

October 4, 2022

## Appeal:

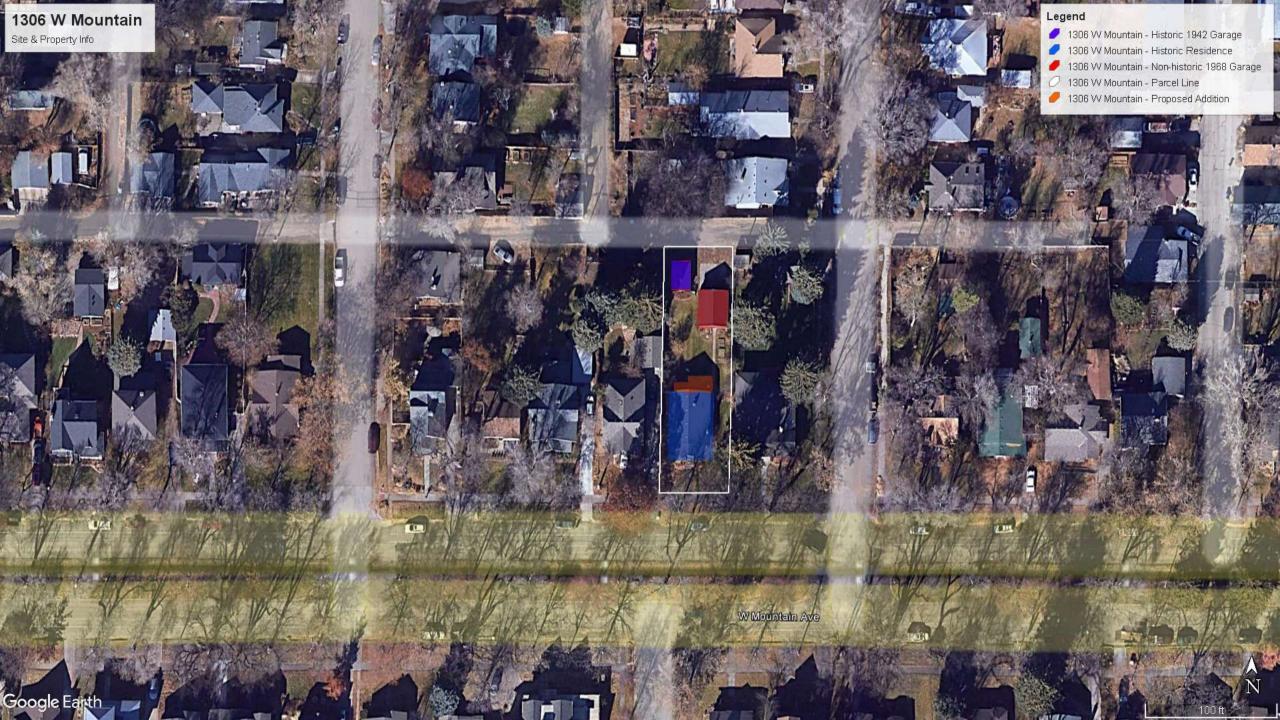
1306 West MountainAvenueCity Landmark DesignReview

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#### Background: Property Designation

- City Landmark
  - Jackson-Bailey Property
  - Designated December 2, 2014
  - Standards 3/C
  - No period of significance defined
    - 1922
    - 1942
- House constructed in c.1922
  - Garage in 1942









## Major Functions of Design Review

- Protect "character-defining features" of an historic place, property, or building
- Conserve historic building materials
- Preserve tangible connections with the city's history





# HPC Role outlined in Chapter 14, Article IV

- Review project against the City's adopted Standards for historic preservation review
  - U.S. Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties
- Make Decision on proposed work
  - Approve;
  - Approve w/ Conditions; or
  - Deny





1. Determine if allegations made by the appellant have merit

2. Based on determination:

- Uphold HPC decision;
- Overturn HPC decision; or
- Modify HPC decision



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1306 W. Mountain Ave – Appeal of Design Review Decision

