Charlotte Historic District Commission Staff Review

HDC 2017-163

Application for a Certificate of Appropriateness

Date: July 12, 2017 PID# 12307507

LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICT: Dilworth

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 331 East Boulevard

SUMMARY OF REQUEST: Demolition

APPLICANT: Rob Pressley/Ken Fairleigh

Details of Proposed Request

Existing Conditions

The building is a "2.5 story apartment building with a side gable roof and triangular brackets. Two-tier full façade shed porch with brick piers on first floor, paired posts and shingled balustrade on second. Central gable with stucco and timbering, ca 1925." The building is listed as a contributing structure in the Dilworth National Register of Historic Places.

Proposal

The proposal is full demolition of the buildings. Plans for new construction have not been submitted.

Policy & Design Guidelines - Demolition, page 35 (Previous Guidelines)

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.
- The Historic District Commission will evaluate demolition applications to determine
 if the structure in question contributes to the character of the Local Historic
 District.
- 3. 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.
- 4. 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.
- 5. 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.

- 6. 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.
- 7. 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.
- 8. 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.
- 9. 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.

Staff Analysis

The Commission will make a determination as to whether or not the building is determined to be contributing to the Dilworth Local Historic District. With affirmative determination, the Commission can apply up to 365-Day Stay of Demolition. Or, if the Commission determines that this property is no longer contributing, then demolition may take place without a delay.

This application is continued from June for the following:

1. Applicant can be present for further questions

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