

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS
OCTOBER 28, 2019
C14H-1977-0034
BEN PILLOW HOUSE
1403 W. 9TH STREET

PROPOSAL

Construct a steel perimeter fence; install a lighting sconce for the front porch.

PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS

Fence: The applicant proposes the replacement of the current wood picket fence with a 6-foot tall steel picket fence, which will be planted with evergreen jasmine vines for form a hedge. The proposed fence will have 3-inch steel pipe posts set in concrete footers, galvanized welded wire horse panels, and a steel frame. The fence will not be painted.

Sconce: The applicant proposes the replacement of the current front porch sconce with a new metal sconce in a contemporary design.

STANDARDS FOR REVIEW

The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation are used to evaluate projects on historic landmarks. The following standards apply to the proposed project:

- 1) *The historic character of a property will be retained and preserved. The removal of distinctive materials or alteration of features, spaces, and spatial relationships that characterize a property will be avoided.*

Evaluation: The fence will provide a framework for the hedge that will provide privacy for the private areas of the house, and is in keeping with historic patterns; the sconce is out of character with the historic house and a more traditional design will be more appropriate to preserve the historic character of the property.

- 9) *New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction will not destroy historic materials, features, and spatial relationships that characterize the property. The new work will be differentiated from the old and will be compatible with the historic materials, features, size, scale and proportion, and massing to protect the integrity of the property and its environment.*

Evaluation: The proposed fence as a framework for a hedge retains the historic character of the property; the proposed sconce does not.

- 10) *New additions and adjacent or related construction will be undertaken in such a manner that, if removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the historic property and its environment would be unimpaired.*

Evaluation: The fence and sconce could both be easily removed without damage to the historic character of the property.

The proposed fence meets the applicable standards; the proposed sconce does not.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Not reviewed.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Approve the request for the fence; deny the request for the sconce in favor of a more traditional design that is compatible with the character of the historic house.