- May 18, 2022, HPC Conceptual Review (feedback only)
- July 20, 2022, HPC Decision, (4-2, 1 recusal, 2 vacancies):
  - Approve proposed addition
  - Deny modifications to historic window in northwest bedroom
  - Note some work in scope previously approved by HPC at Feb 16, 2022 hearing:
    - Modification of basement windows for egress
    - Demolition of non-historic garage
    - Construction of new garage on NE corner of lot
  - Posted Hearing/Gathered Community Input
    - 2 verbal comments at meeting
      - 1 in favor of approval w/ no conditions
      - 1 in favor of approval w/ conditions
- August 2, 2022, Owner Appeal to Council

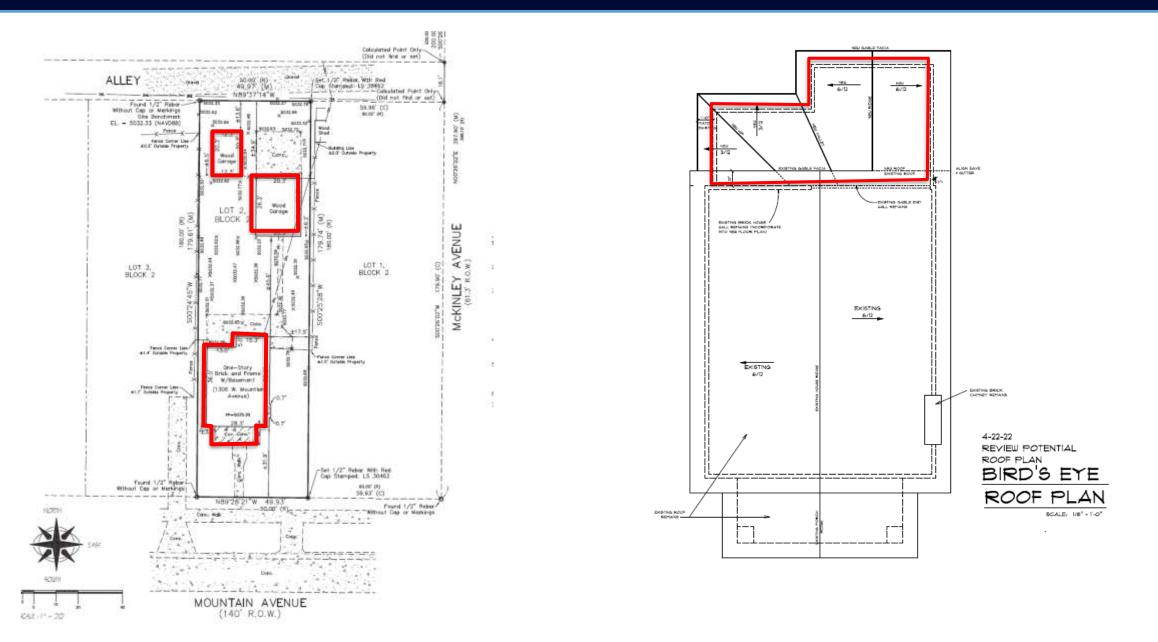


- 1. Construction of an addition totaling 339 ft<sup>2</sup> (264 new ft<sup>2</sup>) onto the existing 1,097 ft<sup>2</sup> home
  - (Note: 1,097 includes the approximately 75 ft<sup>2</sup> rear mud porch slated for demolition).

