



August 10, 2026

To: City of Norman Historic District Commission
225 N. Webster Avenue
Norman OK 73069
Attn: Anais Starr, Historic Preservation Officer

Re: Certificate of Appropriateness Application for 443 Chautauqua Residence.

History:

The new owners, Christopher and Vicki Davis recently purchased the property listed above with the intention of renovating it for personal use. The property is a non-contributing resource in the Chautauqua Historic District. Based on correspondence with Anais Starr, Historic Preservation Officer, the property received a administrative bypass COA in 2012 for partial removal of an enclosed porch returning to a similar style to what was believed to be the original front porch. The new owners would prefer to be more authentic and return the porch to a more accurate representation during additional renovation work.

Proposed Improvements:

We respectfully ask for your consideration and approval of the following improvements:

1. New front porch. The current front porch is a vestige of a previous renovation and is off center from the front façade. The proposed front porch will more closely resemble what is suspected to have been there originally, matching the adjacent roof slope and architectural features. New wood columns will be installed with square bases and canted sides approximating the craftsman style.
2. Second story dormers. These are proposed along the north and south of the ridge, and are set back from the front to be minimally visible from the street. Match existing composition shingles.
3. Privacy Fence: We propose to construct a 6' privacy fence along the south property line west of the back corner of the house. This is to provide visual screening of the neighbor to the south and for security/privacy in the rear yard. A 4' wood fence is proposed for the north property as shown on the site plan and would screen the exterior access to the basement being proposed.
4. Remove existing metal siding to expose the original wood lap siding. Any deteriorated wood siding will be replaced in kind.

5. Relocate the front door to align with the center of the house. The door appears to have been moved in the past and the remainder of the front façade was likely symmetrical. The proposed door will be wood stiles and rails with a full light.
6. Remove two non-original windows on the north façade. Relocate up to two historic wood windows to their original location based on the information exposed once the metal siding is removed. The windows on the north side have been likely modified over time. Once the metal siding is removed we should be able to determine the original locations and will relocate them.
7. Remove five wood windows and a door on the east façade. The east end of the residence was an addition and does not have the original siding on it beneath the metal siding. We speculate that during the addition they were removed from the former east wall of the original residence (prior to the addition) and re-installed.
8. Add a new sliding door to the east elevation onto the rear porch.
9. Add a new wood stile and rail full lite obscure glass door to the north elevation of previous addition into the proposed restroom.
10. Replace the rear porch with a larger concrete porch and steps.
11. Replace the siding on the garage with wood or smart siding matching the exposure of the original wood siding on the house. The garage is a more recent construction as evidenced by the plywood sheathing and other construction methods/materials.
12. Add a cabana in the rear yard of the property.
13. Remove secondary chimney from roof to basement.
14. Install exterior basement stairwell with railing on north side house.
15. Remove non-original sidewalk in front yard and install new sidewalk in traditional location.
16. Install concrete pavers to connect rear porch and cabana.

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to the hearing later this month.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Barrett L. Williamson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Barrett L. Williamson, NCARB, AIA
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Former Norman HP Commissioner
Past President, Preservation Oklahoma Inc.