



City of Danville

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Commission of Architectural Review

JANUARY 28, 2021

3:30 P.M.

FOURTH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM

AGENDA

- I. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER**
- II. ROLL CALL**
- III. NEW BUSINESS**
 - 1. Request Certificate of Appropriateness, 2021-22, to restore 226 Jefferson Avenue. The proposed scope of work includes removing stairs and hand railing on the front porch; repairing front porch posts, railing, and trim; and removing the concrete in front of the stairs. The applicant will use wood, stone, and metal fasteners.
 - 2. Request Certificate of Appropriateness, 2021-23, to restore 855 Pine Street. The proposed scope of work includes removing the awning from above lower steps on the front porch, installing a picket fence on each side of the house, and repairing the driveway on the left of the house. The applicant will use wood, gravel, and metal fasteners.
- IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 10, 2020**
- V. ADJOURNMENT**



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STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: JANUARY 28, 2021

RE: CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS REQUEST - 226 JEFFERSON AVE

APPLICANT'S REQUEST

Request Certificate of Appropriateness, 2021-22, to restore 226 Jefferson Avenue. The proposed scope of work includes removing stairs and hand railing on the front porch; repairing front porch posts, railing, and trim; and removing the concrete in front of the stairs. The applicant will use wood, stone, and metal fasteners.

STAFF EVALUATION

The CAR certificate of appropriateness application subject property is the south side of Jefferson Street approximately 450' feet west of the intersection with Loyal Street. The applicant proposes removing the non-period stairs on the front porch.

The relevant sections of the Commission of Architectural Design Guidelines include the following:

C. GUIDELINES FOR RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES

All additions and renovations to existing structures should as much as possible complement the original elements in terms of material, size, shape, texture and color.

3. Porches and Entries

Porches and front entries are highly individual and are an essential part of the architecture of the house. Porches can be constructed of wood, stone, brick and stucco, or cast iron and often have interesting details that complement and/or embellish the detail seen elsewhere in friezes and cornices. They vary from very plain porches and entries to elaborate porticos. Because these porches are essential to the overall character of the structure, every effort should be made to restore or reproduce porch and entry features rather than simplifying, changing, or modifying them. If the original porch is missing, study of similar homes or historical records can assist with reproduction of the original details. Modern vinyl or clad wood doors are discouraged. Substitute materials will be considered on a case-by-case basis; if these are preferred, the overriding concern in approval should be authentic appearance and maintenance of historic details.

ATTACHMENTS

- ✓ Application



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CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS APPLICATION

Article 3.R.C.1.

No zoning, site plan, subdivision plat, or building permit shall be issued for the erection, reconstruction, exterior alteration, restoration, rehabilitation, razing, relocation or demolition of any building, structure, signs, fences, walls, light fixtures, accessory buildings, pavements, grading, site improvements, significant landscaping features or other appurtenant element in an HP-O District unless and until such building or site element has been approved by the issuance of a Certificate of Appropriateness by the Commission of Architectural Review for the City.

INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED BY PLANNING DIVISION

Application Number: _____

CAR Date: _____

Date submitted: _____

Received by: _____

Tax Map Number: _____

Zoning Map Number: _____

Architectural Inventory Rating: _____

Zoning District: _____

Additional Zoning Information: _____

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INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED BY APPLICANT

Important-Please read before completing application

- a) All questions on this application must be fully answered
- b) The application must be signed by the property owners or representative with written authorization by the owner
- c) A drawing, photo, plan or sketch of proposed project with dimensions

Have you read and understand the Design Guidelines for the Historic Overlay District of Danville, Virginia? Yes

Are you aware of the federal/state tax credits and Real Estate Abatement program available for potential reimbursement/credit of money used during substantial rehabilitation projects? No

Would you like more information about these programs? Yes

Which one(s)? All of the reimbursements/credits available to 226 Jefferson Ave.

Property Location: 226 Jefferson Ave Danville VA 24541

Name of Applicant: Duff Ramsey

Applicant's Address: 632 Granite Mill Blud.

Applicant's Phone Number: 434-414-4559 Email Address: dufframsey@gmail.com

Work Proposed (please circle one): Alteration/addition/rehabilitation/new construction/sign

Work proposed: Removal of stairs on Front Porch & hand railing. Repair front porch posts, railing & trim. Remove concrete in front of stairs.

