

Charlotte Historic District Commission Application for a Certificate of Appropriateness

March 9, 2011

ADDRESS OF PROPERTY 816 Mt Vernon Avenue, Dilworth Local Historic District HDC 2011-015

SUMMARY OF REQUEST Screen Porch Addition

OWNER Greater Galilee Baptist Church

APPLICANT Dexter Sneed, Deacon, Greater Galilee Baptist Church

Details of Proposed Request

This application seeks final approval for the construction of an addition to the existing sanctuary of Greater Galilee Baptist Church in the Wilmore Neighborhood.

Current Status and Context of Property

The current sanctuary of Greater Galilee Baptist Church is on a prominent site in the Wilmore Local Historic District. The current sanctuary was constructed in 1932, and the current Fellowship Hall was constructed in 2003.

This project was the subject of an intensive design charrette process that took place over several months, and that involved the Church leadership, representatives of the Wilmore Neighborhood Association, and Planning Department Staff. An outside architectural consultant was brought in to develop design principles for the church project.

Relevant HDC Design Guidelines

- New Construction
- Parking, Paving and Driveways
- Fencing

Relevant Secretary of Interior's Standards for Historic Rehabilitation

(As cited in the Charlotte Zoning Ordinance Section 10.210)

- (i) New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction shall not destroy historic materials that characterize the property. The new work shall be differentiated from the old and shall be compatible with the massing, size, scale, and architectural features to protect the historic integrity of the property and its environment.
- (j) New additions and adjacent or new construction shall be undertaken in such a manner that if removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the historic property and its environment would be unimpaired.

Outstanding Issues

The rezoning petition for this site has been approved by the Charlotte City Council. It is a conditional plan, meaning that the architectural plans are part of the rezoning that City Council is being asked to approve.

On September 15, 2010, the HDC granted Conceptual Approval to this design, while discussing the need for additional design work. The primary comments were that the design needed to be shown in greater detail, and that the overall fenestration needed to be made more consistent and used to provide more relief to some of the longer elevation expanses, particularly in the west elevation.

After consulting with HDC staff, the design team on this project has provided the attached elevation renderings for the Commission to consider for final design approval.

The design team also intends to provide more detailed elevations by the March 9th HDC meeting.



EAST ELEVATION GREATER GALILEE CHURCH











SOUTH ELEVATION GREATER GALILEE CHURCH









