

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION**  
**DECEMBER 18, 2017**  
**APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS**  
**C14H-1982-0014**  
**Laguna Gloria**  
**3809 W. 35<sup>th</sup> Street**

**PROPOSAL**

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New entry gates; modifications to the gate house; construct new visitor pavilions at the entry.

**PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS**

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The applicant proposes the following activities at the entry to the property from W. 35<sup>th</sup> Street:

1. Install a new fence at the perimeter of the property along 35<sup>th</sup> Street that will replace the tall walls that were constructed in the 1970s; the proposed new fence will be constructed of stainless steel wire mesh and will be embedded in the plantings. It will be 4 feet tall.
2. Install new vehicular entry gates at the driveway entrance to the property from 35<sup>th</sup> Street. The current historic entry gates were originally located at the Temple of Love; the applicant proposes to return the gates to their historic location. The entry gates were purchased by Clara Driscoll for this property from the State Capitol. Contemporary interpretations of the historic gates will be created and installed at the entry.
3. Construct a new 600-square foot visitors services building and a 190-square foot retail building adjacent to the gatehouse. The new entry path, connecting these new buildings and providing a restored sense of procession, will be covered by a shade canopy that slopes away from the gatehouse and provides a shaded area for visitors outside. The new retail and visitors service buildings will be constructed of solid weathering steel. The shade structures will be painted steel with a white finish.
4. Modifications to the existing gatehouse to include the realignment of doors and windows, and exterior painting. The existing gatehouse is a masonry and wood one-story building with a hipped roof that has been modified at least three times over its lifetime, and is considered non-contributing to the historic character of the site. The applicant proposes to convert space in the gatehouse into expanded restrooms, and to upgrade HVAC for the art school and education offices, which will allow for the meters and other utility connections to be moved to the back facade. The existing non-historic doors will be removed, and the wall patched, but preserving the articulation of the openings on the inside. A new set of double-leaf doors will be installed in the place of an existing window. Existing non-historic awnings and a trellis will also be removed. The building will be painted a muted gray that will differentiate it from the paint scheme of the villa itself.

**STANDARDS FOR REVIEW**

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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.
- Repair, rather than replace deteriorated architectural features wherever possible. In the event replacement is necessary, the new material should match the material being replaced in composition, design, color, texture, and other visual qualities. Base the repair or replacement of missing architectural features on accurate duplications of features, substantiated by historical, physical, or pictorial evidence rather than on conjectural designs or the availability of different architectural elements from other buildings or structures.
- 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**

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

The Committee recommended use of the historic gates, and recommended approval of all other aspects of the proposal. The applicant has revised their proposal to address the concerns of the committee members.

#### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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Approve as proposed.



-  SUBJECT TRACT
-  PENDING CASE
-  ZONING BOUNDARY

1" = 375'

#### NOTIFICATIONS

CASE#: C14H-1982-0014  
3809 W. 35TH ST.

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