LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICT: Plaza Midwood

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1422 The Plaza

SUMMARY OF REQUEST: Detached garage

APPLICANT: Karey Digh

Details of Proposed Request

Existing Context
The existing structure is a single family house constructed in 1941. Adjacent structures are also single family with lots that are 192.5’ in depth. There are two accessory buildings in the rear yard that will be removed. A COA for a second floor addition was issued March 14, 2014 (2013-048).

Proposal
The project is a detached garage and a new roof and wall system over the existing patio in the rear yard. The garage height is approximately 25'-10". Proposed siding material on the garage is cementitious shake style and wood lap.

Policy & Design Guidelines for Additions, page 36
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.

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

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<td>a. Size</td>
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<td>b. Scale</td>
<td>the relationship of the building to those around it</td>
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<td>c. Massing</td>
<td>the relationship of the building’s various parts to each other</td>
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<td>d. Fenestration</td>
<td>the placement, style and materials of windows and doors</td>
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<td>g. Materials</td>
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<td>h. Context</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.
Policy & Design Guidelines – Accessory Buildings: Garages, page 50

Although the main building on a lot makes the strongest statement about a property’s contribution to the character of a Local Historic District, the accessory buildings that share the lot can also have a significant impact on the streetscape. The Historic District Commission recognizes that many of the older support buildings throughout Charlotte’s older neighborhoods are inadequate to meet the needs of today’s families and businesses.

1. New garages cannot be located in front or side yards.
2. New garages must be constructed using materials and finishes that are in keeping with the main building they serve, and that are appropriate to the district.
3. Designs for new garages must be inspired by the main building they serve. Building details should be derived from the main structure.
4. Garages must be of a proper scale for the property, and must have an appropriate site relation to the main structure on a lot and to structures on surrounding properties.
5. Garage doors that are substantially visible from any street must be of a style and materials that are appropriate to the building and the district. Stamped metal and vinyl doors are considered to be inappropriate, and are discouraged.

Staff Analysis
The Commission will determine if the proposal meets the guidelines for garages and additions.