

# **Staff Report**

## Infill Housing Design Review Committee

File Number: 11-B-22-IH

Meeting: 11/16/2022

Applicant: Bill Terry Habitat for Humanity

Owner: Bill Terry Habitat for Humanity

### **Property Information**

**Location:** 3307 Savoy St. **Parcel ID** 81 P A 01201

**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 Savoy Street. One-story residence measures 44' wide by 30' deep, featuring a side-gable roof (6/12 pitch, clad in asphalt shingles), an exterior of vinyl siding, and a stuccoed CMU foundation. The house will be set 20' from the front property line, with an 8' deep front porch set 12' from the front property line. Parking is provided by a 12' wide by 40' long concrete driveway to the right (north) of the house.

The house is a rectangular Ranch house, with a four-bay façade fronting Savoy Street. The façade features a front-gable roof (6/12 pitch) porch supported by tapered posts on brick piers, with a gable field clad in shingle vinyl siding. The porch is centered over a centrally-located door flanked by two double-hung windows. There are two equally spaced double-hung windows on the left elevation, with one and a secondary entry on the right side.

While the applicant has submitted a Ranch-type house due to the width of the lot and the property's slope towards the rear, they have included a second option for discussion. The second option measures 30' wide by 44' deep, with a front-gable roof and a centrally-located front porch. See exterior details in "option 2" in the application.

## **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.
- If greater height is to be created (with new construction or an addition), that portion of the house should be located toward the side or rear of the property.

#### 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**

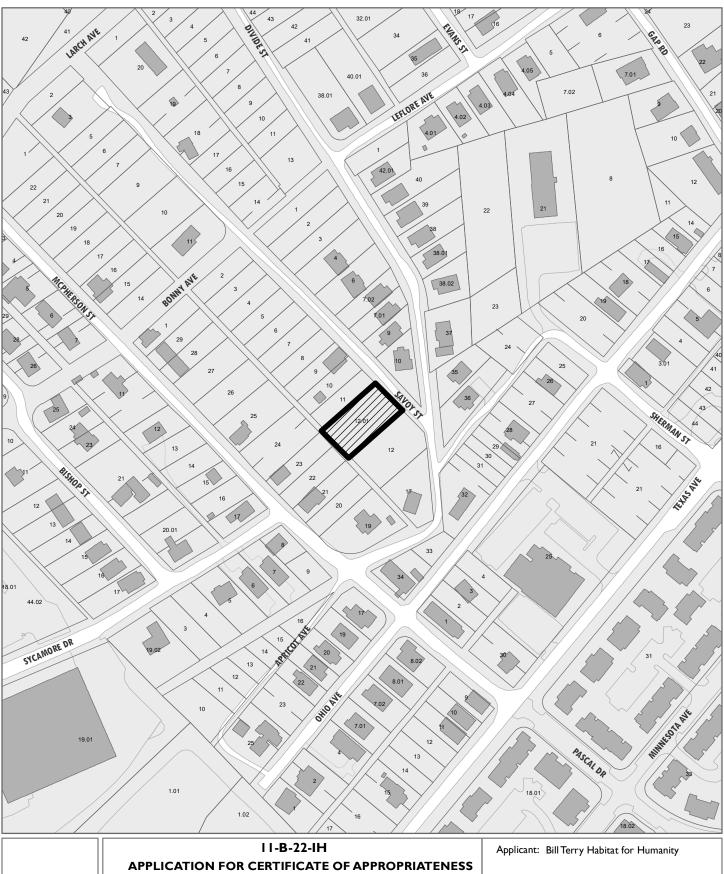
- 1. The new house is proposed to be set 20' from the front property line, with the front porch set 12' from the front property line. The block lacks a significant context for a front setback pattern. Per the City zoning code, the front porch can only encroach 5' into the front setback; the house will need to be moved back 3' from the front property line to avoid encroachment issues. This will align the house further with the new construction at 3311 Savoy Street. The site plan includes a walkway to the street.
- 2. The block lacks significant context for comparable historic houses. On the other side of the street, the houses front Divide Street. The adjacent new construction at 3311 Savoy Street is a one-story, three-bay infill construction (10-E-21-IH).
- 3. The design guidelines recommend that, for a street without an operable alley, parking should be limited to one lane and extend to at least 20' behind the front façade of the house. The parking should be revised to extend the full length of the house so parking can avoid the front yard. The final site plan should meet City Engineering standards.
- 4. A one-story, five-bay Ranch house is wider than the typical Queen Anne cottages and Craftsman residences of Lonsdale. However, there are multiple modest Ranch form houses in this area of the neighborhood, including infill construction on the 3300 block of Divide Street, some midcentury houses on the 3400 block of McPherson Street, and nearby properties on Divide Street. The immediate blocks lack significant context. The Board may choose to discuss the Ranch house as an appropriate form for this block, or discuss the three-bay second option presented by the applicant.
- 5. The proposed front-gable roof porch is proportionate to the façade and incorporates sufficient detailing.
- 6. The façade, side, and rear elevations demonstrate a sufficient amount of transparency. Basic window trim would contribute additional complexity to the simple design of the house.
- 7. The proposed 6/12 pitch roof is typically the minimum pitch approved under the Infill Housing design guidelines, and appropriate for the Ranch form of the house. The front-gable roof porch contributes additional roofline complexity.
- 8. The 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 site plan includes a new front yard tree.

