



# **Staff Report**

### **Knoxville Historic Zoning Commission**

File Number: 5-G-24-HZ

Meeting: 5/16/2024
Applicant: Kevin Wells
Owner: Ken Parent

### **Property Information**

**Location:** 1043 Craigland Ct. Parcel ID 121 J C 00102

**District:** Craiglen Individual H Landmark

**Zoning:** RN-1 (Single-Family Residential Neighborhood)

Description: Mediterranean Revival, c.1926

See attached designation report.

### **Description of Work**

Level II Construction of Addition or Outbuilding

New addition. L-shaped, one-story addition to extend from the rear of the right (east) side addition, towards the rear (north) side of the property. The main one-story, hipped roof massing is connected to the primary structure via a flat-roof, stucco-clad massing with a centrally located, 12' wide clerestory with metal windows. The addition features a hipped, 6/12 pitch roof clad in terra cotta barrel tiles, an exterior and foundation of stucco to match the primary house, and metal multi-light windows surrounded by stone trim. The roof features a sculpted stucco parapet. Some windows on the rear and side elevations of the addition are round-arched, full-height multi-light metal windows with stone trim; others are full-height rectangular windows with matching finishes.

On the façade, extending from the flat-roof connector portion, ten stone columns will support a timber pergola that extends towards the front of the house. On the rear (north) and left side (west) elevations, multi-light metal doors access a wrap-around deck with decorative stone railings and a stone balustrade.

Scope also includes a new in-ground pool and spa. The pool and spa will be located behind the addition's connector, towards the rear of the property, surrounded by a patio with stone steps and stone balustrades.

## **Applicable Design Guidelines**

Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings.

- 2. 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.
- 5. Distinctive materials, features, finishes, and construction techniques or examples of craftsmanship that characterize a property will be preserved.
- 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.
- 10. New additions and adjacent or related new construction will be undertaken in such a manner that, if removed

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in the future, the essential form and integrity of the historic property and its environment would be unimpaired.

#### **Comments**

N/A

#### **Staff Findings**

- 1. Craig Len is an individual historic landmark with a historic zoning overlay. The Mediterranean Revival house was designed by Charles Barber, featuring elaborate landscape design by landscape architect Charles Lester, and constructed in 1926. The property is also associated with East Tennessee's marble industry and its association with John James Craig III, the president of Candoro Marble Factory.
- 2. The addition is proposed for the rear portion of the right side elevation and extends towards the rear of the property. The addition's placement makes it clearly secondary to the primary structure. The property is heavily landscaped and a one-story garage is located closer to the front property line, in front of the proposed addition, so the addition will be minimally visible from the right-of-way on the front. The new addition will not result in the removal of any character-defining features. Placement of the addition is appropriate.
- 3. The main massing will be connected to the primary house via a flat-roof connector, which will serve to differentiate the original house from the new construction.
- 4. The addition is compatible in scale with the primary house, as it is lower in height and smaller in overall massing. The addition uses materials compatible with the primary house, including terra cotta tile roof, the stucco exterior, and the multi-light windows. The windows, doors, and details are proportionate to those on the primary house.

#### Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of Certificate 5-G-24-HZ as submitted.

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Designation Report
CraigGlen
Craigland Court
June 2, 2003

## Statement of Significance and Architectural Description

John James Craig, III, built Craiglen in 1926. Craig was at that time the president of Candoro Marble, having been associated with the marble business since the age of 19 like his father and grandfather before him. He intended that the house highlight and showcase the marble from the Craig quarries and marble imported by Candoro Marble Company from foreign sources. He assembled a tract of approximately 80 acres adjacent to his sister's home, Glen Craig, and hired Charles Barber to design the residence and Charles Lester to design the grounds.

Barber designed the house in the fifteenth century Florentine style generically called Mediterranean Revival. Two wings on either side of the courtyard flank a central courtyard of broken marble with radiant beams of Craig Pink marble. They are joined by a vaulted, arcaded loggia, which opens on one side to the courtyard, and on the other to a marble terrace with curving marble staircases leading to a lower terraced garden. The garden descends further into a large open area that was formerly a lake.

