

# **Staff Report**

# Infill Housing Design Review Committee

File Number: 4-I-21-IH

Meeting: 4/21/2021
Applicant: Quinn Epperly
Owner: Quinn Epperly

### **Property Information**

Location: 1219 Texas Ave. Parcel ID 81 | C 017

**Zoning:** RN-2 (Single-Family Residential Neighborhood)

**District:** Lonsdale Infill Housing Overlay District

## **Description of Work**

Level III New Primary Structure

Proposed new primary residence. House will measure approximately 23' wide by 33' deep, featuring a front porch centered on the façade, measuring approximately 8' deep by 17' wide. The front porch will be set 20.5' from the front property line, with the left (south) elevation set approximately 5.9' from the left (south) property line.

The primary roofline is 8/12 pitch, clad in architectural shingles, with a 2x6 wood fascia board on the gables in the front and rear elevations and 1' eave overhangs on side, front, and rear elevations. The exterior will be clad in horizontal lap siding.

Front porch features a front-gable roof with an 8/12 pitch, supported by two square 6 by 6 posts with square caps and bases.

The façade (east) features two double-hung, one-over-one windows flanking a centrally-located Craftsman-style door. Two double-hung windows are equally spaced on the right (north) elevation, with two on the left (south elevation). The rear elevation features sliding glass doors on the left side.

Access is provided by 10' wide concrete driveway which extends from Texas Avenue, along the left side of the house, with a 16' wide concrete driveway surrounded by landscaping on the rear.

# **Applicable Design Guidelines**

Heart of Knoxville Infill Housing Design Guidelines

- 1. Front Yards
- Consistent front yard space should be created along the street with the setback of a new house matching the older houses on the block.
- When several infill houses, porches and the habitable portion of each house should be about the same distance from the street as the original houses.
- A walkway should be provided from the sidewalk or street to the front door. Along grid streets, the walk should be perpendicular to the street.
- Healthy trees that are outside the building footprint should be preserved. The root area should be marked and

protected during construction.

#### 2. House Orientation and Side Yards

- New housing should be proportional to the dimensions of the lot and other houses on the block.
- Side yard setbacks should be similar to older houses on the block, keeping the rhythm of spacing between houses consistent.

#### 3. Alleys, Parking, and Services

- Parking should not be in front yards.
- Alley access should be used for garage or parking pad locations.
- On streets without alleys, garages or parking pads should be at least 20' behind the front façade of the infill house with access limited to one lane between the street and the front façade.
- On those streets which have alleys, driveways should not be permitted from the front of the house.
- Alley oriented parking pads, garbage collection points, and utility boxes should be screened with a combination of landscaping and fencing.

#### 4. Scale, Mass, and Foundation Height

- The front elevation should be designed to be similar in scale to the other houses along the street.
- The front façade of new houses should be about the same width as original houses on the block.
- If extensions or bays were typically part of the neighborhood's historic house design, such elements should be incorporated into infill housing.
- New foundations should be about the same height as the original houses in the neighborhood.

#### 5. Porches and Stoops

- Porches should be part of the housing design in those neighborhoods where porches were commonplace.
- Porches should be proportional to original porches on the block, extending about 8-12' toward the street from the habitable portion of the house.
- Porches should extend into the front yard setback, if necessary, to maintain consistency with similarly sited porches along the street.
- Porch posts and railings should be like those used in the historic era of the neighborhood's development.

#### 6. Windows and Doors

- When constructing new houses, the windows and door styles should be similar to the original or historic houses on the block.
- To respect the privacy of adjacent properties, consider the placement of side windows and doors.
- The windows and doors on the front façade of an infill house should be located in similar proportion and position as the original houses on the block.
- Attention should be paid to window placement and the ratio of solid (the wall) to void (the window and door openings).
- Contemporary windows such as "picture windows" should not be used in pre-World War II neighborhoods.

#### 7. Roof Shapes and Materials

- New roofs should be designed to have a similar pitch to original housing on the block.
- More complex roofs, such as hipped roofs and dormers, should be part of new housing designs when such forms were historically used on the block.
- Darker shades of shingle were often used and should be chosen in roofing houses in Infill neighborhoods.

### 8. Siding Materials

- Clapboard-like materials should be used in constructing new housing where painted wood siding was traditionally used.
- Faced stone, vertical siding, and other non-historic materials should not be used in building new houses.

- 11. Landscape and Other Considerations
- One native or naturalized shade tree should be planted in the front and rear yards of infill lots with 25' or more in depth to the front of the house.

