

WINDOVER HEIGHTS BOARD OF REVIEW
MINUTES
November 6, 2018

The Windover Heights Board of Review met in regular session at 7:30 PM on Tuesday, November 6, 2018 in the Council Chambers at the Vienna Town Hall, 127 Center Street, South, Vienna, VA.

Theresa Bachmann presiding as chair with the following members present: Susan Stillman, Carey Sienicki, & Michael Cheselka. Mary McCullough was absent. Also in attendance, representing town staff, was Andrea West, Planner (Permits & Design Review) of the Department of Planning & Zoning.

Roll Call

Members Theresa Bachmann, Susan Stillman, Carey Sienicki, & Michael Cheselka were present. Mary McCullough was absent.

Approval of Minutes

Ms. Sienicki made a motion to approve the Feb 6, 2018 meeting minutes as submitted.

Motion: Sienicki
Second: Cheselka
Carried: 3-0
Abstain: Bachmann

Item No. 1:

Request for a Certificate of Appropriateness for installation of new front porch and new entry stairs on property located at 350 Windover Avenue, NW (Docket No. 04-18 WHBR), in the RS-16, single-family detached residential zoning district; filed by Jordan and Rebecca Gottfried, owners.

Providing staff's report, staff representative Andrea West stated that the applicant is requesting approval construct a new porch and side entry stairs on the subject property, the existing conditions, the history of the house, and outlined the materials provided to support the application..

The applicant, Jordan Gottfried residing at 350 Windover Avenue, NW stepped forward to present. Mr. Gottfried discussed the desire to improve the house closer to its original condition, the reasons for differing from the design illustrated by the historical image, the number of posts, and the materials selected for the proposed improvements. Mr. Gottfried also clarified that the new side porch is replacing a landing that was previously removed because of the poor condition.

Mr. Cheselka asked if the home was officially registered historic; the inaudible response was that the house is not, and Mr. Cheselka stated that it allowed for additional material selection. Mr. Cheselka requested some clarification about the historical photos showing the front door and porch at the ground level. The applicant responded, stating that the house was moved in 1960s, and that a neighbor stated that the home was previously at-grade. Mr. Cheselka asked about the diagonal bracing depicted on the plan, and if it is in the front of the lattice as shown, and what the structural function of the braces is. Mr. Gottfried clarified that the bracing is inside the lattice, but he was unaware of their structural function and would have to speak with the designer. He suspected they may be related to the inclusion of a hinged section of lattice to access below the porch.

Ms. Sienicki asked if the porch did contain an access panel through the lattice. The applicant confirmed that the porch will have access and the location is to be determined. Ms. Sienicki and the applicant spoke about framing a door on the exterior and Mr. Cheselka and Ms. Bachmann concurred. Mr. Gottfried discussed landscaping that may cover the lower portion of the porch.

Ms. Sienicki mentioned that houses of this style typically have hipped porch roof, and provided several visual examples to the applicant. Mr. Gottfried stated that a hipped style-roof was requested for the contractor to draw for this application, but it was apparently not carried over into this set of drawings. Ms. Sienicki proposed altering the design to have a hipped roof instead of a shed roof; the applicant stated they would be comfortable resubmitting for administrative approval before permitting.

The Staff Liaison, Ms. West, clarified the process options for the Board if they choose to approve the design with the alternative roofline to the porch.

Ms. Sienicki inquired about the two proposed porches meeting in a wrap-around porch. The applicant stated that they would eventually like to complete the wrap-around porch connecting the two doors and possibly the rear porch.

Ms. Sienicki asked about the impact of the side porch on the landscaping; the applicant stated that they would need to adjust the location of existing shrubs. The applicant also stated that they eventually plan to fence and area for a dog outside of this door, and the steps will serve that area. Ms. Sienicki suggested tucking the steps into the structure and under a cover to retain landscaping.

There being no further discussion, Chairwoman Bachmann requested an amended motion for the changes discussed previously.

Ms. Sienicki made a motion that the request for a Certificate of Appropriateness for installation of new front porch and new entry stairs on property located at 350 Windover Avenue, NW, Docket No. 04-18 WHBR, in the RS-16, single-family detached residential zoning district be approved provided that revised plans and elevations are provided to staff to show a hipped roof to the front porch. Mr. Cheselka seconded the motion.

There being no further comment, Chairwoman Bachmann called the question.

Motion: Sienicki
Second: Cheselka
Vote: 4-0

Chairwoman Bachmann asked if there were any other matters for the Board to discuss.

Ms. Sienicki welcomed the new Staff Liaison, Andrea West.

There being no further discussion the meeting adjourned at 8:06 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrea E. West
Staff Liaison & Board Clerk