

Staff Report

Infill Housing Design Review Committee

File Number: 11-A-21-IH

Meeting: 11/17/2021
Applicant: Gary Koontz
Owner: Gary Koontz

Property Information

Location: 438 Hiawassee Ave. Parcel ID 81 B C 008

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

District: Oakwood/Lincoln Park Infill Housing Overlay District

Description of Work

Level III New Primary Structure

New primary residence fronting Hiawassee Avenue. Front-gable roof residence measures 30' wide by 44' long, with an 8' deep, partial-width porch projecting from the left half of the façade. The house is proposed to be set 34.7' from the front property line, with the porch at 26.7' from the front property line. The parking is proposed for the front yard, with an 18' by 20' parking pad at the front right corner of the property.

The 7/12 pitch, front-gable roof is clad in architectural shingles, the house is clad in horizontal vinyl siding, and the house rests on a stucco-clad foundation. The gable fields feature vinyl board-and-batten and vinyl shingle siding. The front-gable roof porch is supported by tapered Craftsman-style posts on stone veneer-clad piers. The three-bay façade features paired double-hung windows flanking a half-light door. There are two windows on the left side elevation and three on the right. A 12' by 10' wood deck is accessed by a secondary entry on the rear elevation.

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 feet or more in depth to front of house.

Comments

1. The house is proposed to be set 34.7' from the front property line, with the partial-width front porch at 26.7'

from the front property line. The average front setback of the block is 26.2'. Along with the adjacent new house at 442 Hiawassee Ave, the new house will maintain consistent front yard space with the block. The final site plan should incorporate a walkway from the front porch to the street.

- 2. The block to receive new construction is characterized by Craftsman bungalows and Queen Anne cottages. The proposed house is proportionate to the context and the dimensions of the lot. The proposed side setbacks are consistent with the block.
- 3. To meet Infill Housing guidelines and City Engineering standards, the proposed parking should extend off the alley and be located to the rear of the property instead of in the front yard. City Engineering has also noted the necessity of raising the house's finished floor elevation to provide positive drainage and improve the drainage swale at the street.
- 4. Overall, the one-story, three-bay façade is compatible with the historic houses on the block. Due to the requirement to elevate the finished floor elevation, the foundation will be comparable in heights with historic houses on the block.
- 5. The proposed front-gable roof porch, including the Craftsman-style detailing, meets the design guidelines for size and placement. Infill Housing design guidelines discourage the use of stone veneer; brick should be used as cladding for column piers instead.
- 6. The proposed window and doors are compatible with historic elements on the block. There is sufficient transparency on side elevations. The applicant should select consistent window patterns on all elevations (either all 1/1s or 3/1s) and omit non-operable shutters.
- 7. The proposed 7/12 pitch roof meets the design guidelines, and the cornice returns and front-gable roof porch contribute additional complexity.
- 8. Overall materials are appropriate within the design guidelines. The vinyl siding should be lap siding with an overlap instead of Dutch lap or flush panel siding.
- 9. The final site plan should incorporate one native or naturalized shade tree in the front and rear yards.

Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of Certificate 11-A-21-IH, subject to the following conditions:

- 1) Incorporate a walkway from the front porch to the sidewalk or street;
- 2) Parking to meet Infill Housing guidelines and City Engineering standards, and be located at the rear of the property off the alley:
- 3) Incorporate brick-clad bases on the porch columns;
- 4) Use consistent window designs on all elevations and omit non-operable shutters;
- 5) Use vinyl siding with an overlap instead of Dutch lap or flush panel siding;
- 6) Incorporate one native or naturalized shade tree in front and rear yards.



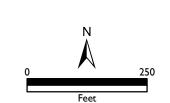
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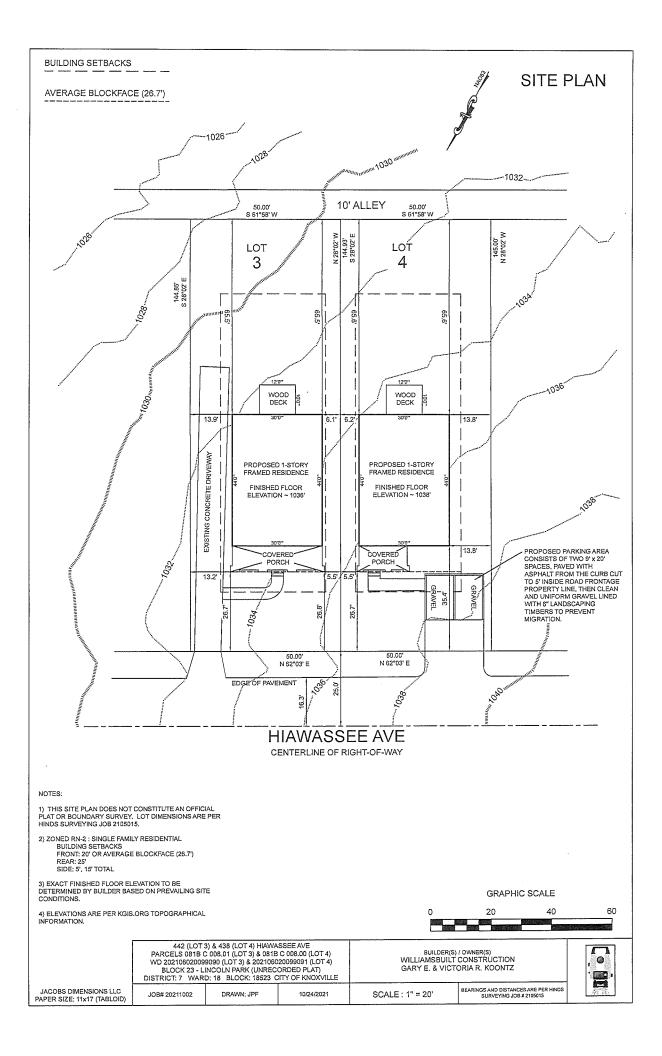
DESIGN REVIEW REQUEST

