

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
OCTOBER 22, 2012
APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS
C14H-1982-0001-F
Larmour Block
916 Congress Avenue

PROPOSAL

Construct a rear addition to the existing third story of the building.

PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS

The proposed addition will extend the existing third story to the rear of the building. The third floor currently only extends to approximately 2/3 of the depth of the building from the front. The proposed project will extend the existing metal-skinned structure to the rear of the building, using metal panels to clad the addition and to match, as closely as possible, the existing third story structure. A small deck will face northward from the proposed addition. The applicant has not yet completed the design of the rear façade of the proposed addition.

STANDARDS FOR REVIEW

The Commission's Standards for Review of applications for Certificates of Appropriateness include:

- Do not destroy the distinguishing original qualities or character of a building, structure, or site and its environment. Avoid the removal or alteration of any historic material or distinctive architectural features.
- Recognize all buildings, structures, and sites as products of their own time. Do not construct alterations which have no historical basis and which seek to create an earlier appearance.
- Contemporary design for alterations and additions to existing properties are appropriate when such alterations and additions do not destroy significant historic, architectural, or cultural material and such design is compatible with the size, scale, color, material, and character of the property, neighborhood, or environment.
- Construct new additions or alterations to structures in such a manner that if such addition or alteration were to be removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the structure will be unimpaired.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Not reviewed.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Approve the application as proposed with the recommendation that the applicant continue to work with staff to develop the design for the rear façade of the proposed addition. The extension of the existing third story will not be visible from Congress Avenue, and will not impinge upon the historic character or architecture of the building.