Type of material(s) to be used: Wood, stone & Metal fasteners

[Signature]
Signature of Property Owner (if not applicant)

[Signature]
Signature of Applicant







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RE: CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS REQUEST - 855 PINE STREET

APPLICANT'S REQUEST

Request Certificate of Appropriateness, 2021-23, to restore 855 Pine Street. The proposed scope of work includes removing the awning from above lower steps on the front porch, installing a picket fence on each side of the house, and repairing the driveway on the left of the house. The applicant will use wood, gravel, and metal fasteners

STAFF EVALUATION

The CAR certificate of appropriateness application subject property is the south side of Jefferson Street approximately 600' feet west of the intersection with Jefferson Street. The applicant proposes removing the awning, constructing a picket fence, and repairing the driveway.

The relevant sections of the Commission of Architectural Design Guidelines include the following:

6.0 SITE & PUBLIC SPACE DESIGN GUIDELINES

All additions and renovations to existing structures should as much as possible complement the original elements in terms of material, size, shape, texture and color.

B. Site Guidelines for Existing Residential Buildings

Driveways. In the OWE vehicular access was often either from an alley or by a driveway through the front yard and along the side of the property to a garage in the rear. Many of the side access drives that existed when these buildings were constructed are now too narrow to accommodate vehicles. In these situations, vehicles are often parked to one side in the front yard. If adequate parking is not available on the street, this condition is not ideal, but probably necessary. Where adequate side yard is available, parking in the rear is preferred.

Fences and Hedges. Many front yards in the OWE do not have fences or hedges, perhaps because the front yards are often quite small. Where they are fences, there is a variety, from wooden pickets to elaborate wrought iron. Some pictures of these appear on the next page. Original wooden fences are likely not to have survived, but if a fence is desired there may be historic images of the property illustrating the original style. There are also many sources available illustrating historic picket fence styles, and a variety of styles might be appropriate.

There is a wide variety of wrought iron fences in the OWE. It is preferable to restore existing fences rather than replace them, but since it may be difficult to fabricate fences to match, it is acceptable to replace damaged or missing fencing with new fencing. Wrought iron or aluminum picket fencing is acceptable.

Fencing should not exceed 30-48" in front yards, and 6' in side and rear yards. An additional 2' of open work may be added to the top of a 6' wood fence, as shown in the photo to the left. If one side has supports showing, this must face the owner building the fence. Solid fencing is not permitted in

front yards, but is permitted in side yards behind the facade of the main building and in rear yards. Solid fencing may be considered in the side yards in front of the facade of the main building where a non-residential use abuts a residential use. The same height guidelines apply to hedges.

Chain link and welded wire fencing is not allowed in the front or visible side yards of any buildings in the OWE, except as a temporary measure with staff approval. PVC are also not permitted.

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Are you aware of the federal/state tax credits and Real Estate Abatement program available for potential reimbursement/credit of money used during substantial rehabilitation projects? No

Would you like more information about these programs? Yes

Which one(s)? All programs available.

Property Location: 855 Pine St Danville Va. 24541

Name of Applicant: Duff Ramsey

Applicant's Address: 632 Granite Mill Blvd. Chapel Hill NC. 27516

Applicant's Phone Number: 934-414-4559

Email Address: dufframsey@gmail.com

Work Proposed (please circle one): Alteration/addition/rehabilitation/new construction/sign

Remove awning from above lower steps on front porch.
Install picket fence on each side of the house. Repair
driveway on the left of the house

Type of material(s) to be used: Wood, gravel, & Metal fasteners

Margaret M. Forbes
Signature of Property Owner (if not applicant)

Duff Ramsey
Signature of Applicant

COMMISSION OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW

December 10, 2020

Members Present

Robert Stowe
Robert Weir
Susan Stilwell
Jackson Weller

Members Absent

Michael Nicholas
Robin Crews
Jeffrey Bond

Staff

Doug Plachcinski
Lisa Jones
Clark Whitfield

Mr. Weir called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

ITEMS FOR PUBLIC HEARING

1. *Request Certificate of Appropriateness, 2020-267, to restore 835 Pine Street back to a single family dwelling configuration. The proposed scope of work includes reinstalling an outside door to the center hall, removing the door to the left apartment, and replacing the door to the right apartment with a jib window.*

Mr. Weir opened the Public Hearing.

