# **Charlotte Historic District Commission**

Staff Review HDC 2013-060

# **Application for a Certificate of Appropriateness**

Date: May 21, 2014

LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICT: Dilworth

**PROPERTY ADDRESS:** 1920 Dilworth Road East

**SUMMARY OF REQUEST:** Demolition of shed and construction of new garage

**OWNER:** Brent and Allison Snyder

**APPLICANT:** John Fryday

# **Details of Proposed Request**

# **Existing Conditions**

The principal dwelling is a 1.5 story home with a garage built in 1926 and listed as contributing in the National Register. The site is a corner lot.

#### Proposal

The proposal is the removal of the existing accessory building to be replaced with a detached two car garage. The garage will have design and details similar to the principal dwelling and the height will be approximately 20'-8" which is lower than the house. The upper level will be storage, not an ADU.

# **Policy & Design Guidelines for Demolition**

North Carolina Law (NCGS 160A-400.14.) states that the demolition of buildings and structures within Local Historic Districts requires the prior issuance of a Certificate of Appropriateness. The policies listed below are designed to follow state law in a manner that minimizes the inconvenience to property owners when demolition is warranted, while affording as much protection as possible to structures that make valuable contributions to the character of Local Historic Districts.

- 1. No building or structure located within a Local Historic District can be demolished without a Certificate of Appropriateness.
- 2. The Historic District Commission will evaluate demolition applications to determine if the structure in question contributes to the character of the Local Historic District. If the HDC finds that the structure does not contribute to the character of the district or is unsalvageable, immediate approval of the demolition request may be granted.
- 3. Should the Historic District Commission find that the structure does contribute to the character of the historic district, the HDC can delay the issuance of a Certificate of Appropriateness authorizing demolition for a period not to exceed 365 days, in order to work with the owner to seek alternatives to demolition.
- 4. When an application for demolition receives a 365-day delay, any consideration of applications for proposed new construction on the same site will be deferred for 90 days.

- 5. When an application for demolition receives a 365-day delay, the Historic District Commission Staff will seek an alternative to demolition and will contact, within one month of the delay vote, the property owner who has applied for demolition, Historic Charlotte, Inc., and Preservation North Carolina to inform them of the threatened status of the building.
- 6. A permanent injunction against demolition can be invoked only in cases where a building or structure is certified by the State Historic Preservation Officer as being of statewide significance.
- 7. Applications for the demolition of dilapidated accessory structures may be eligible for administrative approval. All other demolition applications will be reviewed by the full Commission.
- 8. The maximum delay period for the issuance of a Certificate of Appropriateness authorizing demolition shall be reduced by the HDC where the Commission finds that the owner would suffer extreme hardship or be permanently deprived of all beneficial use or return from the property by virtue of the delay.

Any project that the Historic District Commission determines would require significant and substantial exterior demolition may, at the discretion of the Commission, be subject to the HDC policy on Demolition.

