

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
OCTOBER 22, 2012
APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS
C14H-2009-0008
Massey-Page House
1305 Northwood Road

PROPOSAL

Construct a new brick wall with a gate and entry trellis; construct a new ornamental steel fence; reconfigure the front stoop; repave the front walkway.

PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS

The applicant proposes to construct a new 6-foot tall brick wall around the perimeter of the property, running from the northwest corner of the house around the curved corner of Northwood Road and Oakhurst Drive. The proposed wall will be red brick to match the house, and will have a wooden entry gate topped with a rounded steel trellis. The top part of the proposed wall will have an open weave pattern. Between the wall and the house on the west side, the applicant will install a 4-foot section of fencing to differentiate the new wall from the historic house. A short section of the same brick wall with an entry gate and trellis will be constructed for the east side of the house, set back slightly from the front wall of the house and built to the property line.

The applicant also proposes to reconfigure the front stoop by eliminating the existing planters and extending the brick paving on the stoop; the front walkway will be repaved with stone.

STANDARDS FOR REVIEW

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

- 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

The Committee recommended that the applicant not connect the red brick wall directly with the red brick house.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Approve the application as proposed, with the recommendation that the applicant continue to work with staff to determine the exact material the applicant will use to differentiate the wall from the house on the right side of the house.