#### Recommendation

Providing for initial discussion between the Board and applicant on the two options presented,

Staff recommends approval of Certificate 11-B-22-IH (option 1), with the following conditions:

- 1) Main massing of the house to be moved 3' away from the front property line to avoid front porch encroachment issues:
- 2) Final site plan to meet City Engineering standards and parking revised to meet Infill Housing design guidelines;
- 3) Use lap siding with an overlap instead of Dutch lap or flush panel siding.

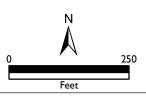


**INFILL HOUSING REVIEW BOARD** 

3307 Savoy St.

Lonsdale Infill Housing Overlay District

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## DESIGN REVIEW REQUEST

☐ DOWNTOWN DESIGN (DK)

☐ HISTORIC ZONING (H)

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■ Owner ■ Contractor □ Engineer	☐ Architect/Landscap	e Architect			
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865-523-3539	bterry@khfh.com				
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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  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 feature Level 2:  Major repair, removal, or replacement of architectural elements of Level 3:  Construction of a new primary building Level 4:  Relocation of a contributing structure Demolition of a contribution of work:	r materials   Additions a  ibuting structure	and accessory structures
INFILL HOUSING	Level 1:  Driveways, parking pads, access point, garages or similar facilities  Level 2:  Additions visible from the primary street  Changes to porche  Level 3:  New primary structure  Site built  Modular  Multi-Sectional  See required Infill Housing attachment for more details.  Brief description of work: 4 Bedroom, 2 bath home built on slab with one	s visible from the primary stre	et
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: 100.00 FEE 2: FEE 3;	TOTAL: 100.00

