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**LETTER** 

Wednesday, 18 October 2017

to: Elizabeth Caliendo, Chair Certificate of Appropriateness Committee Clearscapes 311-200 W Martin St Raleigh, NC 27601

re: RECONSIDERATION REQUEST for Application 123-17-CA

This letter requests that the Raleigh Historic Development Commission (RHDC) reconsider the Application submitted as 123-17-CA at the next meeting.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This Major Work Application was submitted by Matthew Konar Architect, on behalf of the Owner of 215 E North Street, per staff notes 'for the approval of the installation of a sidelight on the rear door'. The application was denied by the Certificate of Appropriateness (CoA) Committee on 24 August 2017.

The Applicant, Matthew Konar Architect, on behalf of the Owner, requests reconsideration of this decision based on the following demonstration of 'absence of evidence' and 'contention of error', per the CoA Application Reconsideration Request guidelines.

ABSENCE OF EVIDENCE

Members of the CoA Committee as well as staff provided no evidence in discussion or staff notes to support the position that a sidelight is 'atypical' or that the incorporation of a sidelight by a rear door is incongrous with the character of the Blount Street Historic District.

On the other hand, evidence in support of the Application was submitted by the Applicant. Matthew Konar Architect submitted multiple lines of evidence in the hearing to support a finding of congruity between the sidelight design and the Blount Street Historic District. Per the approved minutes, 'He [Matthew Konar] found some examples that show the relationship between windows and doors'.

Furthermore, this District has no clear definition of 'typical' in regards to rear doors due the long period of historical significance. Per the approved minutes, 'He [Matthew Konar] showed a grouping of photographs' of relationships of rear doors and adjacent glazing window and sidelights illustrating the variety with the Blount Street Historic District.

Yet, no evidence or rationale was presented by the CoA committee or staff to support a denial.

CONTENTION OF ERROR

The CoA Committee acted in error when reviewing the case by focusing the discussion on the construction of the sidelight. Per staff notes, 'After-the-Fact Applications are reviewed as though the work has not been completed'. The CoA Committee is compelled to review an 'After-the-Fact' Application in the exact same manner as any other Application. Any and all discussion of construction should be immaterial to the approval. Yet, the focus by multiple Committee Members during the CoA Committee discussion on 24 August 2017, as documented in the meeting minutes, was on the constructed status of the sidelight instead of the appropriateness of the sidelight.

While committee members expressed evidence in support and against the Application, both Ms. David and Mr. Davis addressed their comments and questions mainly to the issue of the sidelight being constructed prior to approval. This included several misleading assumptions as to the application process, the intent of the Applicant and Owner and the realities of construction.

For example, Ms. David asked if they 'installed it [the sidelight] anyway?' And Mr. Davis said 'But I am concerned that they built it knowing it wasn't acceptable' immediately prior to making a motion to deny the Application.

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LETTER, cont.

Wednesday, 18 October 2017

re: Reconsideration Request for Application 123-17-CA

Despite the status of construction being immaterial, more clarity can be provided as to the timeline for the applications and construction. A Minor Work Application for CoA for all elements of exterior renovation, including the sidelight, was submitted by the Applicant to staff about 13 January 2017. The first round of review was provided on 8 March 2017 by staff, with no mention of the sidelight being 'atypical' or in question of approval. At that time, staff simply wrote 'specs are required for both the new door and sidelight'. Only on 30 May 2017, three and a half months after the application was submitted, did staff provide the following comment, 'Cannot approve rear door sidelight'. Staff was unable to make a determination regarding the sidelight and desired to elevate the review of the sidelight to a Major Work Application.

This was not a denial, but rather a request to elevate the Application to a Major Work, which was submitted by the Applicant, Matthew Konar Architect on behalf of the Owner, on 9 June 2017, within less than two weeks upon receiving staff comment.

