Charlotte Historic District Commission Application for a Certificate of Appropriateness

Staff Analysis

Date: November 13, 2019 HDCRMI 2019-00444 PID# 11908520

LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICT: Wilmore

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 429 West Park Avenue

SUMMARY OF REQUEST: Painted Brick/Front Door Replacement

APPLICANT/OWNER: Sarah Wheat

Details of Proposed Request

Existing Conditions

The existing structure is a 1.5 story Craftsman bungalow constructed c. 1931. Architectural features include a full-width front porch that wraps around the left elevation, decorative shingles in the gable ends, brackets, and 8/1 windows. Lot size is approximately 85' x 217'. Adjacent structures are 1-2 story single-family houses. The rehabilitation of the house including window repair, front porch repair, and partial enclosure of the rear porch were approved at the Administrative level (COA# HDCADMRM-2018-00513).

Proposal

The proposed project is to replace the original front door with a new wood front door and to paint the brick foundation, front steps and knee walls, and front porch brick piers, as a means of unifying various types of masonry and mortar.

Design Guidelines – Front Doors and Entrances, page 4.10

- 1. Retain and repair all existing features and materials of the historic entrance and front door.
- 2. Replace historic doors that are beyond repair with a new door of the same size, design, material, and types as used originally, or sympathetic to the building style, including number and orientation of panel and location and size of any glass. Do not use generic or "stock" doors with details that provide a false sense of historical accuracy.
- 3. Do not replace original trim with trim that conveys a different period, style, or theme.
- 4. Do not reduce or enlarge entrances or door openings.
- 5. A storm door, if used, should meet the following guidelines:
 - a. Construct storm doors of wood, clad, or a composite material that can be sawn and painted, or painted metal.
 - b. Relate openings for screen or glass panels to the proportions of the door. Storm doors should avoid obscuring the design of the front door.
 - c. Paint the storm door the same color as the main door or the trim color.
- 6. Do not relocate the primary front entrance. Conversions to other uses that require relocation will be evaluated on a case by case basis.

Design Guidelines - Masonry, page 5.5-5.6

Refer to Guideline book.

Design Guidelines – Paint, page 5.8

Painting brick or masonry is not considered a change of color but a fundamental change in the character of a building and is typically not allowed. Painting may be considered if documentation shows it will unify disparate parts of the building, provided the disparate work is not of one's own doing.

Staff Analysis

Staff has the following concerns with the proposal:

- 1. The Commission shall determine if an exception shall be granted for the painted brick foundation based on the evidence provided.
- 2. Minor revisions may be reviewed by staff.



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429 W. Park Ave

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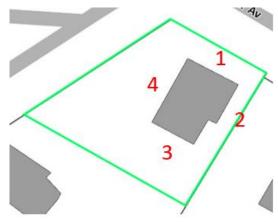
1 – FRONT (PARK AVE)

2-SIDE





HOUSE KEY



3-REAR



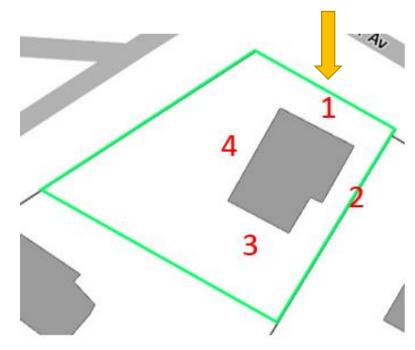
4– RIGHT SIDE (MINT STREET)





FRONT PORCH LEFT COLUMN

- Mismatched brick (smooth and scored face)
- Inconsistent mortar head (vertical) joint widths
- Uneven & un-tooled joints
- Broken brick & mortar drips