The house was constructed by B. T. Thomas Company of hollow tile stuccoed on the exterior, and a red clay tile roof from the Ludowici Tile Company. Entry to the house is through a gated arch, down steps of East Tennessee pink marble. Opposite the plank double front doors is a column of Verona marble of mottled orange and tan. The interior of the house, which is not regulated by this designation, further showcases the richness of the marble quarried and distributed by the Candoro Marble Company.

The house was completed on March 27, 1928. The final bill for construction of the residence was \$61,678.68. Craig also paid Candoro Marble Company \$15,353.20 for the marble used in the residence, with an additional \$6,500 for setting the marble and an additional \$1,491.00 for the light fixtures.

The collaboration of Barber and Charles Lester is also evident in the grounds outside the residence. Lester designed the gardens to complement the Italian house. A formal terraced garden is contained by semi-circular walled exedra with benches on axis with the loggia. Flanking stairways follow the curve of the wall on either side and lead to the next level, where a paved court is flanked by paths leaving through a planting on the hillside. Another stairway leads to an arcaded building resembling a grotto but contains dressing rooms for swimming. The bath house faced north on the lowest terrace, paved with flagstones and leading to the lake bordered by weeping willows and other romantic landscape plantings.

In constructing the residence, Craig also incurred site work including construction of a long drive with concrete curbs and gutters, bridges over Fourth Creek, construction of a sand beach at the lake, architectural fees to Barber & McMurry and to Charles Lester. Locks were also required to divert water from Fourth Creek to fill the lake below the residence.

Craig named his home Craiglen and lived in the residence from 1928 until his death in 1944. His widow Louise Craig lived there until 1971, when the house and surround property were acquired by developers with the intent of demolishing the residence and developing a subdivision. One of the developers moved into the house with his family on what was to be a temporary basis, but he stayed for twenty years, as a consequence of which the house was preserved. The remainder of the property was sold and developed into the Westlands and Westchase condominiums and the Craigland subdivision.

The significance of the Craiglen lies in its association with the marble industry in East Tennessee and its association with John James Craig, III during the time period when Candoro was at its most prosperous and noteworthy.

#### Design Guidelines

The design guidelines that should apply to any future changes are listed below, and are the Secretary of Interior's *Standards*.

- 1. A property will be used as it was historically or be given a new use that requires minimal change to its distinctive materials, features, spaces, and spatial relationships.
- 2. 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.
- 3. Each property will be recognized as a physical record of its time, place, and use. Changes that create a false sense of historical development, such as adding conjectural features or elements from other historic properties, will not be undertaken.
- 4. Changes to a property that have acquired historic significance in their own right will be retained and preserved.
- 5. Distinctive materials, features, finishes, and construction techniques or examples of craftsmanship that characterize a property will be preserved.
- 6. Deteriorated historic features will be repaired rather than replaced. Where the severity of deterioration requires replacement of a distinctive feature, the new feature will match the old in design, color, texture, and, where possible, materials. Replacement of missing features will be substantiated by documentary and physical evidence.

- 7. Chemical or physical treatments, if appropriate, will be undertaken using the gentlest means possible. Treatments that cause damage to historic materials will not be used.
- 8. Archeological resources will be protected and preserved in place. If such resources must be disturbed, mitigation measures will be undertaken.
- 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 shall 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.
- 10. New additions and adjacent or related new 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.

# KNOXVILLE/KNOX COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION REZONING REPORT

**MEETING DATE:** 

6/12/2003

► FILE NO.: 6-V-03-RZ

► APPLICANT:

CITY OF KNOXVILLE

TAX ID NUMBER:

121 J C 001.02

JURISDICTION:

City Council District 2

► LOCATION:

North side Craigland Ct. south of Westland Dr.

