

# **Staff Report**

## Infill Housing Design Review Committee

File Number: 5-D-21-IH

Meeting: 5/19/2021

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

### **Property Information**

Location: 1116 Delaware Ave. Parcel ID

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

**District:** Lonsdale Infill Housing Overlay District

### **Description of Work**

Level III New Primary Structure

New primary residence fronting Delaware Avenue. One-story, front-gable roof residence measuring 28' wide by 40' long, with a front-gable roof porch centered on the façade (north). The primary massing is proposed to be set 20' from the front property line (12' from the front porch to the front property line). The proposed parking, a 10' wide concrete driveway, is accessed by the alley and located at the rear of the property.

The house features a 6/12 front gable roof clad in architectural shingles, with an exterior of vinyl lap siding and a stuccoed foundation. A front-gable roof porch with a 6/12 pitch roof, measuring 10' wide, is centered on the façade, with a gable clad in vinyl shingle siding. The porch is supported by square wood posts. The centrally located door is flanked by two one-over-one, double-hung windows. The right side elevation is proposed to have one double-hung window, with three located on the left side elevation. On the rear elevation, a secondary entry accesses a 4' by 4' wood deck.

## **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.

#### Comments

1. The house is proposed to be located 20' from the front property line (12' from the front porch to the front property line). The proposed front setback will maintain consistent front yard space along the block. The site plan includes a concrete walkway extending to the street.

- 2. The block is characterized by one-story Queen Anne cottages, Craftsman houses, and Minimal Traditionals. The proposed one-story house is proportional to the dimensions of the lot and the other houses on the block. The proposed side yard setbacks are consistent with the dimensions of the lot and other houses on the block.
- 3. The proposed parking meets Infill Housing design guidelines as it extends from an operable alley and will be located behind the primary residence. Parking should meet City Engineering requirements.
- 4. Overall, the one-story, three-bay façade is similar in scale and width to the context. The foundation height should be verified to be consistent with the adjacent houses.
- 5. The 8' deep, 10' wide front porch meets the design guidelines. The porch posts should be confirmed to be sufficiently sized for the neighborhood context (larger than 4" by 4").
- 6. Guidelines recommend window and door styles to be comparable to original houses on the block, and maintain a consistent ratio of solid to void. Additional windows are necessary on the right elevation to contribute additional transparency to the house. While design guidelines do not specifically reference trim, appropriately-sized window trim would contribute additional detail to an otherwise simple house design.
- 7. The proposed roof pitch, 6/12, is generally considered to be the minimum roof pitch to meet Infill Housing design guidelines.
- 8. Overall materials are appropriate. The siding material should use lap siding with an overlap instead of Dutch lap or flush panel siding.
- 9. The site plan includes one dogwood tree in front yard and one in the rear.

#### Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of Certificate 5-D-21-IH, with the following conditions:

- 1) Parking to meet City Engineering requirements;
- 2) Verify foundation height to be consistent with adjacent houses;
- 3) Porch posts to measure 6" by 6" or larger;
- 4) Additional windows to be placed on right elevation, along with appropriately sized trim surrounding all windows, with approval by staff;
- 5) Use lap siding with an overlap instead of Dutch lap or flush panel siding.



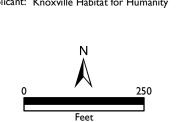
INFILL HOUSING REVIEW BOARD



III6 Delaware Ave.

Lonsdale Infill Housing Overlay District

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## DESIGN REVIEW REQUEST

☐ DOWNTOWN DESIGN (DK)

☐ HISTORIC ZONING (H)

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CURRENT PROPERTY INFO					
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Property Address		Parcel ID			
Lonsdale Infill Housing Overlay District		RN-2			
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AUTHORIZATION					
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## **REQUEST**

DOWNTOWN DESIGN	Level 1:  Signs				
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:				
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: 250.00 FEE 2: FEE 3:	TOTAL: 250.00		