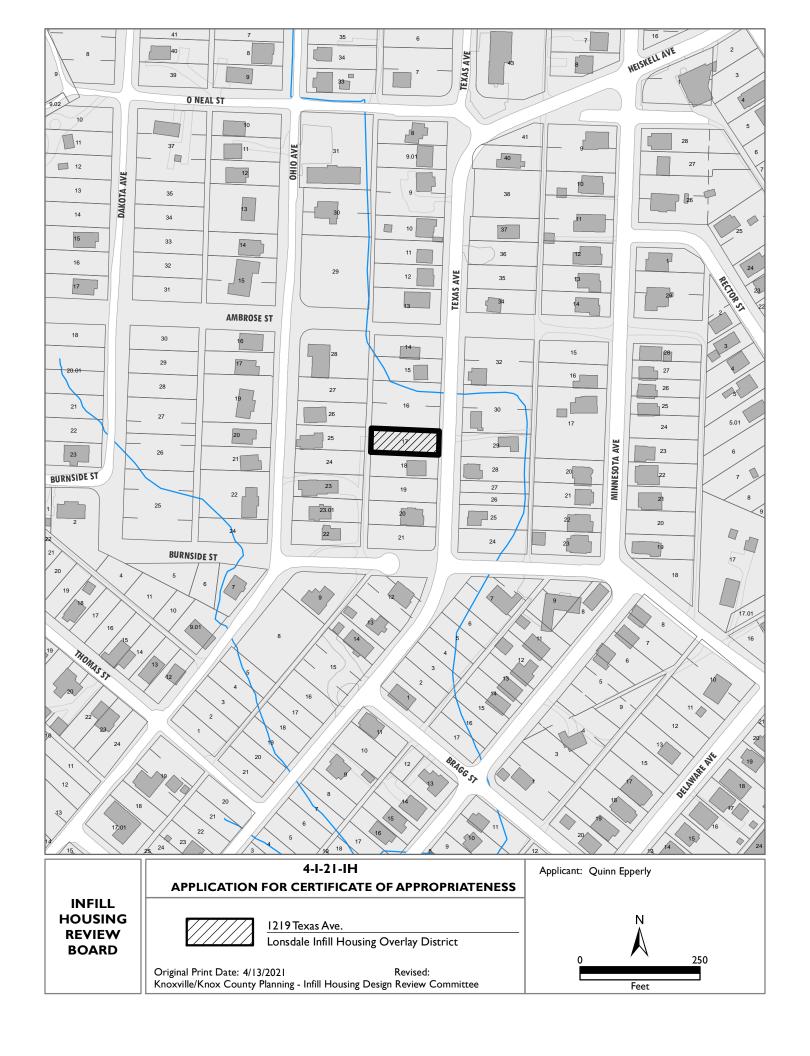
#### **Comments**

- 1. The house is proposed with a front setback of 20.8' from the front porch to the property line, and 28.8' to the primary residence. The proposed new construction at adjacent 1215 Texas Avenue will reflect the same setback pattern. The proposed front setback will maintain front yard spaces consistent with the rest of the block.
- 2. The 1200 block of Texas Avenue features a variety of simple housing styles, including several Queen Anne cottages, Minimal Traditionals, and some contemporary infill construction. A one-story, modestly-sized house is somewhat smaller in scale than other houses on the block. A 24' wide façade is smaller than original houses on the block. Foundation height should be verified to reflect heights of original houses in the surrounding blocks.
- 3. The 8' deep front porch meets the design guidelines for size and placement.
- 4. Guidelines recommend window and door styles to be comparable to original or historic houses on the block; the revised elevation drawings incorporate double-hung windows with sufficient transparency for a small house. Applicant has noted the final window selections will be one-over-one instead of the Prairie-style muntins shown on the elevation drawings.
- 5. The proposed roof has an 8/12 pitch, which is sufficiently steep to meet the design guidelines. Horizontal siding also meets the design guidelines; applicant should select a lap siding instead of Dutch lap or flush panel siding to reflect historic context.
- 6. The applicant proposes to extend the driveway off Texas Avenue. While guidelines encourage using operable alleys whenever possible, the alley on the 1200 block of Texas Avenue stops behind 1227 Texas Ave. City Engineering has confirmed the alley is not operable behind 1227 Texas Ave, so access will have to extend off Texas Avenue. The proposed parking meets City Engineering requirements and the Infill Housing guidelines.
- 7. The site plan shows native shade trees in the façade and rear yards, which meets design guidelines for landscaping. Landscaping is shown to surround the parking pad in the rear.
- 8. A 10' by 10' rear porch is shown on the site plan but not elevation drawings.
- 9. The proposed design is identical to 1215 Texas Avenue (4-H-21-IH) and differentiation is necessary between the two designs.

#### Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of Certificate 4-I-21-IH, with the following conditions:

- 1) Parking to meet City Engineering standards;
- 2) Use horizontal lap siding instead of Dutch lap or flush panel siding to reflect historic context;
- 3) Use a foundation height and cladding materials comparable to historic houses on the block;
- 4) Incorporate a zero-step entry and meet City Homemaker accessibility requirements;
- 5) Introduce a variation in the design between 1215 Texas Avenue (4-H-21-IH) and 1219 Texas Avenue, with approval by staff.





