



# **Staff Report**

## **Knoxville Historic Zoning Commission**

File Number: 2-C-25-HZ

Meeting: 2/20/2025

**Applicant:** Sean Martin, Open Door Architecture

Owner: Bess Connally

### **Property Information**

**Location:** 827 Morgan St. **Parcel ID** 94 D L 005

**District:** Fourth and Gill H

**Zoning:** RN-3 (General Residential Neighborhood)

Description: Craftsman, c.1930

One story double gabled asphalt shingle roof frame house with overhanging eaves, a projecting side gable roof, a rear enclosed porch with a flat roof, and painted horizontal wood siding with wooden shingles on the projecting gable field. The house rests on a brick foundation and features a front porch with two tapered wooden columns supported by brick bases.

### **Description of Work**

Level II Major Repair or Replacement

Exterior rehabilitation of existing rear addition.

Removal of the wall enclosing the back porch, including the existing window and door. The roofline, roof brackets, and floor structure will remain. A 3' tall knee wall clad in bead board siding with a PVC wall cap will be installed on the back porch, if an original knee wall is not revealed with the removal of the existing wall. New 4x4 columns made from pressure-treated wood from the knee wall to the roof, with new aluminum tracks and screens to enclose the porch and a new wood screen door. New pressure-treated wood stairs and railing, to feature square balusters with chamfered corners. Existing brick piers will be enclosed with pressure-treated wood skirt boards.

## **Applicable Design Guidelines**

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

- 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.
- 6. Screening porches may be acceptable if screening is translucent and the open appearance of the porch is maintained.

#### **Entrances**

- 4. Secondary entrances should be compatible with the originals in size, scale or materials but should not give the appearance of a primary entrance.
- 6. Retain, repair or replace screened doors.

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#### Wood

- 3. New construction should use wood materials rather that aluminum or vinyl siding. New buildings should also use corner and trim boards and appropriate door and window trim. Concrete composition planks may be appropriate for new construction.
- 4. Repair wooden features by patching, piecing-in, or otherwise reinforcing the wood. Repair may also include limited replacement with matching or with other compatible substitute materials, when elements remain and can be copied.

#### **Comments**

### **Staff Findings**

- 1. 827 Morgan St. is a contributing resource to the Fourth and Gill National Register Historic District and the local overlay.
- 2. All work is concentrated on the rear elevation, a non-character-defining elevation which is not visible from the right of way. The existing rear addition is the original porch that was enclosed sometime after 1950. The footprint of the porch will be retained.
- 3. The proposed scope of work uses materials and details that are compatible with the design guidelines and the original elements of the house.

#### **Staff Recommendation**

Staff recommends approval of 2-C-25-HZ as submitted.

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# DESIGN REVIEW REQUEST

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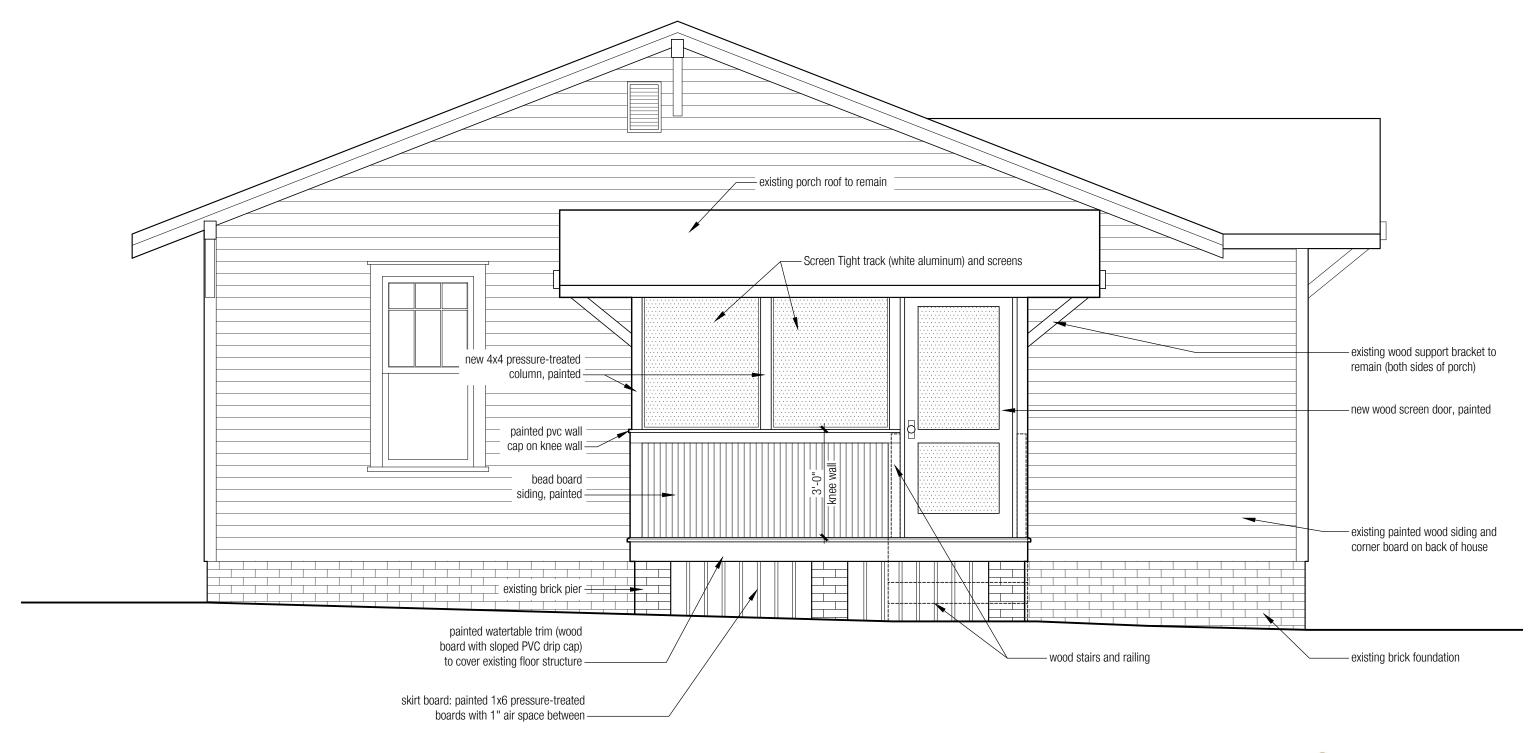
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CORRESPONDENCE						
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# **REQUEST**

