

KNOXVILLE HISTORIC ZONING COMMISSION STAFF REPORT - CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS APPLICATION

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 940 Eleanor St 37917 FILE NO.: 4-G-18-HZ

DISTRICT: Fourth and Gill H-1

MEETING DATE: 4/19/2018

APPLICANT: Tricia Roelofs; Luke McLaurin (Owners)

LEVEL OF WORK: Level II. Construction of addition

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: Queen Anne (c. 1900)

Two-story frame with weatherboard wall covering. Hip roof with lower cross gables, asphalt shingle roof covering. One-over-one double-hung windows. On -story full front porch with round columns with lonic capitals, dentil molding under shed porch roof, tongue-and-groove floor, beadboard ceiling. Exterior side brick chimney. Brick foundation. Irregular plan. Projecting one-story bay on front elevation under porch roof. One-story rear porch with columns and second-story rear addition with shed-roof and balcony with round wood posts and weatherboard balustrade.

► DESCRIPTION OF WORK:

This project involves modifications to the existing front and back porches of the home. The front porch will be renovated to replace the existing 41-inch turned balustrade with 36-inch 2x2 square balustrade, and replace the deteriorated porch floor with tongue-and-groove. The back porch will be renovated to match the materials and balustrade design of the front porch, with the following additional renovations: (1) demo of hipped and shed-roofs of rear and sie porches; (2) addition of 3:12 hipped-roof screened-in back porch that will extend 10'-9" from the now-existing back porch. The porch will be 20 feet wide (extending an approximate 6 additional feet south) and will cover an existing small window; (3) removal of inaccessible and rotting third-floor porch to accommodate the roof of the new screened-in first-level back porch; (4) addition of stairs from the existing back porch to allow yard access; and (5) the addition of lighting and expansion of the existing concrete slab in the backyard to create a usable area under the new screened-in back porch addition. The area underneath the stair case will be screened from Caswell with vertical wood slats with a decorative diamond pattern.

► APPLICABLE DESIGN GUIDELINES:

Fourth and Gill Design Guidelines, adopted by the Knoxville City Council on April 20, 1999 and June 29, 1999. Rehabilitation and New Construction

- 1. Repair porches on historic houses using wood floors, balustrades, posts and columns, or replace duplicating the original size and design. Reconstruction of the documented original porch is also appropriate.
- 2. Porches visible from a street may not be completely enclosed.
- 3. New front porches in Fourth and Gill must be large enough to provide seating, i.e., six to eight feet in depth.

PORCHES

- 4. Details such as columns, posts, piers, balustrades and porch flooring must use materials that present a visually and physically appropriate appearance historically.
- 6. Screening porches may be acceptable if screening is translucent and the open appearance of the porch is maintained.



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ADDITIONS

- 1. Locate attached exterior additions atthe rear or on an inconspicuous side of a historic building, limiting the size and scale in relationship to the historic building. Proportion is very important.
- 2. Design new additions in a manner that makes clear what is historic and what is new.
- 3. Consider the attached exterior addition both in terms of the new use and the appearance of other buildings in the Historic district. Design for the new work may be contemporary or may reference design motifs from the historic buildings. In either case, it should always be clearly differentiated from the historic building and be compatible in terms of mass, materials, size, texture, scale, relationship of solids to voids, and color.
- 4. Place new additions, such as balconies or solar greenhouses, on non-character-defining elevations, and limit the size and scale in relationship to the historic building.
- 7. New work should not appear to be as old as the historic building. Do not duplicate the exact form, material, style, and detailing of the historic building in the new addition.
- 8. New additions should not cause a lessening or loss of historic character, including the historic building's design, materials, workmanship, location, or setting.

SECRETARY OF INTERIORS STANDARDS

9. New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction shall not destroy historic materials that characterize the property. The new work shall be differentiated from the old and shall be compatible with the massing, size, scale, and architectural

features to protect the historic integrity of the property and its environment.

10. Wherever possible, new additions or alterations to a structure shall be done in such a manner that if such additions or alterations were to be removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the structure would not be impaired.

COMMENTS:

Information provided by the architects on the rear porc hes: The 1917 Sanborn Insurance maps and sheet #76 showing updates from 1950 show that the back porch is labeled as 1 story (see attachment: "1950 Sanborn_940 Eleanor").

This indicates that the second floor porch was added sometime after 1950. A Google Street View image from 2007 that shows the back of your house (see attachment" "940 Eleanor_street view 2007").

In the 2007 view, the upper back porch is existing, but it has a knee wall instead of a railing AND it has a staircase connecting to the first-floor porch.

The reconfiguration implies that it was likely a later addition that was built when there was a second-floor apartment. It appears that the staircase and knee wall were removed as part of the renovation in 2007, since neither appear in the later Google Street Views.