► APPX. SIZE OF TRACT:

1.58 acres

SECTOR PLAN:

West City

**GROWTH POLICY PLAN:** 

Urban Growth Area (Inside City Limits)

ACCESSIBILITY:

Access is via Craigland Ct. a local street with 26' of pavement within a 50'

right-of-way

UTILITIES:

Water Source:

KUB

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Sewer Source:

KUB

8"

PRESENT ZONING:

R-1 (Single Family Residential)

► ZONING REQUESTED:

R-1 (Single Family Residential)/H-1 (Historic Overlay) and Design Guidelines

EXISTING LAND USE:

Residence

► PROPOSED USE:

Residence

**EXTENSION OF ZONE:** 

No

HISTORY OF ZONING:

None noted

SURROUNDING LAND

North: Residences/R-1 (Single Family Residential)

USE AND ZONING:

South: Residential/RP-1 (Planned Residential)

East: Residences/R-1 (Single Family Residential)

West: Residences/R-1 (Single Family Residential)

**NEIGHBORHOOD CONTEXT:** 

This site is part of a stable low density residential neighborhood developed

under R-1 and RP-1 zoning.

#### STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE R-1 (Single Family Residential)/H-1 (Historic Overlay).
APPROVE Secretary of Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation as Design Guidelines.

Designation with H-1 Historic Overlay will protect Craiglen, John J. Craig III's 1926 home, which was designed by Charles Barber with a Charles Lester landscape design.

#### COMMENTS:

Historic overlay designation is not only appropriate for the property, but also consistent with its history and with the character of the surrounding neighborhood.

#### A. NEED AND JUSTIFICATION FOR THE PROPOSAL

- 1. The site contains Craiglen, the house designed by Charles Barber for John J. Craig, III as a showcase for marble from the Craig quarries and imported by Candoro Marble Company. Included on the site are elaborate gardens designed by Charles Lester.
- 2. Including this property in a historic overlay will recognize the significance of prior owners of the property, the work of Charles Barber's architectural firm, and the important portion of Knoxville's history embodied in the site and its improvements.

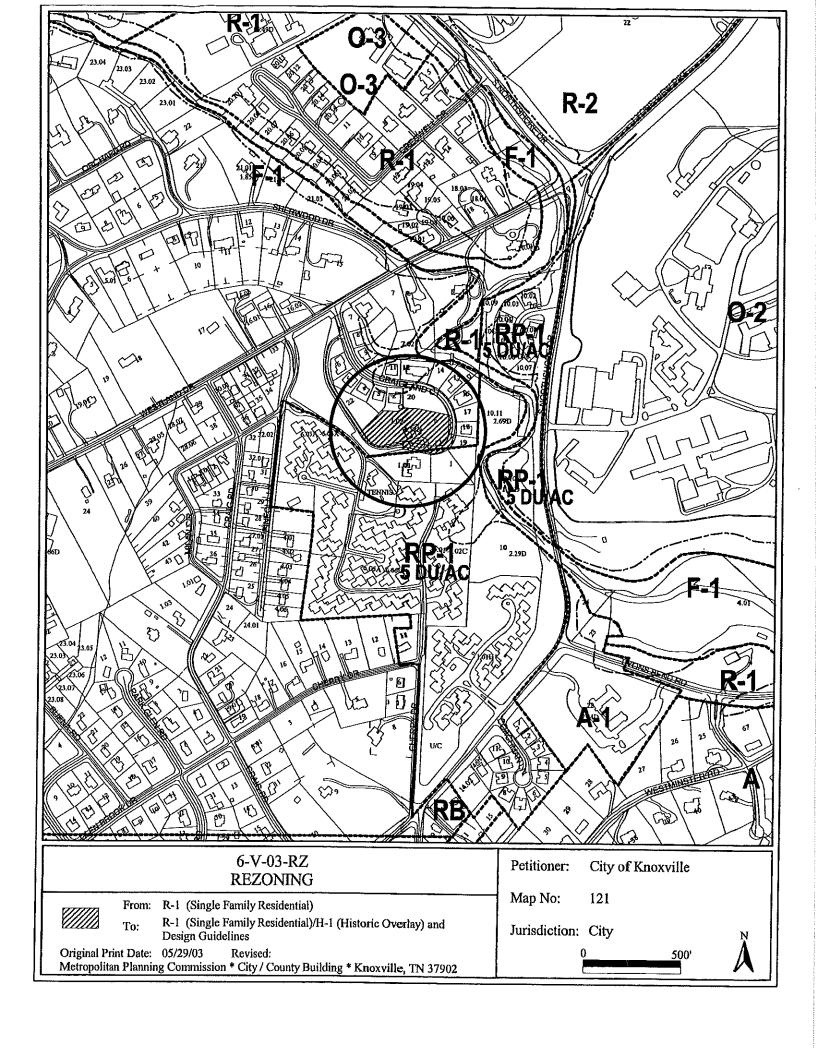
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#### B. EFFECTS OF THE PROPOSAL