# DESIGN REVIEW REQUEST

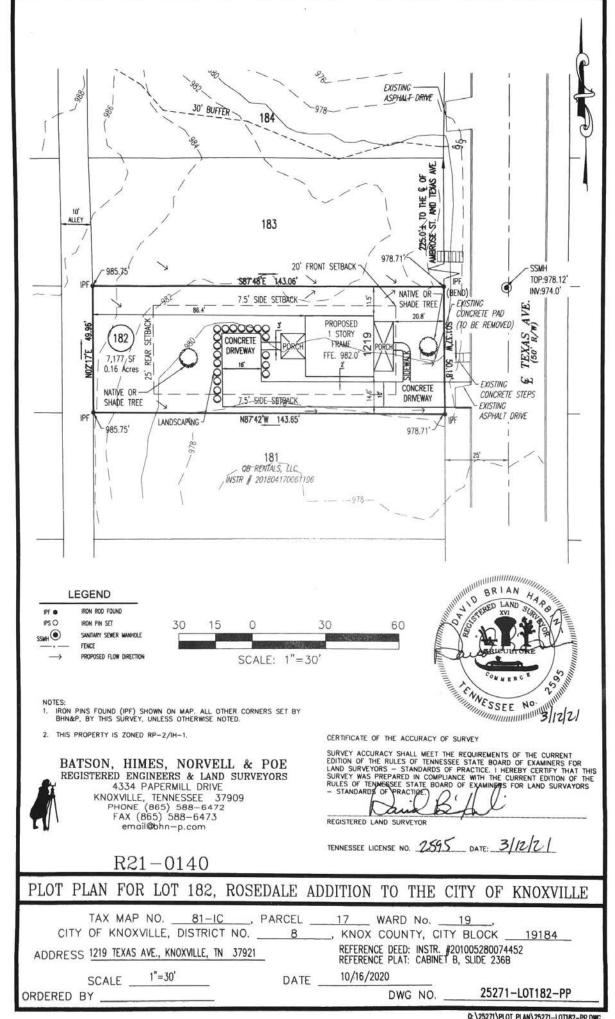
☐ DOWNTOWN DESIGN (DK)

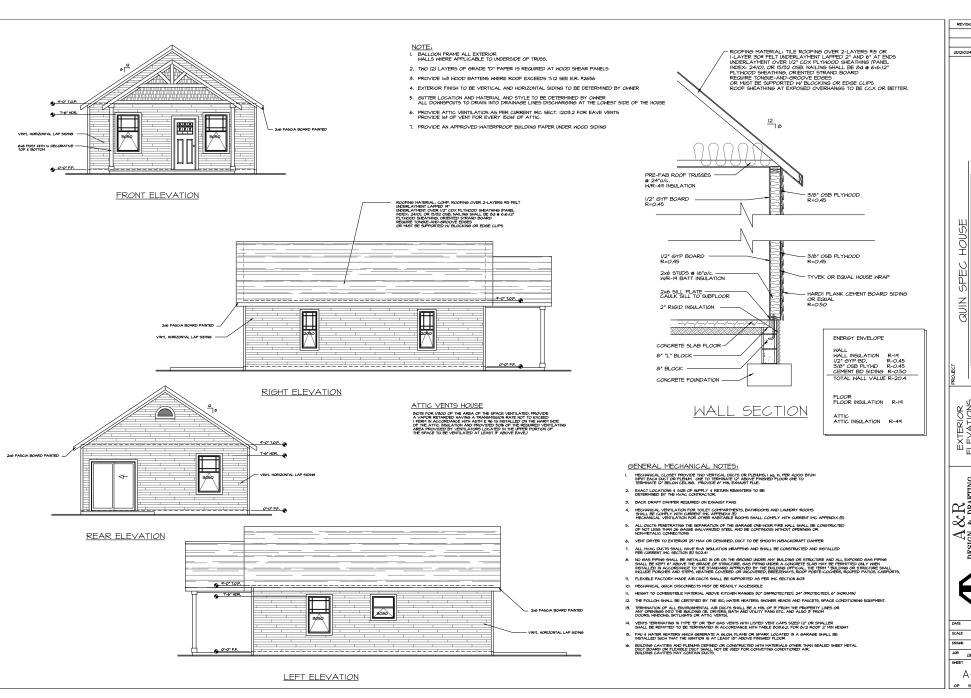
☐ HISTORIC ZONING (H)

KNOXVILLE I KNOX COUNTY	INFILL HOUSING (IH)			
QB Realty Team LLC				
Applicant				
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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, pl  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 features, in-kind; Installation of gutters, storm windows/doors   Level 2:				
INFILLHOUSING	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: Alteration from a 1 bedroom 1 bath 648 square foot single level home to a 2 bedroom 1 bathroom, 754				
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:  FEE 2:  FEE 3:	TOTAL:		





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