Charlotte Historic District Commission Application for a Certificate of Appropriateness

Staff Review Date: August 14, 2019

HDCADMRM 2019-00381 PID# 12108605

LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICT: Dilworth

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 719 East Tremont Avenue

SUMMARY OF REQUEST: Brick piers

APPLICANT/OWNER: Allen Brooks/Doug Ehmann

Details of Proposed Request

Existing Conditions

The existing structure is a 1.5 story Bungalow style house constructed in 1915. Architectural features include a hipped main roof, full width front porch and centered dormer. Siding material is cedar shake. Adjacent structures are 1-2 story single family houses. The house height is approximately 22'. Existing brick foundation is painted. A rear addition was approved by the Commission on April 11, 2018 under COA# HDCRMA-2018-00083.

Proposal

The proposal is the addition of two new brick piers in the front yard. The new piers measure 2' x 2' x 2' and flank original historic steps. The new brick piers have already been installed and are painted without the prior approval of staff or the Commission.

<u>Design Guidelines – Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation, page 2.5</u>

3. Each property shall be recognized as a physical record of its time, place, and use. <u>Changes that create a false sense of historical development, such as adding conjectural features</u> or architectural elements from other buildings, <u>shall not be undertaken</u>.

<u>Design Guidelines – Masonry, page 5.5</u>

3. Leave unpainted masonry unpainted.

Design Guidelines - Paint, page 5.8

1. Do not paint masonry that is unpainted.

<u>Design Guidelines – Sidewalks and Parking, page 8.2</u>

- 1. Retain existing historic walkways
- 2. <u>Walks and walkways in front and side yards or those that are substantially visible from the street in new construction should follow the historic design precedents of their surrounding environment.</u>

Staff Analysis

Staff has the following concerns with the proposal:

- 1. Massing, scale, painted brick.
- 2. The proposed brick piers are incongruous in both size and location to the smaller cottages and bungalows along E. Tremont and E. Worthington Avenue in the Dilworth local historic district.
- 3. Piers flanking a walkway are not a historic landscape element, and do not follow the historic design precedent of the surrounding environment, per Sidewalks and Parking Guidelines 8.2, item 2.
- 4. Piers flanking a walkway are conjectural features and should be avoided, per Standard #3 above.



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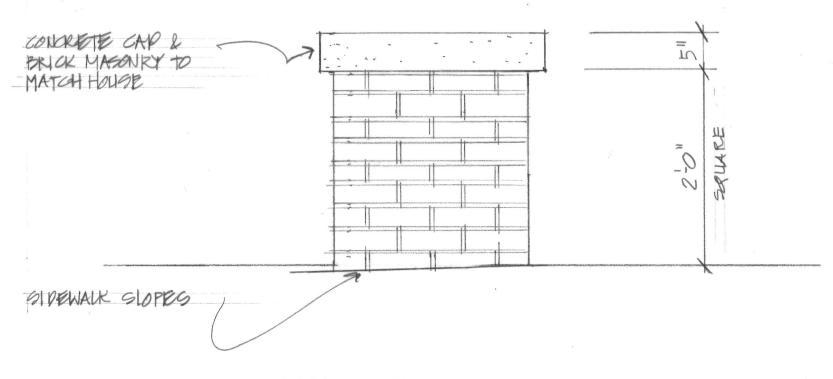
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