1. Recognition of the historic significance of the building will have the positive effect of preserving an important part of Knoxville's heritage.

#### C. CONFORMITY OF THE PROPOSAL TO ADOPTED PLANS

- 1. The General Plan recommends that significance historical and architectural buildings be designated through historic overlay, and protected.
- 2. Designation is consistent with the present residential use of the property and that of adjacent buildings.
- 3. The community as a whole benefits from the preservation of the buildings on this property, with their ties to the marble industry, to one of Knoxville's significant architects, and a significant local landscape architect.
- 4. The West City Sector Plan designates this property for low density residential use. Since historic overlay does not affect use, that designation will not be affected by H-1 overlay zoning..





### DESIGN REVIEW REQUEST

DOWNTOWN DESIGN (DK)

HISTORIC ZONING (H) INFILL HOUSING (IH) Ken & Leslie Parent Applicant 5-G-24-HZ 04/29/24 05/16/24 Meeting Date (if applicable) File Number(s) Date Filed CORRESPONDENCE All correspondence related to this application should be directed to the approved contact listed below. ☐ Owner ☐ Contractor ☐ Engineer ■ Architect/Landscape Architect The Anderson Studio of Architecture and Design **Kevin Wells** Company Name 29464 SC Mount Pleasant 20 Broadway Street, State Zip City Address Kevin@theandersonstudio.com 661.433.3673 Email Phone **CURRENT PROPERTY INFO** 1600 Rudder Ln Knoxville, TN 37919 865.805.0018 Ken Parent Owner Phone Owner Name (if different from applicant) Owner Address 121JC00102 AND 121JC020 1043 CRAIGLAND COURT KNOXVILLE, TN 37919 Parcel ID **Property Address** H Historic Overlay Zoning District RN-1 n/a Zoning Neighborhood **AUTHORIZATION** Staff Signature S 4.29.24 **Lindsay Crockett** Date Please Print KAIN WALS

# **REQUEST**

DOWNTOWN DESIGN	Level 1:  Signs Alteration of an existing building/structure  Level 2: Addition to an existing building/structure  Level 3: Construction of new building/structure Site design, parking,  See required Downtown Design attachment for more details.  Brief description of work:								
HISTORIC ZONING	Level 1:  Signs Routine repair of siding, windows, roof, or other feature Level 2:  Major repair, removal, or replacement of architectural elements or Level 3:  Construction of a new primary building Level 4:  Relocation of a contributing structure Demolition of a contributing structure Personal Demolition of a contribution of a contr	materials							
INFILL HOUSING									
STAFF USE ONLY	ATTACHMENTS  Downtown Design Checklist  Historic Zoning Design Checklist  Infill Housing Design Checklist  ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS  Property Owners / Option Holders  Level 1: \$50 • Level 2: \$100 • Level 3: \$250 • Level 4: \$500	FEE 1: 100.00 FEE 2: FEE 3:	TOTAL: 100.00						