Present to speak on this this request was Mr. Cody Foster, owner of 835 Pine Street. Mr. Foster stated what I want to do if this is possible is to replace the center hallway and door with a code appropriate door, that was salvaged from a building that was torn down locally. The jib window I already have which is from 850 Pine that was just torn down. I got in there and actually reviewed the original window that would have been there and it was a jib window. Everything that I want to do is going back to the historically appropriate. I want it to look like the day that it was built.

Mr. Weir closed the Public Hearing.

Ms. Stilwell stated I personally am ecstatic to see this house restored back to single family.

Ms. Stilwell made a motion to approve application 2020-267 and to issue a certificate of appropriateness. Mr. Weller seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 4-0- vote.

2. *Request Certificate of Appropriateness, 2020-268, to restore 870 Pine Street. The proposed scope of work includes demolishing rear additions, restoring the side porch, and restoring decorative elements with period appropriate wood materials.*

Mr. Weir opened the Public Hearing.

Present to speak on this request was Mr. Paul Liepe, on behalf of the owner Ellen J Paul, who is in Boston. Before I speak on the request, I want to thank the Commission for a year of their service. Everyone greatly appreciates it; thank you very much. We are fortunate to have people like Mr. Foster and Ms. Paul who are interested in restoring these houses. This particular case, 870 Pine Street, the back of the house the first floor is in absolute disastrous condition. The fact that we have someone with both the experience and financial wherewithal to do this in my opinion is been a blessing. We are also fortunate in this particular case to have an old picture of the house. We know what it is supposed to look like, and it is Ms. Paul's intention to return the house to the configuration that is shown there in that old picture. If you have questions, and I know the answer, I will be happy to answer or otherwise I can get Ms. Paul on the phone.

Mr. Weir closed the Public Hearing.

Mr. Stowe stated when we talk about demolition; obviously, we want to pause for a second. I just want to be clear that the two additions that we are talking about is a small addition on the right and a small addition on the back, am I correct?

Mr. Liepe stated there is actually an addition that goes all the way across the rear, and all of it is in bad condition. To add it in the rear one, at some point it was converted to a seven-unit apartment building. That rear addition was done poorly.

Mr. Stowe stated it says that Section A is to be restored.

Ms. Stilwell stated that is the porch.

Mr. Liepe stated no, Section A was originally just a small side porch, and later it was extended forward to the left. That particular structure I am not quite afraid to walk through it but I am close. It has had a great deal of water filtration into it.

Ms. Stilwell stated where did Ms. Paul move from?

Mr. Liepe stated Boston area.

Ms. Stilwell made a motion to approve application 2020-268 and to issue a certificate of appropriateness to restore this house and to remove all the additions that are inappropriate and created great HAVOC socially and physically to this house. Mr. Weller seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 4-0- vote.

- 3. Request Certificate of Appropriateness, 2020-269, to remove a majority of a rear 1960's addition at Temple Beth Shalom. The proposed scope of work includes*

removing most of the wing, relocating the HVAC units, and adding a matching sloped roof to the remaining maintenance and storage rooms.

Mr. Weir opened the Public Hearing.

Present to speak on behalf of this request was Mr. Peter Howard; I am Treasurer of Temple Beth Shalom and one of the Trustees. The Sunday school wing that was built in the early 60's has had extensive damage created first by Michael but subsequent storms. The new roofing that had been put on did not do an adequate job and all the water and rain got through ahead of us. The interior of that wing is substantially demolished at this point. The installation, old wood and electricity is very much in need of repair. The alternative to it is to take down that part of the building that is no longer use to us unfortunately due to lack of kids. The demolition would cost us significantly less than the repair, and restoration and given our limited resources, we would rather use those resources on the work that needs to be done in the sanctuary itself.

Mr. Weir stated you are talking about moving this cedar block part of that whole building to cedar block behind the temple?

Mr. Howard stated correct.

Mr. Weir closed the Public Hearing.

Mr. Stowe stated I have two questions it says retaining the two rooms and moving the HVAC to the ground level. Is that going to be seen from any public right away?

Mr. Howard stated the HVAC would be on ground level at the rear of the building.

Mr. Stowe stated the two rooms that you are retaining are part of that addition to the cedar block. What kind of square footage are we talking about?

Mr. Howard stated I think the rooms are either 8 or 10 foot out.

Mr. Weller stated are you going to pour a concrete floor.

Mr. Howard stated yes.