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, plazas, I  See required Downtown Design attachment for more details.  Brief description of work:	andscape				
HISTORIC ZONING	Level 1:    Signs   Routine repair of siding, windows, roof, or other features, in-kind; Installation of gutters, storm windows/doors   Level 2:   Major repair, removal, or replacement of architectural elements or materials   Additions and accessory structures   Level 3:   Construction of a new primary building   Level 4:   Relocation of a contributing structure   Demolition of a contributing structure   See required Historic Zoning attachment for more details.   Brief description of work: Remove inappropriate wall enclosure, window, and doors from original back porch. Original roof, roof brackets, and floor structure to remain. Install new 4x4 columns and 3'-0" tall knee wall (the current configuration implies an original knee wall may be under the current cladding). Install new screens, screen door, and wood steps.					
INFILL HOUSING	Level 1:  Driveways, parking pads, access point, garages or similar facilities  Subdivisions  Level 2:  Additions visible from the primary street  Changes to porches visible from the primary street  Level 3:  New primary structure  Site built  Modular  Multi-Sectional  See required Infill Housing attachment for more details.  Brief description of work:					
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:		TOTAL: 100.00 Pd. 01/29/2025, SG		



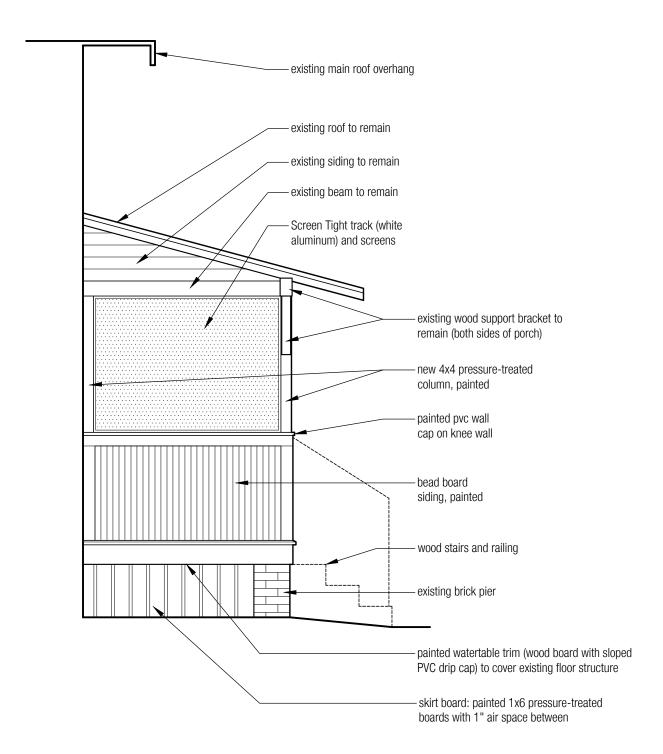






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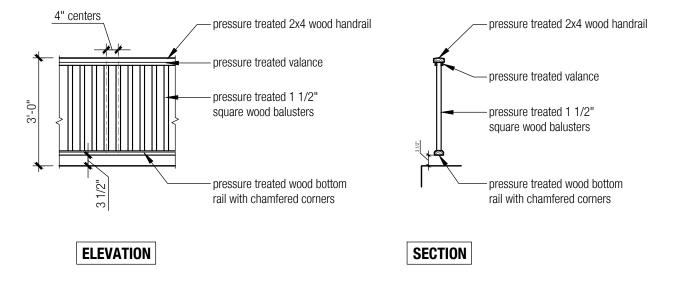




**SIDE ELEVATION (same for both sides)** 

**CONNALLY RESIDENCE:** BACK PORCH RENOVATION

side elevation & railing details



STAIR RAILING DETAILS

