properties as well as the original architecture.

When the homeowners first purchased this property they were told there was a fire and originally the house was two stories tall. They were told the second story was demolished and the roof was just “dropped” on top of the existing first story. Looking at the house the roof is uncharacteristically low for a single story bungalow. Many of the surrounding homes do have the same roof but are two stories high. What the homeowners would like to do is build back a second story. What they hope to accomplish by doing this is to restore the house to a more appropriate elevation as well as utilize this second story for the majority their expansion in order not to overwhelm their lot with a massive footprint.

The only area that will be extended up to a second story falls within the existing roof area (keeping with the idea this was the original two story area of the house if the roof was “dropped” on top of the first story). There will also be and an additional 500 square feet of single story living space built off of the back as well as a new uncovered porch. The addition on the back will be stepped down 12” from the original floor height and the uncovered porch will be stepped down and additional 12” in order to keep in line with the falling grade along the left elevation (Winthrop Avenue).

The plan is for all of the new construction to match original materials, original details and keep the roof pitch the same. The existing chimneys will need to be extended in order to accommodate the second story and new windows will be in keeping with the original style. There should be no tree removal or major grade changes.