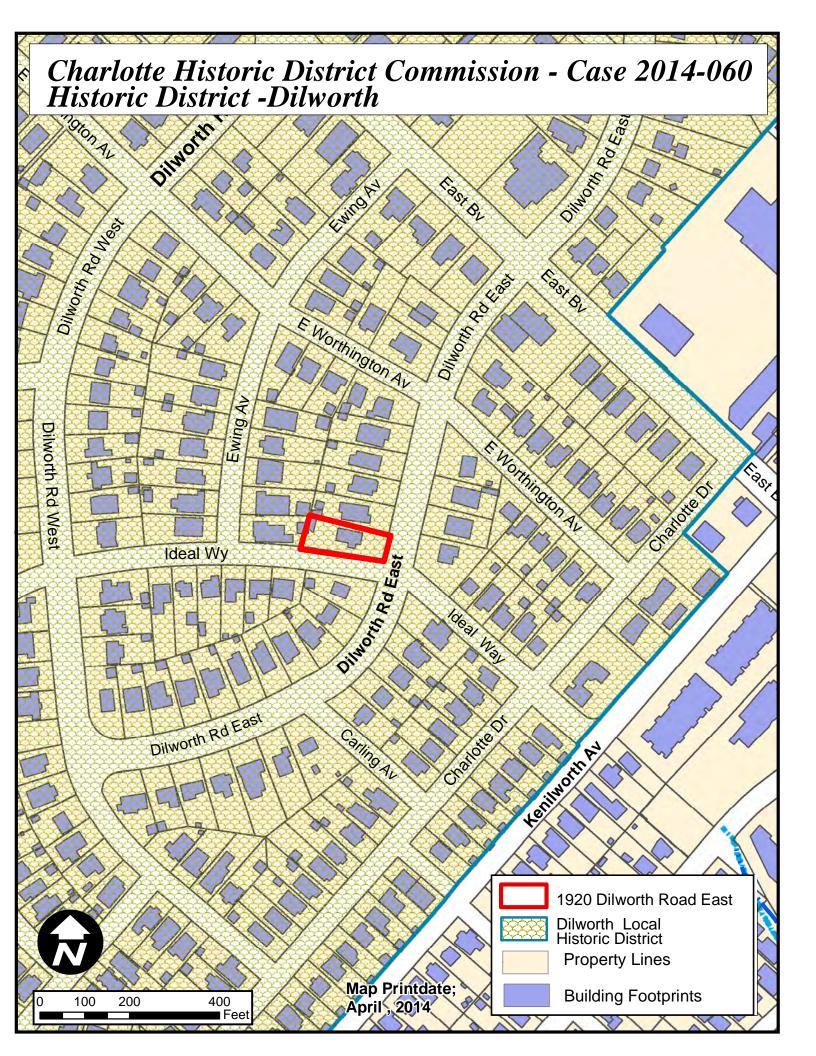
# **Garages/New Construction**

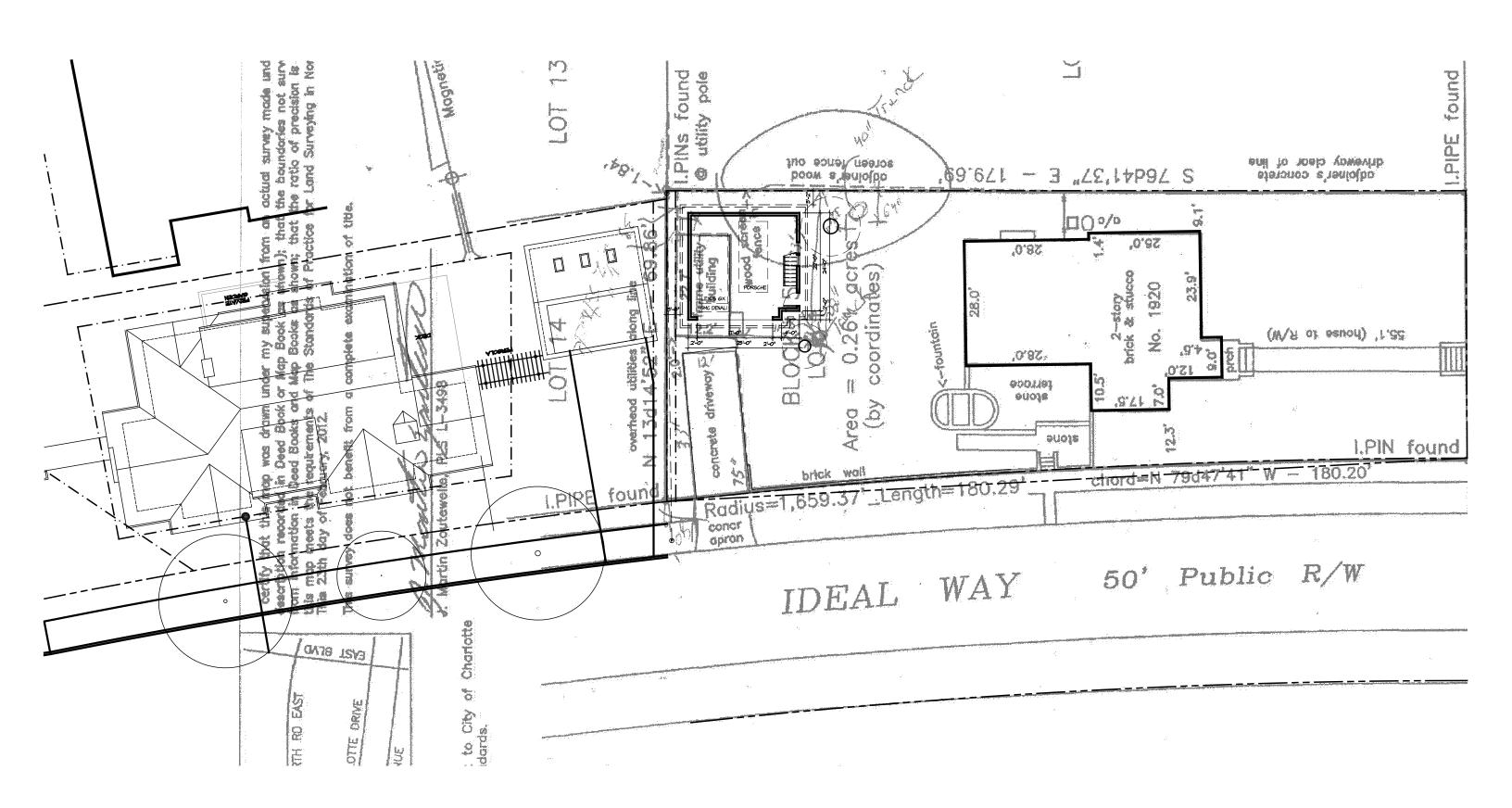
- 1. New garages cannot be located in front or side yards.
- 2. New garages must be constructed using materials and finishes that are in keeping with the main building they serve, and that are appropriate to the district.
- 3. Designs for new garages must be inspired by the main building they serve. 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.