COVER SHEET

HISTORIC, CONCEPTUAL & MATERIAL NARRATIVE A-01

SITE & NEIGHBORHOOD CONTEXT A-02

ARCHITECTURAL SITE PLAN

EXISTING CONDITIONS A-04

A-05 EXISTING CONDITIONS

A-06 EXISTING CONDITIONS

A-07 CONCEPTUAL FLOOR & ROOF PLANS

CONCEPTUAL ELEVATIONS

CONCEPTUAL ELEVATIONS



Craiglen, 2003

#### CRAIGLEN ESTATE

Level 02 - Addition to Existing Residence HZC Meeting date May 16th, 2024





Candoro Marble Company, Circa 1924, from Architecture Magazine

#### Historic Narrative

In the celebrated year of 1926, amidst the spirited embrace of Knoxville's cultural renaissance, John J. Craig III, an heir of prominence within the city's esteemed circles, embarked upon a grand endeavor. His earnest ambition was to erect a residence that would stand as a testament to his esteemed stature within the community and serve as a resplendent showcase for the majestic marble hewn from the renowned Craig quarries. With unwavering resolve, he acquired a parcel of land encompassing approximately 80 acres, nestled adjacent to the familial abode of his sister, Glen Craig. Enlisting the architectural prowess of the esteemed Charles Barber to conceive the structure and the visionary ingenuity of Charles Lester to craft the surrounding environs, John J. Craig III set forth to realize his elegant vision.

Drawing inspiration from the opulent palazzos of 15th-century Florence, Charles Barber meticulously fashioned the edifice in the likeness of a Tuscan villa. The heart of the residence, a central courtyard bedecked with fragments of illustrious marble, radiated with the ethereal luminescence of Craig Pink marble. Connecting the wings of the residence, a vaulted loggia adorned with arches of timeless elegance unfolded onto the marble terrace. Twin staircases, sinuously curving in graceful arcs, descended to a lower garden, an oasis of verdant tranquility. This verdant haven, encompassing a walled exedra and a once-glimmering lake, bore witness to the harmonious union of nature and human

The construction of this architectural marvel was entrusted to the skilled hands of the B.T. Thomas Company, who employed hollow tiles enveloped in stucco for the exterior facade. Crowning the structure with regal splendor, a roof of crimson clay tiles sourced from the venerable Ludowici Tile Company graced the edifice. Access to this bastion of opulence was granted through a gated arch, leading visitors down a fleeting descent of Tennessee pink marble steps. Opposite the double doors, hewn from sturdy planks, stood a column of Verona marble, its mottled hues of orange and tan an ode to the earth's enduring artistry.

Dubbed Craiglen by its esteemed proprietor, the manor became a sanctuary of familial bliss for John I, Craig III and his beloved wife, Louise Craig, from its completion in 1928 until his passing in 1944. Following his demise, Louise Craig remained the custodian of their cherished abode until 1971. In that fateful year, the specter of modern development loomed large as developers sought to raze the venerable estate, envisioning in its stead a suburban enclave. Yet, fate intervened in the guise of one of the developers, who, upon temporary residence within the hallowed halls of Craiglen, found himself enraptured by its timeless allure. Thus, against all odds, the house was spared from the relentless march of time, becoming a bastion of preservation amidst the encroaching tide of change. While the surrounding lands were parcelled and developed into the Westlands and Westchase condominiums, and the Craigland subdivision, Craiglen endured as a beacon of heritage and legacy.

The saga of the Craigs, intertwined with the illustrious Tennessee Marble, remains etched in history, a testament to the enduring legacy of their contributions to the American marble industry. Beyond the shores of their homeland, the illustrious marble of the Candoro Marble Company found its place of honor in esteemed institutions such as the Smithsonian's Museum of History and Technology, the AFL/CIO Headquarters, and the Australian Chancery. Indeed, the legacy of the Craigs and the Candoro Marble Company remains an enduring testament to the transcendent power of artistry and innovation.

Source: Marble Halls: The Story of the Craigs And Candoro Marble Company, Compiled 2003, Revised 2008 Thomas N. McAdams

#### Proposed Scope of Work

Pool | Spa - Belvedere architecture, sited to overlook the fine gardens Kitchen Pergola | Addition - Contemporary outdoor and indoor living

#### Conceptual & Rehabilitation Narrative

#### Introduction:

Our proposal to add to the historic Craiglen residence in Knoxville, Tennessee, respects the property's rich heritage. We aim to seamlessly integrate a new addition with the original structure, enriching its livability while safeguarding its historical essence. The client's aspiration to open Craiglen's doors to the local community underscores our commitment to preserving its legacy.