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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, plaza See required Downtown Design attachment for more details. ☐ 3 rief description of work:				
HISTORIC ZONING	Level 1: Signs				
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:				
STALF 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		



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THIS SURVEY WAS PREPARED USING A COMBINATION OF TOTAL STATION AND R.T.K. G.P.S. DATA COLLECTION. G.P.S. RECEIVER INFO.: CARLSON BRx7 BASE/ROVER-TOTAL STATION: TOPCON GPT-8205A VERTICAL DATUM IS NAVD88, GEOID2018 POINT INSIDE METAL FENCE POST 50.00 1/2" IRON PIN 50.00 LOT N 62.03'E 2 CONCRETE 1/2" IRON PIN FOUND LOT 3 0.166 ACRES LOT 4 0.166 **ACRES** 128°02' W LOT 5 1.0 1/2" IRON PIN FOUND 50.00 1/2" IRON PIN SET 10' ALLEY 50.00' W INACCESSIBLE POINT INSIDE LOCKED PRIVACY FENCE WITH DOGS

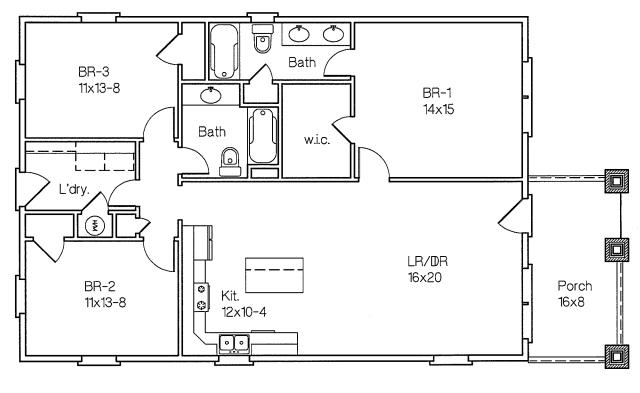
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Front Elevation

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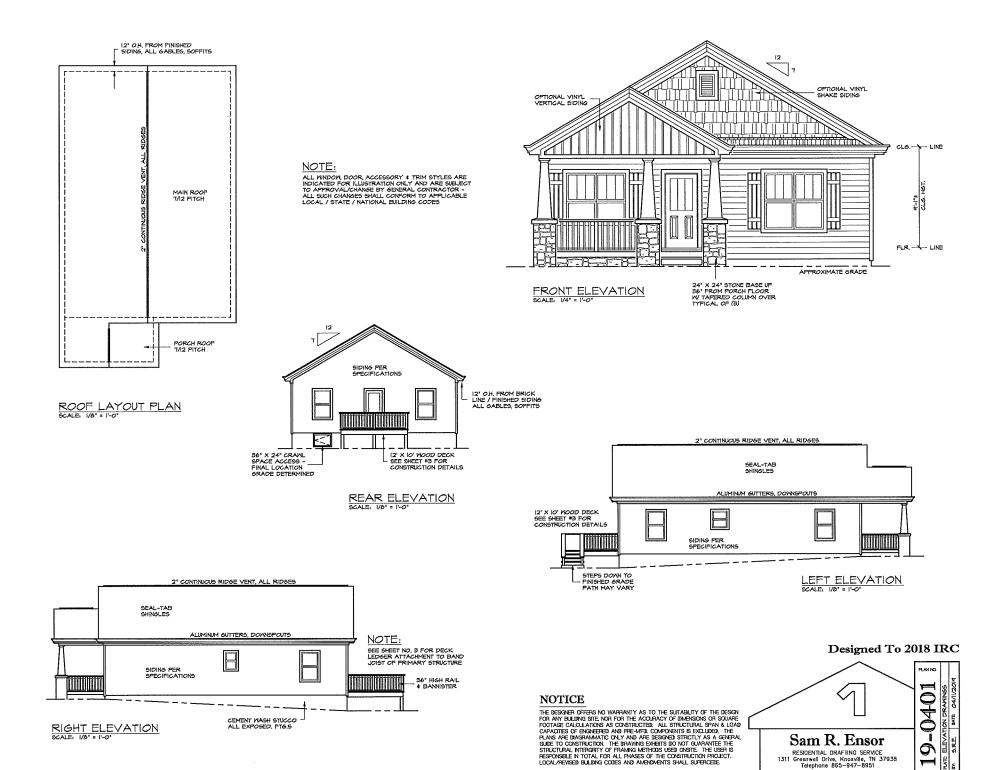
Total Living Area
Overall Dimension: 30' x 52'



Main Floor
1320 Sq. Ft. Living Area

Plan No. KC19-0401

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