

Meeting: 5/21/2026
Applicant: Maegan Martin
Owner: Maegan Martin

Property Information

Location: 505 E. Scott Ave. **Parcel ID** 81 L B 028
District: Old North Knoxville H
Zoning: RN-2 (Single-Family Residential Neighborhood)
Description: Queen Anne with Neoclassical influence, 1889

Two story frame and brick with brick load bearing wall on first story and wood shingles on second story. Egg and dart brick belt course and molded brick belt course. Hip and gable roof and dormer with balconet, heavy sawn wood brackets on gable on north elevation, fanlight at attic window. Turret roof with fishscale shingle covering. Stationery and double hung one over one windows, and some Queen Anne over one windows. One story wrap around front and side porch with porte cochere and fluted wood posts with Ionic capitals on brick piers, turned balustrade. Designed and built by Swiss architect David Getaz, who also built Knox and Anderson County Courthouses.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of shutters on the four front elevation windows only, subject to one condition: 1) installing shutter dogs and reusing any extant hardware, with final specifications submitted to staff for approval.

Description of Work

Level II Major Repair or Replacement

Installation of shutters on four windows on the front elevation, two windows on the east side elevation, one window on the west side elevation, and one window on the rear elevation. The proposed shutters are wood with a center mullion and are the same height as the windows, and they will be cut horizontally to mimic two-tiers.

Comments

1. 505 E Scott Avenue is a contributing resource to the National Register district and the local overlay.
 2. The design guidelines do not specifically address the addition of shutters (outside of maintenance), but they recommend that the replacement of wooden features should be based on historic, pictorial, and physical documentation. SOI Standards emphasize that changes to a property over time have their own significance, discourage adding features that create a false sense of history, and encourage replacing missing features using historical evidence.
 3. The applicant provided two pictures that date from 1889-1915, which show two-tiered louvered shutters on three
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façade windows that are included in the request and a turret window lacking shutters. They also state that shutter hardware was present on the east side bay window, but no pictures were provided. The original extent of the shutters is unclear. The applicant could provide additional detail photos of windows, trim, and evidence of past hardware installations to provide physical evidence that indicates where shutters were originally present.

4. The original Eastlake-style porch in the historic pictures was redesigned and enlarged in Neoclassical style, along with other major façade modifications that have acquired historical significance. A picture in the McClung Collection from 1916 shows this completed renovation, and the shutters are absent. The addition of shutters that were not present for the majority of the house's life and with its current architectural style creates a false sense of historical development.

5. The shutters are proposed for all windows on the front elevation (excluding the turret), but they are placed sporadically on the side and rear elevations. The placement of the shutters on these secondary elevations is not appropriate nor is it supported by physical or photographic evidence. The front elevation shutters can be appropriate because they are supported by documentary evidence, their limited use will delineate them as new, and shutters can be found on Neoclassical houses from this period.

6. The proposed shutters are similar to the two-tiered shutters with center mullions shown in the 1889-1915 pictures. Shutter dogs should be installed along with the shutters, and any extant hardware should be reused, with final specifications submitted to staff for approval.

Applicable Design Guidelines

Old North Knoxville Design Guidelines, adopted by the Knoxville City Council on November 25, 2004.

B.Windows

1. Original windows shall be reused if possible. It will be much less expensive and much better historically to retain the original windows, and it is inappropriate to replace them with new windows that differ in size, material or pane division.
2. If replacement windows are necessary, they shall be the same overall size as the originals, with the same pane division and the same muntin depth, width and profile. They shall be the same materials as the original windows, which were generally wood.
8. Reuse existing, serviceable window hardware.

E. Wood Wall Coverings

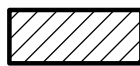
8. An entire wooden feature that is too deteriorated to repair or is completely missing shall be replaced in kind. If features are replaced, the materials they are made from shall be compatible with the original in size, scale and material. Replacement parts should be based on historical, pictorial and physical documentation.

SOI Standards:

3. Each property shall 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 architectural elements from other buildings, shall not be undertaken.
4. Most properties change over time; those changes that have acquired historic significance in their own right shall be retained and preserved.
6. Deteriorated historic features shall be repaired rather than replaced. Where the severity of deterioration requires replacement of a distinctive feature, the new feature shall match the old design, color, texture, and other visual qualities and, where possible, materials. Replacement or missing features shall be substantiated by documentary, physical or pictorial evidence.



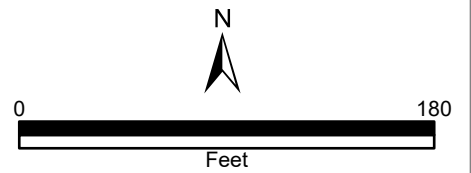
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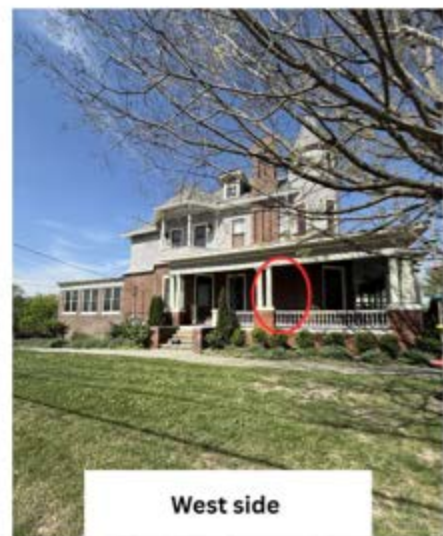


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