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STAFF FINDINGS:

- 1) The house is a contributing structure in the Fourth and Gill H-1 Overlay and National Register Historic District.
- 2) The indication of the 1917 Sanborn map indicates that a 2-story porch did not exist at that time. The second-level porch (prior to 2007) had a staircase connecting to it, and it's likely that it was later-added for access to a second-story apartment, possibly for the 1982 World's Fair.
- 3) The late added second-level porch has not acquired significance in its own right.
- 4) The screened in porch will be added to the rear of the house, but since the house is on the corner of Eleanor and Caswell (which is a dead end), the screened-in porch will be very visble. Another screened-in porch was approved for the house at the corner of Luttrell and Caswell, one block west.
- 5) The proposed wooden materials and details of the new porch are in keeping with those on the main house. However, the porch balustrade have square 2x2 pickets so as not to conflict with the round columns of the front porch and to retain simplicity on the rear porch (as shown in submitted 3-D rendering). The 6x6 square posts with trim on the back porch are appropriately more simple than the fluted round columns of the front porch.
- 6) Although the hipped roof over the side porch appears to be an early or original configuration, the new porch roof will also be hipped and npt extend any further out into the side yard. The new side porch roof will be supported by the same type of fluted round columns and the fascia will retain the same detailing, including the dentil molding, as the current side porch.
- 7) The new rear porch is appropriately scaled to the rear and side facades of the house.

► STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

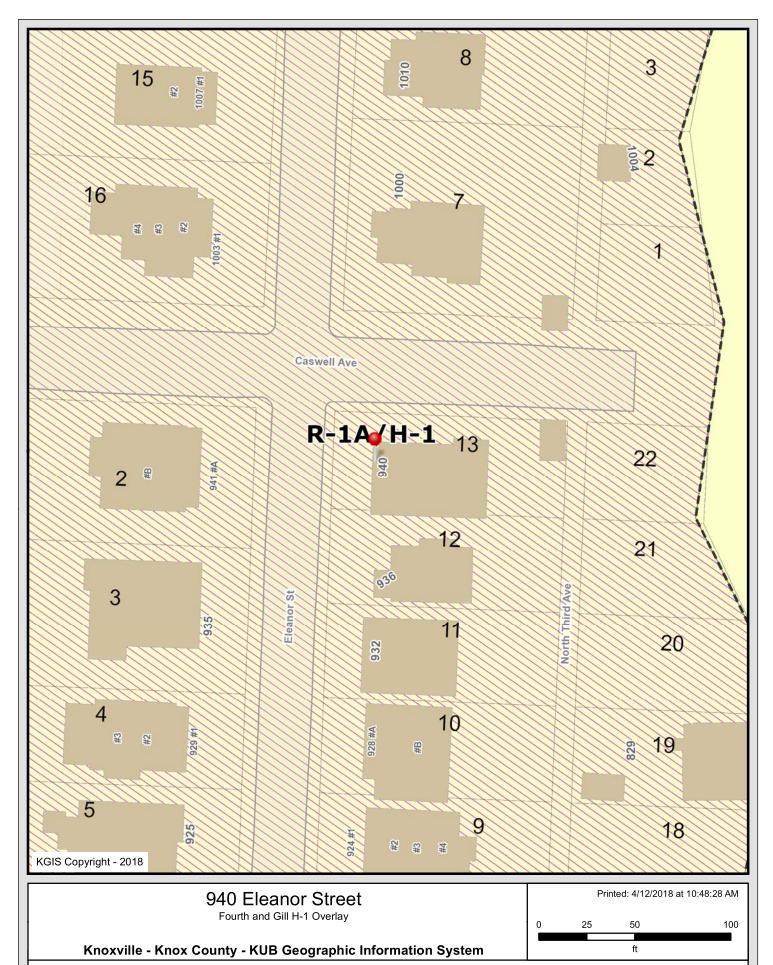
Approval with the condition that the front and rear balustrade are constructed with nominal 2x2 pickets rather than turned (as shown in submitted 3-D rendering).