Ms. Stilwell stated do you think that you will leave the concrete floor?

Mr. Howard stated yes, the tile that we have put over the concrete floor in those two rooms has been maintained and they were not damaged by water at all. We will be able to retain those two rooms pretty much as they are.

Ms. Stilwell stated they would be equipment rooms?

Mr. Howard stated yes.

Ms. Stilwell made a motion to approve application 2020-269 and to issue a certificate of appropriateness. Mr. Stowe seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 4-0- vote.

- 4. Request Certificate of Appropriateness, 2020-271, to repair/replace the roof, repair siding, replace windows, and paint the home at 507 Holbrook Avenue.*

Mr. Weir opened the Public Hearing.

No one was present to speak on this application.

Mr. Weir closed the Public Hearing.

Mr. Stowe made a motion to move for continuation of this application to the next regular scheduled meeting. Ms. Stilwell seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 4-0 vote.

- 5. Request Certificate of Appropriateness, 2020-273, to build front brick stairs, add staircase railings to front porch, stain front door, paint accessory building doors, and add exterior wall-mount mailbox to the home at 864 Pine Street.*

Mr. Weir opened the Public Hearing.

Present to speak on behalf of this request was Ms. Keisha Corbett, owner of 864 Pine Street. I am just trying to get my staircase back the groundhogs dug out both sides and it collapsed. I had to get my basement wall redone, and now I am just trying to get my staircase back on the house. Originally, it was not brick; it was block covered like the bottom of the house. I would like to put brick on the steps that match the brick that is already there.

Ms. Stilwell stated how high are those steps it has been a while since I have looked at that house?

Ms. Corbett stated there are no stairs now but it was only three that got you up to the porch. Which I know for sure it is going to be more than three steps because those steps were the platform where you place your foot was not safe. It was not long enough to place your foot down and step safely.

Ms. Stilwell stated so you are going to come out a little bit?

Ms. Corbett stated today I went by with my mason person that is going to do it. We are in between and I think the normal is twelve but we are going anywhere from sixteen to eighteen but he wanted twenty-four but it would take it a little bit further into the yard. It will make it four steps down in the front. I will need a walk way and I am asking it would probably only be two foot from where my steps end and where my sidewalk starts. The steps are going to look different because the ones that were on there were not okay for

the house for safety reasons. I am just trying to get the front of my house looking like it is supposed to.

Ms. Stilwell stated the steps that you are going to have will they have a railing.

Ms. Corbett stated yes, I am asking to do the wood, as my porch is already white with the spindles. I am asking to put the railings on the steps.

Mr. Weir stated we had problems before in some of the Historic District that the railing was pipe and we have gone back and forth on this.

Ms. Stilwell stated it was very common black pipe railings.

Mr. Weir stated somebody came thru town here and sold everybody black pipe.

Ms. Stilwell stated it could take a lot of weather.

Mr. Stowe stated if I could remember correctly the steps are to the right side of the porch?

Ms. Corbett stated when I really looked at it today, I looked at my neighbor's porch, and her steps literally go the length of the stepdown. Mine was literally, as the length of my porch is the size of this table. It will be that length with four steps down. I am asking to be able to get me a walkway from there to the street.

Ms. Stilwell stated are you are going to paint the door?

Ms. Corbett stated if I am approved, I am getting a new door built. The door that I have on there now has been pieced together. It looks like at one time it was a double mill drop. They put wood back in there and sewed the door up. I am having a wood door made it's going to look exactly the same but it is going to be made out of African Speckled wood and that is the color of the door that I want it to be. It will look like actual wood; all the doors on my house are white.

Mr. Weir stated is that the picture of the color right here?

Ms. Corbett stated yes, that is the wood color that I would like. I would like to do the same color on my back porch door also.

Mr. Stowe stated the mailbox you are talking about?

Ms. Corbett stated it is just a mailbox that I got from Lowe's that I would like to put on the right side of my house.

Ms. Stilwell stated is it going to be floor mounted or wall mounted?

Ms. Corbett stated the one that I have already is wall mounted.

Mr. Weir closed the Public Hearing.

Mr. Stowe made a motion to approve application 2020-273 and to issue a certificate of appropriateness as submitted. Mr. Weller seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 4-0- vote.

OTHER BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF THE MINTUES

Mr. Stowe made a motion to approve the October 22, 2020 minutes. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:54 p.m.

Approved