Due to the lengthy review process by staff and the fact that all other exterior changes were approved, the renovation and restoration project was at that time in construction. In order to avoid damage to the historic property as well as costly delays, it was imperative to continue the work to enclose the building. The construction was completed at risk, while the sidelight awaited CoA Committee approval. It was not completed in opposition to a staff determination as the misleading discussion by the Committee, and Ms. David's prejudgemental question (quoted above) suggest.

As stated above, discussion of the timeline of construction is immaterial to the fundamental request of the Application.

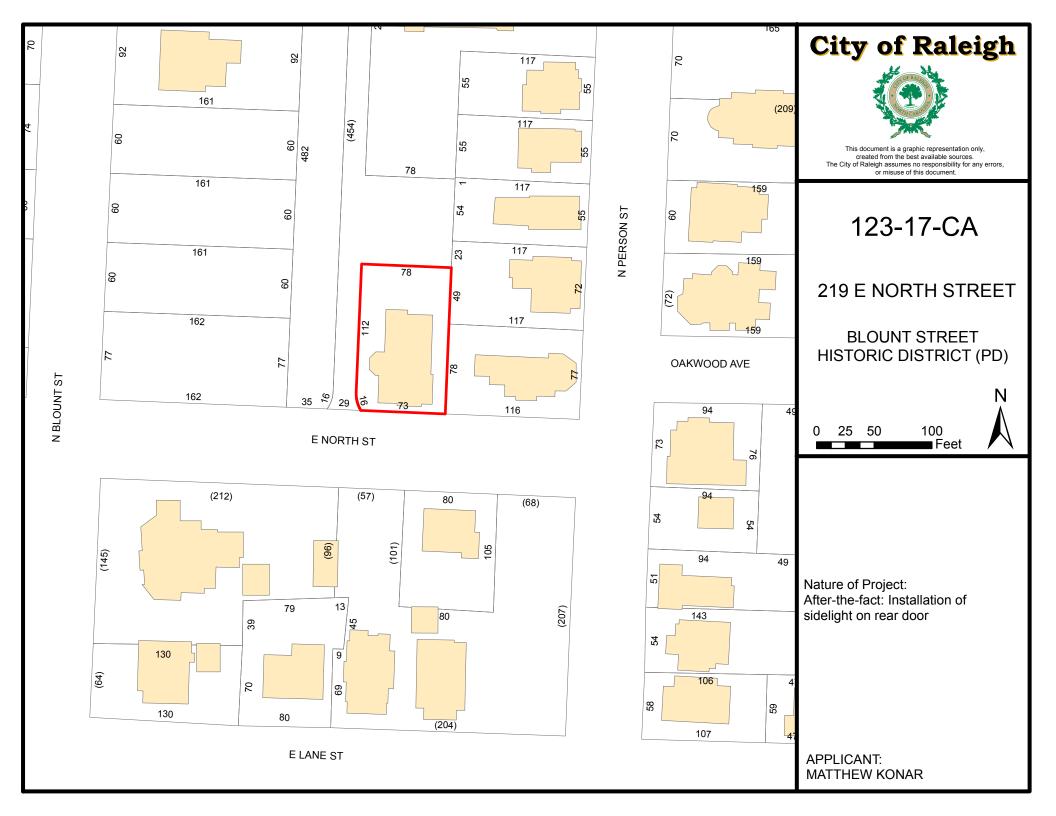
The application requests a review of the sidelight as congrous or incongrous to the Blount Street Historic District and therefore, approved or not approved by the Raleigh Historic Development Commission based solely on the evidence which can be provided to support either decision.

Therefore, the Request for Reconsideration is made on the grounds stated in this letter. The matter of congruity of the sidelight to the Blount Street Historic District should have been, but was not, established as the basis of the decision by CoA Committee to deny application 123-17-CA.

We appreciate your consideration of our request to have the CoA Application 123-17-CA reconsidered by the Raleigh Historic Districts Commission.

