

Staff Report

Infill Housing Design Review Committee

File Number: 11-A-24-IH

Meeting:	1/15/2025
Applicant:	Greg Smith MES Development
Owner:	Greg Smith MES Development

Property Information

Location:	1102 Raleigh Ave.	Parcel ID	69 N D 004
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 structure fronting Raleigh Avenue. Two story residence features a side-gable roof (8/12 pitch) clad in asphalt shingles, with two front-gable massings projecting from the façade, an exterior of horizontal lap siding, and a foundation clad in brick veneer. The building measures 27' wide by 60' deep, including an 8' deep full-length front porch with a partial hipped roof supported by 10" square wood columns. The building is proposed to be set 25' from the front lot line, with the main massing of the house at 32' from the front lot line. Parking is via a 10' wide concrete driveway in the front yard and is accessed via Raleigh Avenue.

The façade is four bays wide, featuring a pair of double-hung windows on the left bay and a door flanked by sidelights on the right bay. The façade features two projecting front-gable massings, one with faux cedar shakes in the gable field and the other with a pair of single-hung windows. The right elevation features four double-hung windows on the first story and two on the second story. The left elevation features three double-hung windows and a trio of windows on the first story and three windows on the second story. The rear elevation features a secondary entrance with a porch and a transom window. Elevation drawings show window and door trim on all elevations

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.

- 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. Housing Orientation
- New housing should be proportional to the dimensions of the lot and other houses on the block.
- On corner lots, side yard setbacks should be handled traditionally (that is, closer to the side street). The zoning requirement to treat corner lots as having two frontages should not apply in Heart of Knoxville neighborhoods.

- 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 level ground, pea gravel or similar material may be used as a parking pad off alleys.

- On streets without alleys, garages or parking pads should be at least 20 feet behind the front façade of the infill house with access limited to one lane between the street and the front façade.

- Garages which are perpendicular to the alley should be about 18 feet from the center line of the alley pavement, allowing a comfortable turning radius for a driver to enter a garage.

- Alley-oriented parking pads, garbage collection points, and utility boxes should be screened with a combination of landscaping and fencing.

- On those streets which have alleys, driveways should not be permitted from the front of the house.

- On corner lots, a driveway to the garage may be provided off the side street.

4. Scale, Mass, and Foundation Height

- The front elevation should be designed to be similar in scale to other houses along the street.

- The front façade of new houses should be about the same width as original houses on the block.

- 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 feet 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. Wrought iron columns and other materials that were not used in the early 1900's should not be used.

- Small stoops centered on entry and no more than 5 feet deep are appropriate on blocks where porches were not traditional.

6. Windows and Doors

- When constructing new houses, the window 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 facade 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 Heart of Knoxville neighborhoods.

8. Siding Material

- Clapboard-like materials (such as cement fiberboard) should be used in constructing new housing where painted wood siding was traditionally used.

- Brick, wood shingle, and other less common material may be appropriate in some older neighborhoods, particularly those with a mix of architectural styles.

- Faced stone, vertical siding, and other non-historic materials should not be used in building new houses. In 1930-1950 era neighborhoods, faced stone may be appropriate (see Section 12).

11. Landscape and Other Considerations

- One native or naturalized shade tree should be planted in the front and rear yards of in fill lots with 25 feet or more in depth to front of house

Comments

1. The house is proposed to be set 25' from the front property line. The average front setback of the block is 26.8', with the adjacent house set 23' from the front property line. The proposed front setback will be consistent with the blockface. The final site plan should include a walkway to the sidewalk.

2. The block to receive new construction is characterized by Craftsman houses and Queen Anne cottages. The application was postponed in November to allow the applicant the opportunity to submit a plan that was more compatible with the building width and depth of houses on the block. The 27' wide by 60' deep house is more proportionate to other houses on the block and the dimensions of the lot.

3. Guidelines state that parking should not be in front yards and should be accessed from the alley. The zoning code requires new houses in the Infill Housing overlay to use the alley for access and egress, if one exists. The proposed parking is a concrete pad in the front yard and accessed from Raleigh Avenue and should be revised to meet guidelines. The final site plan should meet City Engineering standards.

4. The plans indicate an elevated foundation clad in brick veneer. Guidelines recommend a front elevation similar in scale with other houses on the street, and a façade with "about the same width as original houses on the block," along with a foundation the same height as original houses in the neighborhood. The house will be approximately 28'-8" at its peak, which is somewhat taller than the context, which primarily features 1-1.5 story houses. The Board should discuss the height of the house.

5. The design includes an 8' deep full-length front porch with a partial hipped roof, which meets the guidelines.

6. Guidelines recommend window and door styles be similar to historic houses on the block, with similar placement and ratio of solid to void. The house primarily features 1/1 double-hung windows with trim and projecting sills which are appropriate for the context, and all elevations feature sufficient transparency. The window details depicted on the elevation drawings should be included in final construction.