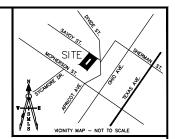
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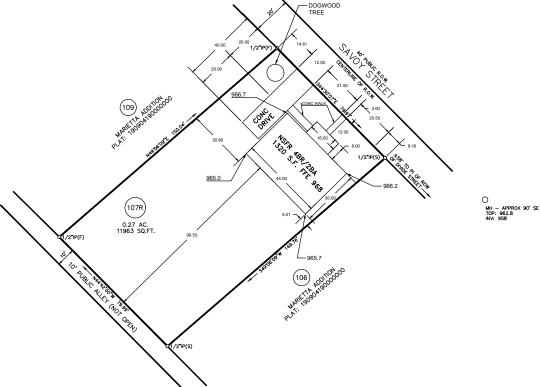
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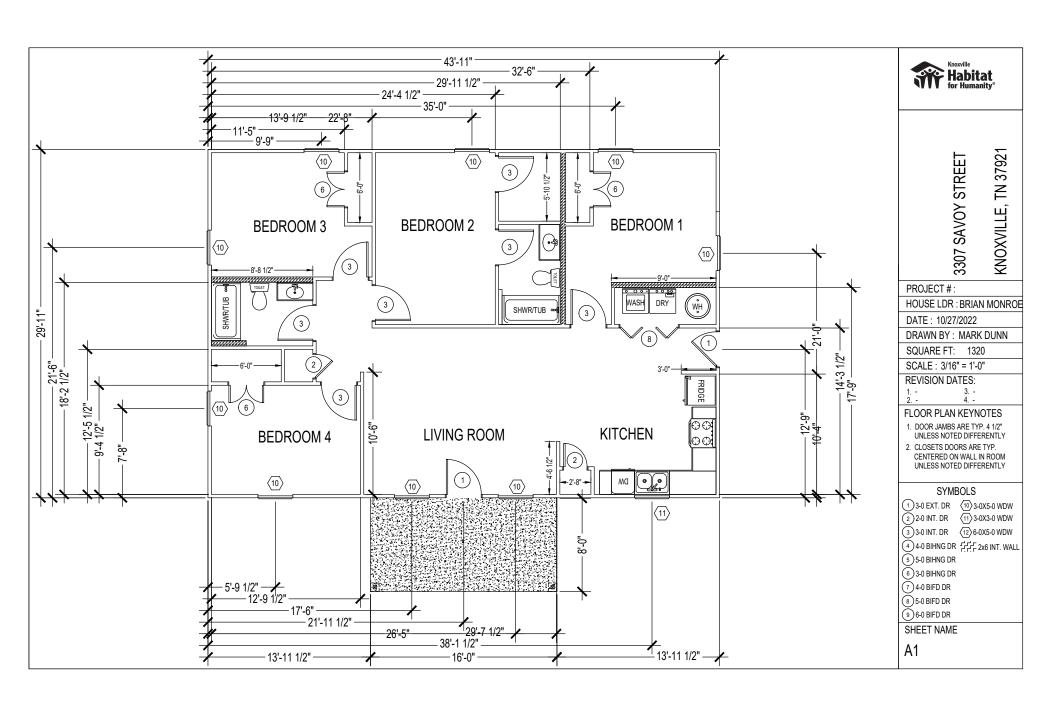
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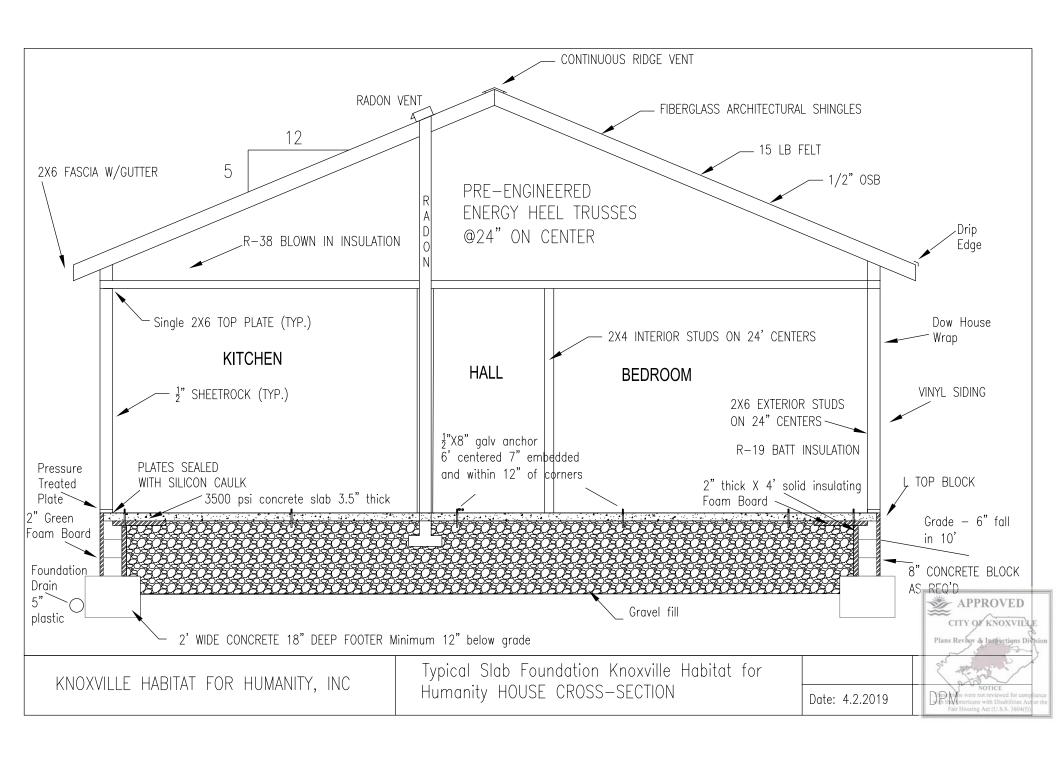
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