

# **Staff Report**

## Infill Housing Design Review Committee

File Number: 2-E-21-IH

Meeting: 2/17/2021

**Applicant:** Bill Terry Knoxville Habitat for Humanity **Owner:** Bill Terry Knoxville Habitat for Humanity

### **Property Information**

Location: 3316 Thomas St. Parcel ID 81 | Q 016

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

**District:** Lonsdale Infill Housing Overlay District

### **Description of Work**

Level I Subdivisions

New subdivision plat. Design for new house on property already approved by Design Review Board. New property removes interior lot line between one 39.96' wide lot and one 40.04' wide lot. Property extends approximately 120' long towards the public alley in the rear. Lots are proposed to be combined to accommodate one single-family house.

### **Applicable Design Guidelines**

Heart of Knoxville Infill Housing Design Guidelines

2. House Orientation and Side Yards

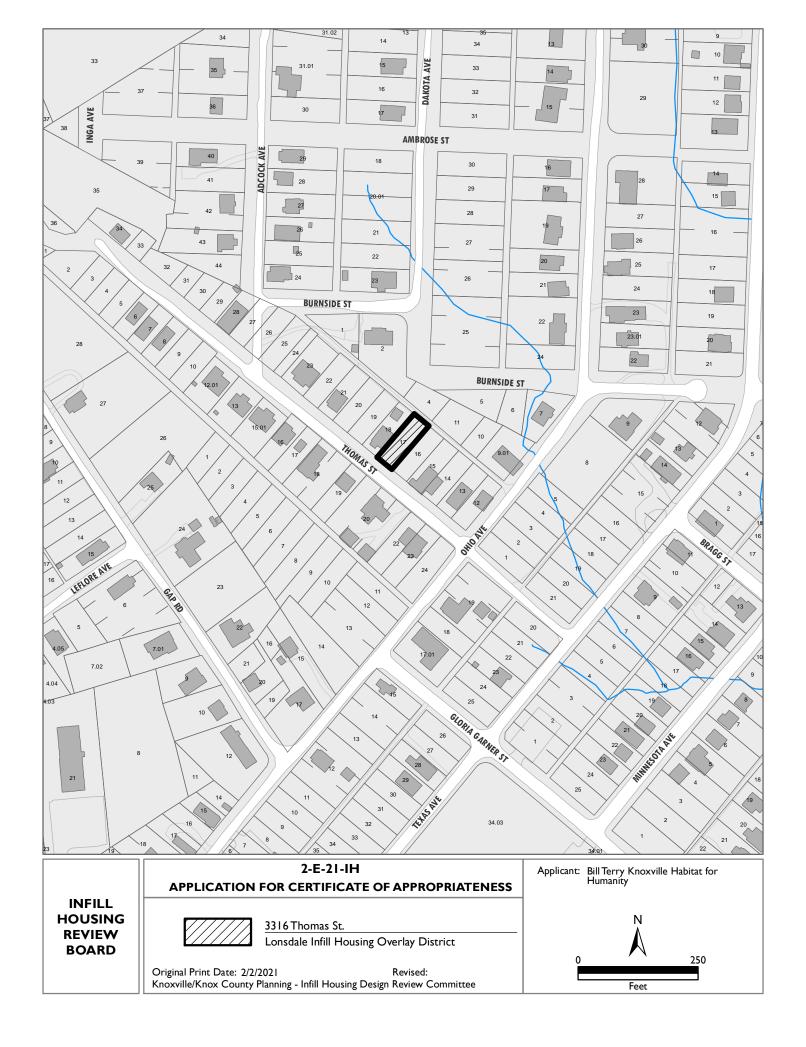
The typical city lot prior to 1930 was 50 feet wide. This dimension led to the development of hosues which were relatively narrow and had substantial depth. Craftsman style homes are good examples of this characteristic. Because of this, side yards were relatively narrow. Toward the mid-twentieth century, the increase in lot width was reflected by the development of the Ranch house.

- 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.
- On lots greater than 50' in width, consider recreating the original lot size.

### **Comments**

The combination of two historically narrow lots to accommodate a larger house is illustrated as "inappropriate lot allocation" in the design guidelines. The guidelines do identify an increase in lot width as reflected by the development of a Ranch house with a wider façade. On this block, numerous lots featuring historic houses are significantly wider than the average 40-50' width, including three modified Craftsman-style houses towards the southeast end of the block. On the northwest end of Thomas Street are three lots previously reviewed by the Infill Housing Committee for subdivision approval; all measure between 60-70' wide and feature infill houses that are proportionate to the house that will be built at 3316 Thomas Street. In this instance, the new, wider lot will not be disproportionate or inconsistent with the immediate neighborhood context.

# Recommendation Staff recommends approval of Certificate 2-E-21-IH as submitted.





# DESIGN REVIEW REQUEST

☐ DOWNTOWN DESIGN (DK)

☐ HISTORIC ZONING (H)

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Name	Company		
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CURRENT PROPERTY INFO			
Owner Name (if different from applicant)	Owner Address	Owner Phone	
Property Address	Parcel ID		
Neighborhood	Zoning		
AUTHORIZATION			
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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, lands are required Downtown Design attachment for more details. ☐ Brief description of work:			
HISTORIC ZONING				
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:  FEE 2:  FEE 3:	TOTAL:	