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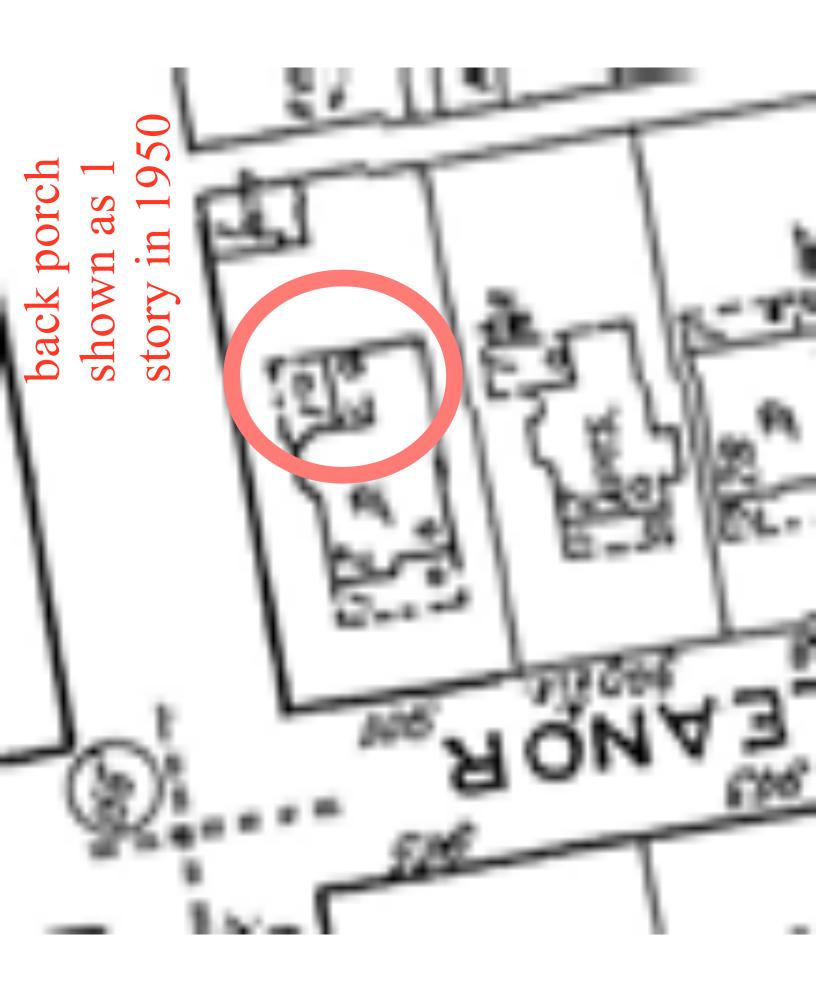
Certificate (File) No: 4-6-19-HZ

APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS KNOXVILLE/KNOX COUNTY HISTORIC ZONING COMMISSION

| Please print all information: |
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| 1. NAME OF APPLICANT: Tricia Roelofs and Luke McLaurin |
| Address: 940 Eleanor Street Knoxville, TN 37917 |
| Telephone: 202.436.6043 E-mail address: tricia.roelofs@gmail.com |
| Relationship to Owner: Owner |
| 2. NAME OF OWNER: Same as above |
| Address: |
| Telephone:E-mail address: |
| 3. LOCATION OF PROPERTY: |
| Address:940 Eleanor Street |
| 4. LEVEL OF WORK (circle Level) |
| Level I Routine repair, replacement of non-original materials in-kind; removal of artificial siding or late additions; installation of gutters, storm windows/doors, screen doors, satellite dishes, or signage; demolition of a noncontributing structure; renewal of COA |
| Level II Major replacement of materials or architectural elements; construction of addition or outbuilding |
| Level III Construction of a new primary building; subdivision of individually designated property |
| Level IV Demolition or relocation of a contributing structure |
| 5. DESCRIPTION OF WORK: (See Part 2 of this application for additional information that is required for submittal with the application. (A copy of all information which is submitted with an application must be retained by the Knoxville/Knox County Historic Zoning Commission.) |
| This project involves modifications to the existing front and back porches of the home. The front porch |
| will be renovated to add new railings and flooring to replace the current railings and flooring, which are |
| -beginning to deteriorate. The back porch will be renovated in the same manner as the front porch, with |
| the following additional renovations: (1) addition of screened-in back porch, that will extend from the now- |
| existing back porch; (2) removal of the inaccessible and rotting third-floor porch to accommodate the roof |
| of the new screened-in back porch; (3) addition of stairs from the existing back porch to allow yard |
| access; and (4) the addition of lighting and expansion of the existing concrete slab in the backyard to |
| create a usable area under the new screened-in back porch addition. 6. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT: |
| Return application to: MPC, Knoxville/Knox County Historic Zoning Commission, Suite 403, City/County Building, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902 or Fax: 865-215-2068. Incomplete applications will not be accepted. |
| FOR STAFF USE ONLY |
| Date Received 4/2/b . Approved Disapproved Approved As Modified . |
| Date Acted On ' |



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940 Eleanor – Front and north side



940 Eleanor – Front façade



940 Eleanor - North side of wrap-around back porch



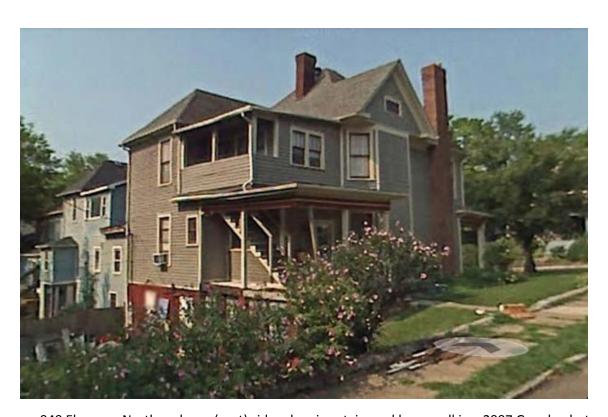
940 Eleanor – Rear and north sides



940 Eleanor - Upper and lower back porches (current)



940 Eleanor - Close-up view of upper porch (current)



940 Eleanor - North and rear (east) sides showing stairs and knee wall in a 2007 Google photo