2. Modification of windows on west wall of northwest bedroom on historic house.





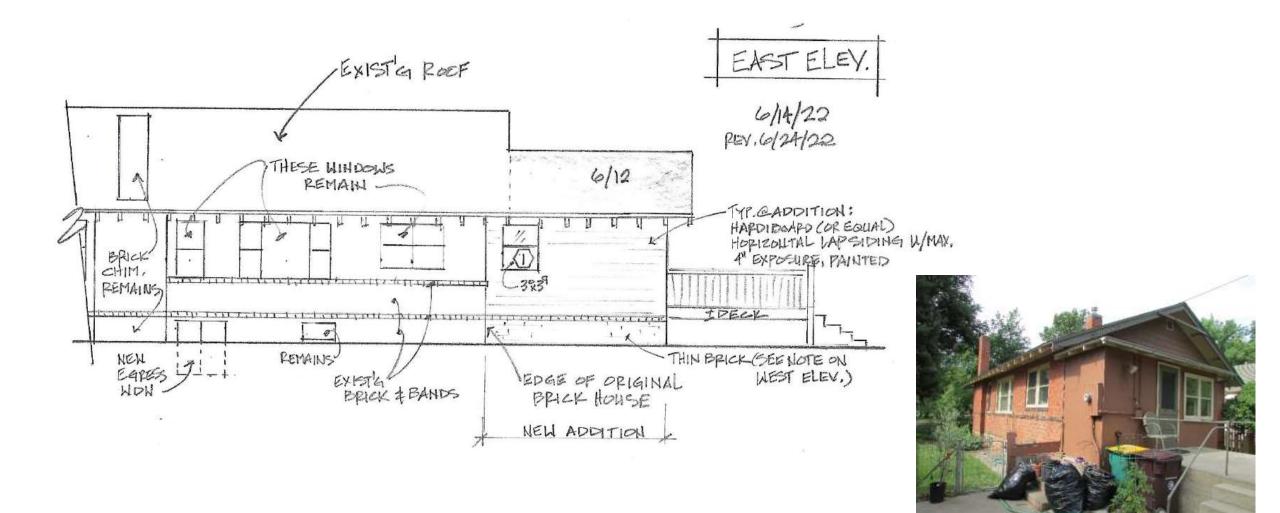




### Proposed Alterations – Existing Conditions <sup>10</sup>

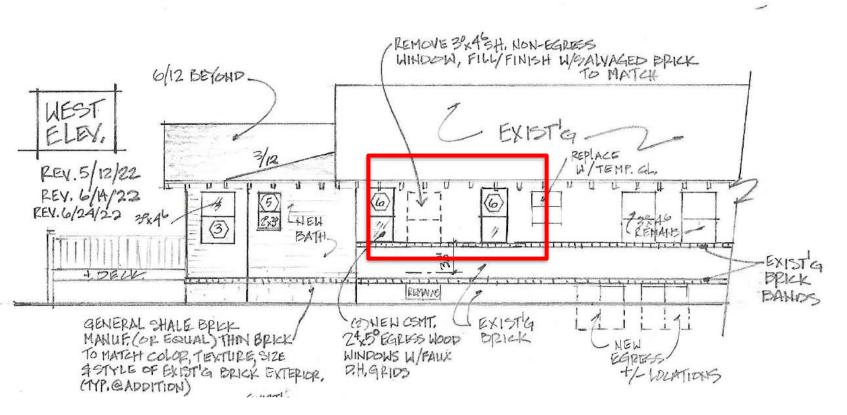








#### Proposed Alterations – West Elevation <sup>12</sup>









• Standards respond to proposed work in relation to building's "character-defining features."

- Key Standards for this project are:
  - 2 Preserve historic character
  - 5 Preserve character-defining features
  - 9 Additions/exterior alterations should be compatible, distinguishable, and subordinate
  - 10 Additions/exterior alterations should be reversible
- HPC finding:
  - Proposed addition meets the Standards
  - Proposed window modification in NW bedroom does not, specifically Standards 2 and 5



- Addition meets Standards approved
- Window modification did not meet Standards inappropriate and doesn't meet federal guidelines
  - Standard 2 preserving overall historic character
    - Windows are part of overall character, including pattern along side elevations
    - Alternatives exist
  - Standard 5 preserving character-defining features
    - Windows are a character-defining feature of the property and should be retained
    - Modification not necessary to meet any IEBC requirement
  - NPS Bulletin 14 Windows on secondary elevations
    - Minimalist approach to alterations



# • Allegation #2 (consider first – issue of fairness at hearing)

- One or more HPC members had a conflict of interest in a personal and social relationship that interfered with the HPC's independence of judgement.
  - Commissioner M. Dunn's relationship with the prior owner, Bob Bailey
  - General bias on HPC against project
  - Concern about inconsistency in feedback during conceptual reviews

# • Allegation #1 (consider second)

- That the Commission and City staff did not properly interpret City Code 14-53
  - Staff inappropriately interpreted Rehabilitation Standards 2 and 5, and NPS Bulletin 14 regarding window alterations.
  - Inconsistency between Certificate (includes staff analysis) and HPC motion.
  - No discussion of adding new windows during May 18<sup>th</sup> hearing



1. Determine if allegations made by the appellant have merit, beginning with Allegation #2

2. Based on determination:

- Uphold HPC finding;
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- Modify HPC finding



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