#### Retention of Historic Character:

Our approach is centered on preserving Craiglen's unique identity. We are committed to protecting its original materials, features, and spatial relationships while ensuring that any modifications maintain its historical integrity. The new addition lightly touches the existing east facade. The addition's unbundled massing gives the impression that the series of buildings may have been built over time.

#### New Additions and Construction:

The proposed addition is designed to harmonize with Craiglen's architectural style while introducing contemporary building strategies that compliments the Tuscan character of the existing structures. With attention to detail, the new construction enhances the property's functionality without overshadowing its historic prominence. The proposed design composes our interpretation of Italian Classical Architecture, specifically Italian Renaissance from the early 15th and 16th centuries, in Florence and

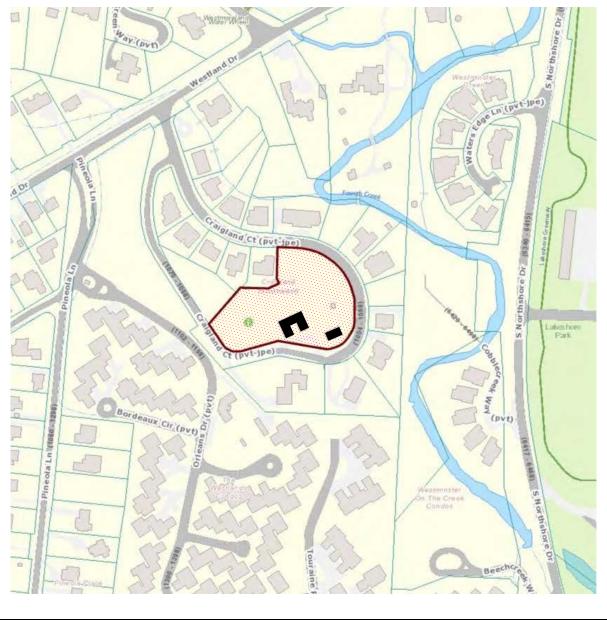
We have carefully considered the original structure's scale, proportion, and materials to ensure the addition remains complementary yet distinctive. By respecting the historic building's context and surroundings, our design aims to enrich the community's historic residential fabric while preserving Craiglen's integrity.

#### Preservation of Integrity:

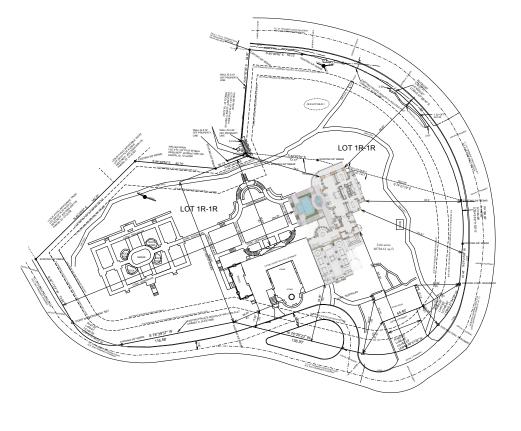
Our commitment to preserving Craiglen's integrity extends beyond the present. Every aspect of the addition is conceived with the understanding that future removal should not compromise the property's essential form and character. Through thoughtful design and meticulous execution, we ensure the Craiglen estate story will be "architecturally impactful" and continues to serve as a testament to Knoxville's architectural heritage.

The exterior of the existing residence references classic Tuscan architecture, while its interior references refined Florentine Renaissance architecture. Rehabilitation offers a practical solution to expand the historic residence while maintaining its architectural styles and using existing interior marble from the local Craig quarries, along with foreign sourcing through the Candoro Marble Company. By adopting this method, we address the project's specific needs and respect the heritage of the Craiglen residence. It's essential to remember that rehabilitation isn't just about adding new elements; it's about ensuring that these additions blend seamlessly with the existing structure, preserving its unique character. With careful planning, we can achieve an integration that honors the past while meeting modern requirements.