7. The 8/12 roof pitch meets the neighborhood context, and the eave overhangs and flashing benefit the design.

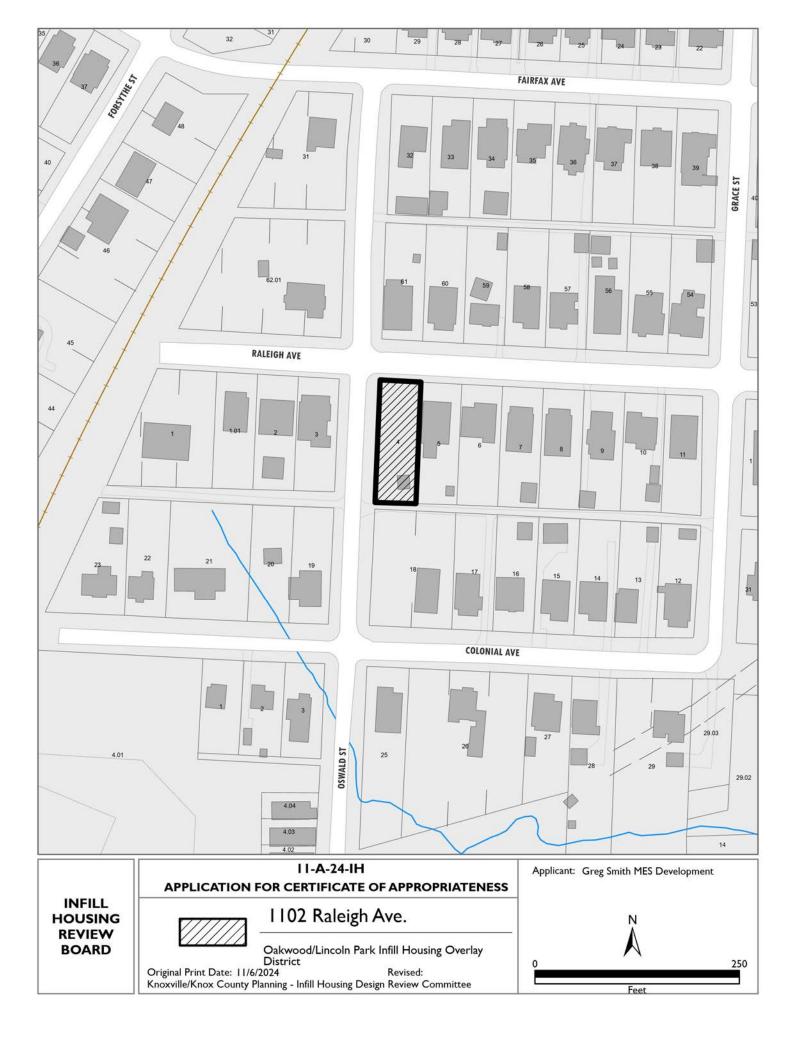
8. The proposed materials meet the guidelines. The proposed brick clad foundation, horizontal lap siding, and trim details should all be constructed as shown on the elevation drawings.

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-24-IH, subject to the following conditions: 1) the final site plan to include a walkway from the front door to the sidewalk; 2) parking to be revised to be accessed from the alley; 3)

final site plan to meet City Engineering standards; 4) final site plan to include a tree in the front and rear yards; and allowing for Board discussion of the height of the house.



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CURRENT PROPERTY INFO

Owner Name (if different from applicant)	Owner Address		Owner Phone
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- 2. THIS SITE PLAN DOES NOT CONSTITUTE AN OFFICIAL PLAT OR BOUNDARY SURVEY.
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- 6. PRIOR TO ANY CONSTRUCTION, EXCAVATION OR ANY DISTURBANCE OF THE EXISTING GROUND ELEVATION, THE OWNER AND / OR CONTRACTOR SHOULD ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY OF CONTACTING THE LOCAL UTILITY AUTHORITIES FOR EXACT LOCATION OF UNDERGROUND GAS LINS, TELEPHONE LINES, ELECTRC CABLES, WATER LINES, ETC. TO AVOID ANY HAZARO OR CONFLCT. IN TENNESSEL, IT IS A REQUIREMENT, PER "THE UNDERGROUND UTILITY DAMAGE PREVENTION ACT", THAT ANYONE WHO ENGAGES IN EXCAVATION MUST NOTEY ALL KNOWN UNDERGROUND UTILITY OWNERS, NO LESS THAN THREE (3) NOR MORE THAN (10) WORKING DAYS PRIOR TO THE DATE OF THEIR EXCAVATION TO AVOID ANY POSSIBLE HAZARD OR CONFLICT. DALA 811 FORA ONE CALL CENTER.
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- 9.1. DEED REFERENCE(S): NSTRUMENT NUMBER 202405220058409 9.2. PLAT FEFERENCE(S): FLAT MAP A, PAGE 272C
- 10. SURVEY FIELD DATA COLLECTED ON SEPTEMBER 5, 2024.
- SUBJECT PROPERTY IS CURRENTLY ZONED "RN-2": SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOOD. FOR ACCURATE INFORMATION CONCERNING ZONING REQUIREMENTS & RESTRICTIONS CONTACT KNOXVILLE/KNOX COUNTY PLANNING SERVICES: 365-215-250.
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