

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
DECEMBER 17, 2012
APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS
C14H-2009-0048
Fred and Margaret Sharp House
12 Niles Road

PROPOSAL

Construct a new perimeter wall / fence across the front of the house.

PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS

The applicant proposes to construct a new brick wall across the front of the house at the front lot line; the wall will be broken with sections of iron picket fencing at the entry walk to allow for visibility of the house from the street. The proposed wall will be brick, painted to match the painted brick house, with a limestone cap, and will run approximately 154 feet along Niles Road. The wall will maintain a height of 6 feet, although the wall will actually be more than 6 feet tall at the west end of the property due to changes in grade. At the center of the wall will be two limestone posts, matching the limestone details on the house, with sections of iron picket fencing.

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 gave a preliminary review to the project and recommended that the wall not obscure the view of the house.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Approve the application as proposed.