In conclusion, our proposal for the addition represents a harmonious blend of tradition and contemporary living. By adhering to the Standards for Rehabilitation and embracing the spirit of stewardship, we aim to enhance Craiglen's legacy, inviting the Knoxville community to appreciate this timeless beauty.





















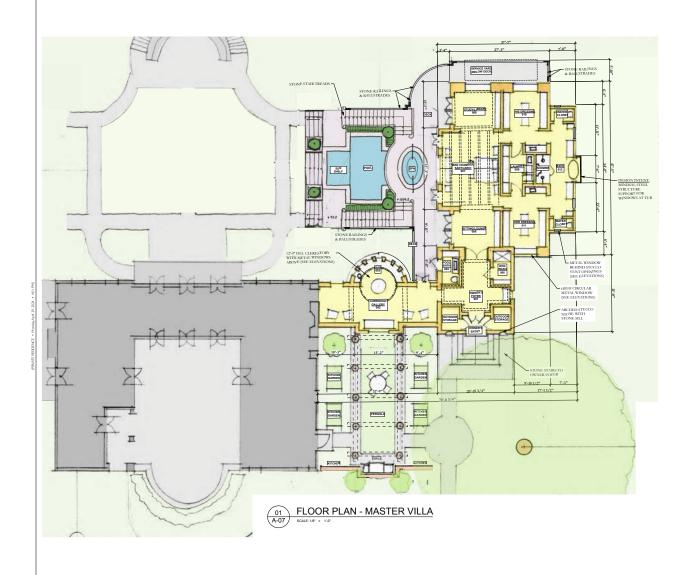


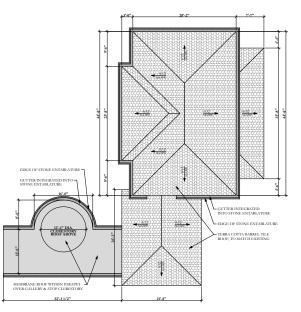








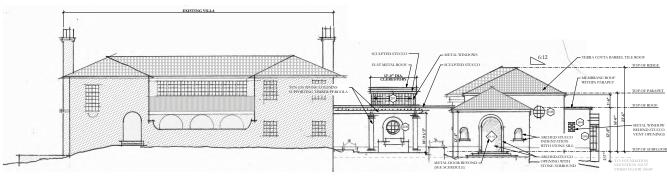




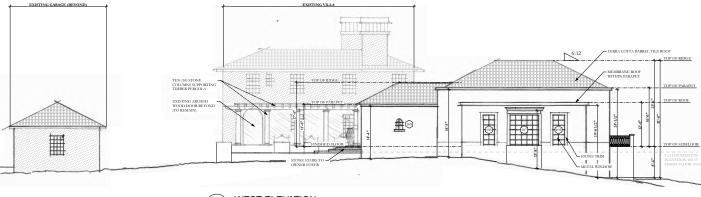
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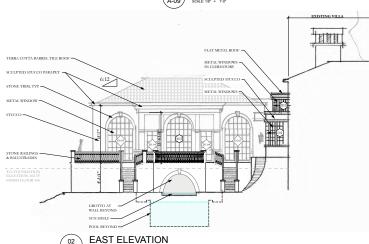


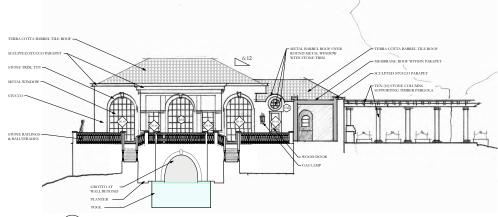
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PARENT RESIDENCE 1043 CRAIGLAND COURT, KNOXVILLE TN CRAIGLEN ANDERSON STUDIO OF ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN