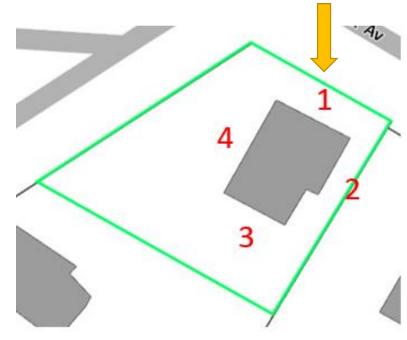


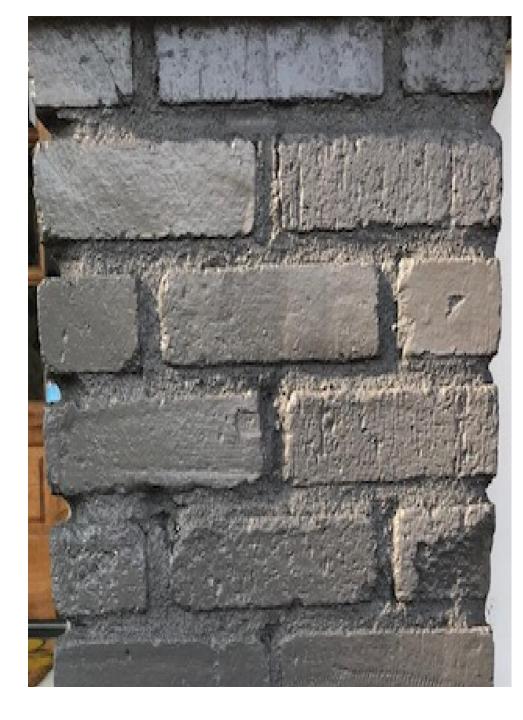




FRONT PORCH RIGHT COLUMN

- Caved in brick
- Crooked and irregular joints
- Broken brick
- Substandard mortar and joint lines
- Inferior masonry workmanship

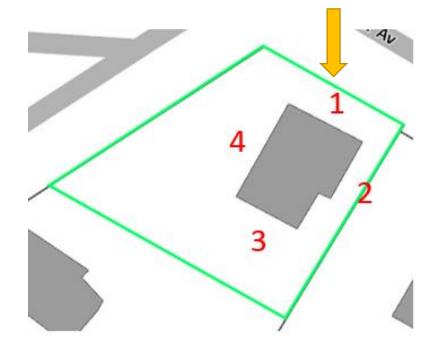






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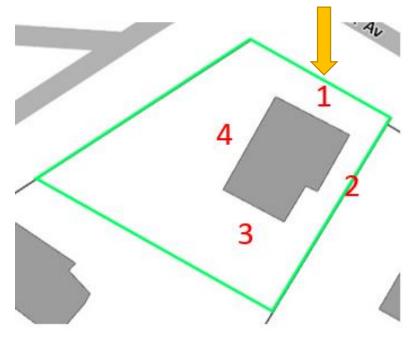




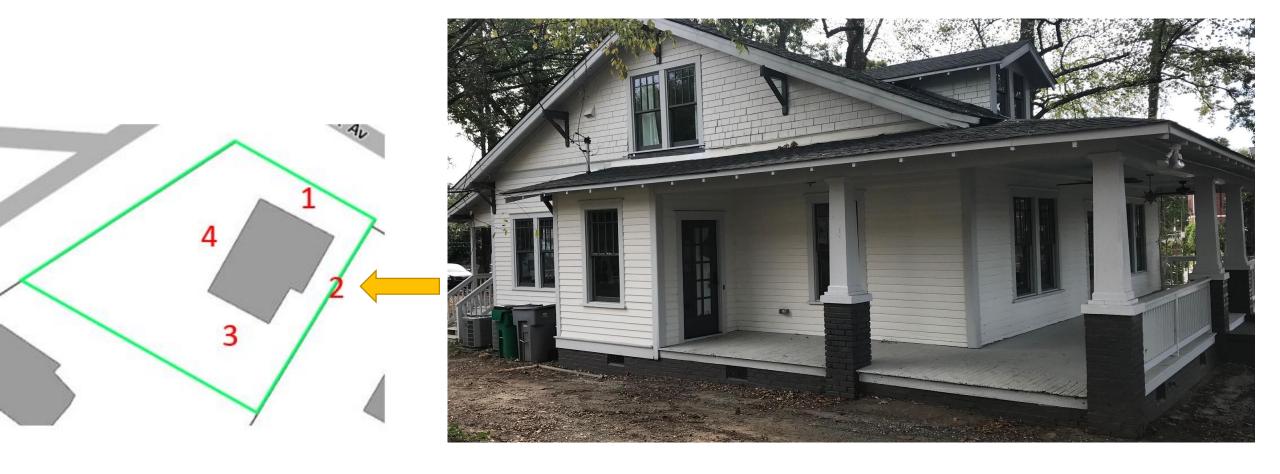


NORTHWEST SIDE FRONT PORCH

- Overfilled mortar joints
- Mismatched brick
- Uneven rows of brick at the joint.
- Inferior masonry workmanship





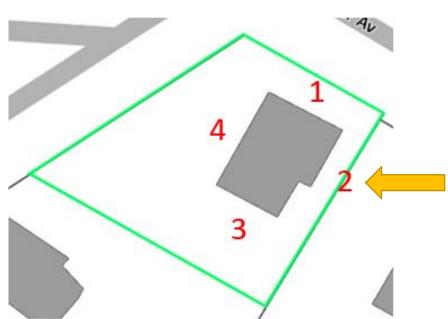




EAST SIDE COLUMN

2 – LEFT SIDE

- Under-filled & mismatched mortar (horizontal & vertical) lines
- Inferior masonry workmanship.
- Uneven rows and substandard mortar and joint lines







CHIMNEY PAINTED PRIOR TO RENOVATION

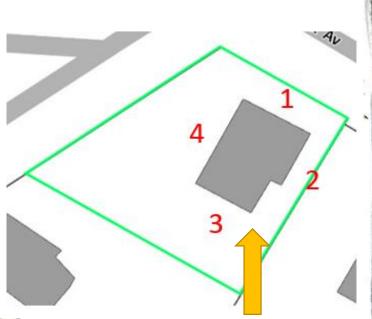




SOUTH SIDE

3 - REAR

- Mismatched mortar (horizontal & vertical) lines
- Joint lines don't line up in brick pattern.
- Uneven rows and substandard mortar and joint lines





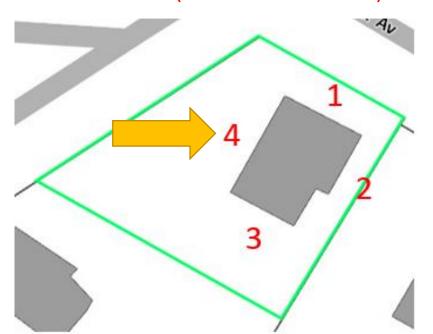






WEST SIDE

4 – RIGHT SIDE (FACES MINT STREET)



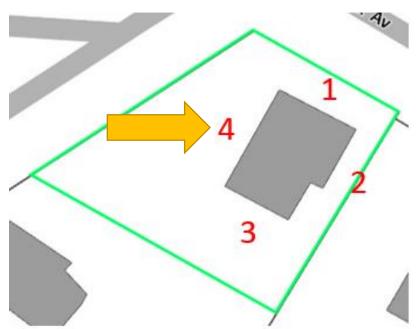




WEST SIDE

4- RIGHT SIDE (FACES MINT STREET)

- Excessive and sloppy mortar work
- Uneven joint lines
- Bricks don't line up





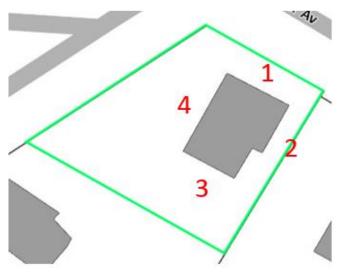
- Mortar head joints in excess of 1 inch common throughout all sides of house.
- Industry standard is 3/8"

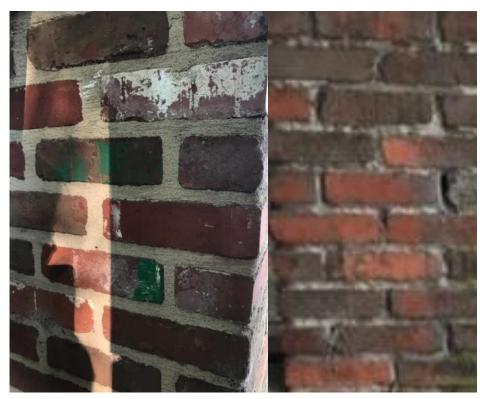
















- Original front door | 15-light
- Serious disrepair with broken panes and wood rot.



Replaced with a custom, solid wood, 8-light door.



CONTEXT & ADJACENT STRUCTURES



408 W. Park Ave



429 West Park Avenue

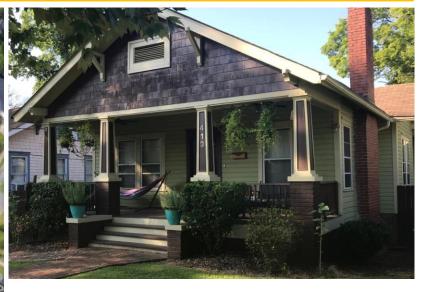
ADDITIONAL STRUCTURES ON 400 BLOCK WITH PAINTED FOUNDATIONS REFERENCED ON ABOVE MAP

400 W. Park Ave

401 W. Park Ave

404 W. Park Ave

421 W. Park Ave0



413 W. Park Ave



420 W. Park Ave

CONTEXT & ADJACENT STRUCTURES

HISTORIC WILMORE PAINTED MASONRY

Homes within an approximate 2 block radius of 429 W. Park Ave (partial list) *also noting structures on W. Park Ave from S. Mint to S. Tryon Street

W. Pa	ark Ave
210	214
218	222
225	227
230	231
234	238
243	246
250	254
255	258
301	308
309	312
313	315
317	321
324	328
329	400
401	405
408	413
417	420
421	

Wilmore		
Drive		
1565	1566	
1601	1608	
1609	1616	
1620	1621	
1628		

Westwood		
<u>Ave</u>		
304	305	
309	317	
320	400	
401	405	

Southwood	
<u>Ave</u>	
1527	1531
1535	1539

<u>Spruce</u>
<u>Street</u>
521
525
527
531

Wickford
<u>Place</u>
1612
1616
1617

Kingston	
<u>Ave</u>	
405	430

<u>S.</u>	<u>Mint</u>	
16	527	
16	519	