All New Construction Projects Will Be Evaluated For Compatibility By The Following Criteria	
1. Size	the relationship of the project to its site
2. Scale	the relationship of the building to those around it
3. Massing	the relationship of the building's various parts to each other
4. Fenestration	the placement, style and materials of windows and doors
5. Rhythm	the relationship of fenestration, recesses and projections
6. Setback	in relation to setback of immediate surroundings
7. Materials	proper historic materials or approved substitutes
8. Context	the overall relationship of the project to its surroundings
9. Landscaping	as a tool to soften and blend the project with the district

# Staff Analysis

The proposal meets the guidelines for garages and new construction.





MAY 5, 2014 NEW GARAGE SITE PLAN SCALE: |" = 20'









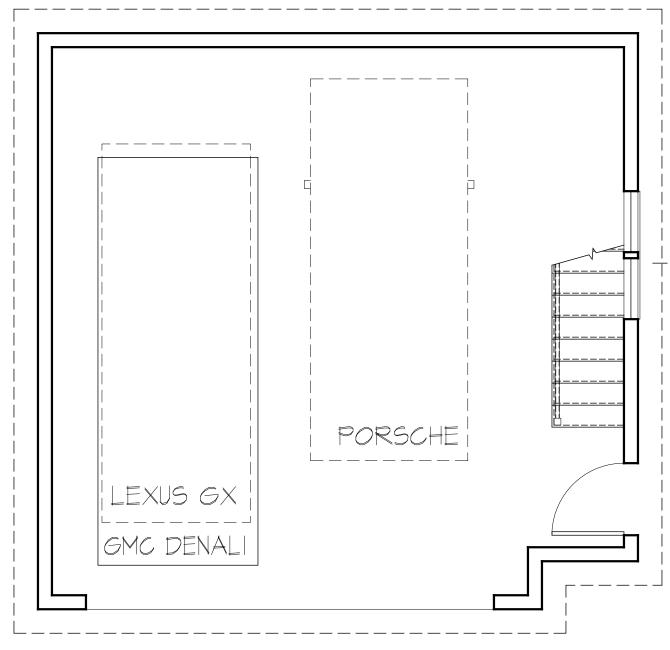






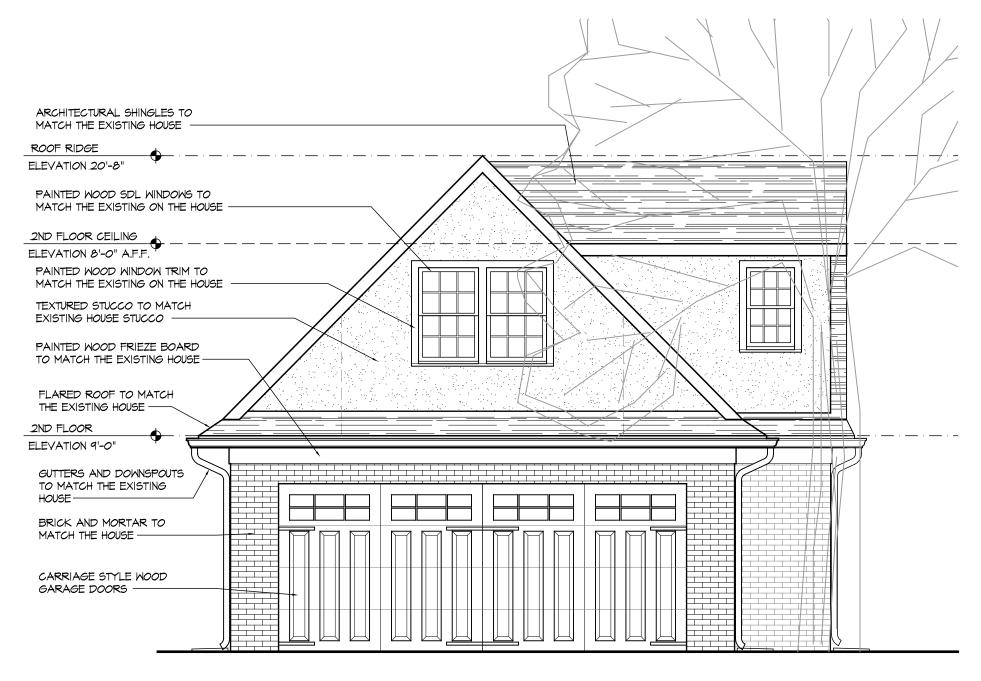






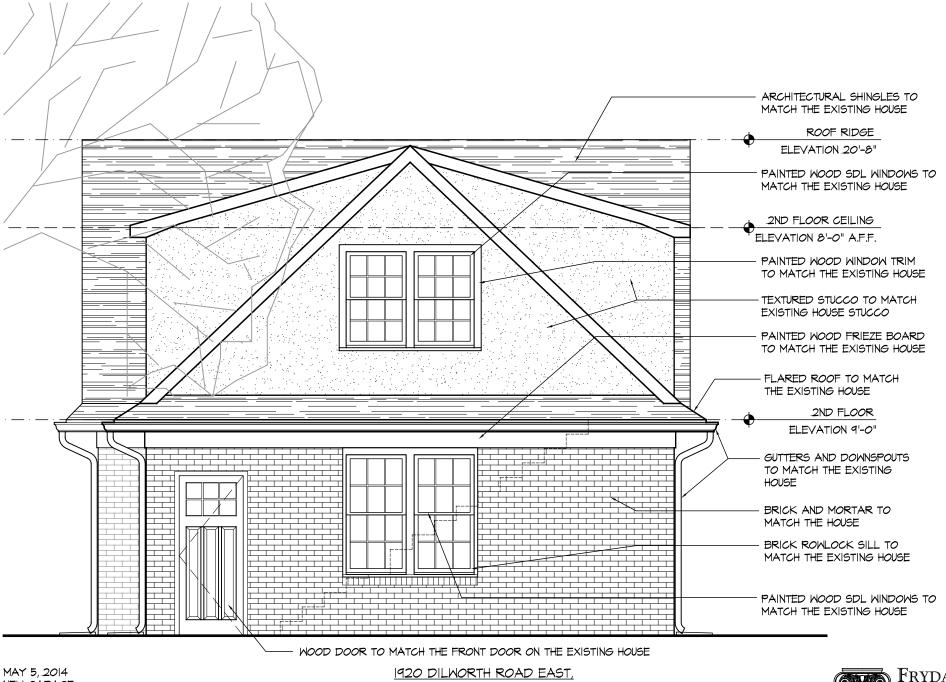
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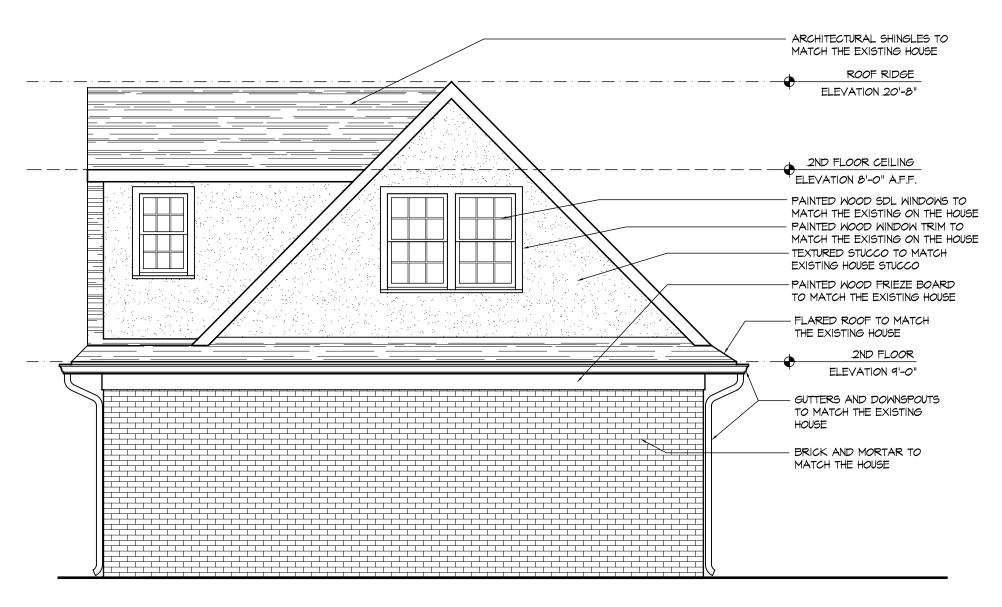
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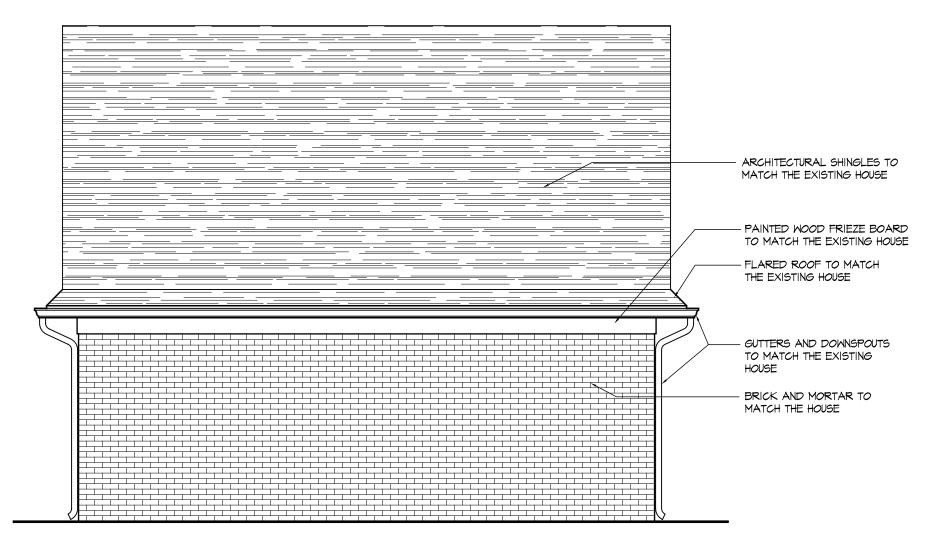
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MAY 5, 2014 NEW GARAGE SIDE NEIGHBOR'S ELEVATION





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