Matthew Konar

Thank vo



# Raleigh Historic Development Commission – Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) Application



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I understand that all applications that require review by the commission's Certificate of Appropriateness Committee must be submitted by 4:00 p.m. on the application deadline; otherwise, consideration will be delayed until the following committee meeting. An incomplete application will not be accepted.

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Section/Page	Topic	Brief Description of Work (attach additional sheets as needed)
3.07 / pg. 38	Windows and Doors	Installation of new Windows (Type of Work no. 85):  The scope of work is a single, new sidelight adjacent to the rear door. The rear door has received a Certificate of Appropriateness, transaction no. 500427. In accordance with RHDC Guidelines, Section 3.07 Windows and Doors, item 9, the proposed sidelight is placed on a non-character defining facade of the building and is compatible with the overall design of the building.  RHDC Guidelines, Section 3.07 Windows and Doors, item 9 states: 'If additional windows or doors are necessary for a new use, install them on a rear or non-character-defining facade of the building, but only if they do not compro- mise the architectural integrity of the building. Design such units to be compatible with the overall design of the building, but not to duplicate the original.'

Minor Work Approval (office use only)					
Upon being signed and dated below by the Planning Director or designee, this application becomes the Minor Work Certificate of Appropriateness. It is valid until Please post the enclosed placard form of the certificate as indicated at the bottom of the card. Issuance of a Minor Work Certificate shall not relieve the applicant, contractor, tenant, or property owner from obtaining any other permit required by City Code or any law. Minor Works are subject to an appeals period of 30 days from the date of approval.					
Signature (City of Raleigh) Date					

TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT				TO BE COMPLET BY CITY STAFF		
		YES	N/A	YES	NO	N/A
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1.	Written description. Describe clearly and in detail the nature of your project. Include exact dimensions for materials to be used (e.g. width of siding, window trim, etc.)	20				
2.	Description of materials (Provide samples, if appropriate)					
3.	Photographs of existing conditions are required. Minimum image size 4" x 6" as printed.  Maximum 2 images per page.					
4.	Paint Schedule (if applicable)					
5.	Plot plan (if applicable). A plot plan showing relationship of buildings, additions, sidewalks, drives, trees, property lines, etc., must be provided if your project includes any addition, demolition, fences/walls, or other landscape work. Show accurate measurements. You may also use a copy of the survey you received when you bought your property. Revise the copy as needed to show existing conditions and your proposed work.		-			
6.	Drawings showing existing and proposed work					
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7.	Stamped envelopes addressed to all property owners within 100 feet of property not counting the width of public streets and alleys (required for Major Work). Use the <u>Label Creator</u> to determine the addresses.					
8.	Fee (See Development Fee Schedule)					

#### **Matthew Konar Architect**

CERTIFICATE of APPROPRIATENESS application

Friday, 09 June 2017

to: Staff at the Raleigh Historic Districts Commission

re: Installation of New Sidelight adjacent to Rear Door

Ashley House 219 E North Street

Raleigh, North Carolina 27601

PART 1 WRITTEN DESCRIPTION

The scope of work will be the installation of a new sidelight adjacent to the rear door.

PART 2 DESCRIPTION OF MATERIALS

Frame: Wood, Fir Glazing: Clear, Glass

Refer to attached specifications and purchase order.

PART 3 PHOTOGRAPHS

Refer to attached exterior photographs

PART 4 PAINT SCHEDULE

Refer to attached RHDC approved exterior Paint Schedule. The Paint Schedule was approved via transaction no. 500427.

PART 5 PLOT PLAN: not applicable

PART 6 DRAWINGS

Refer to attached Exterior Elevation of rear North Elevation on sheet A0202, drawing 01.

PART 7 ENVELOPES: not applicable. The scope of work is a Minor Work per Type of Work item no. 85.

PART 8 FEE: Paid upon submittal

# HISTORIC PRESERVATION CERTIFICATION APPLICATION PART 1 – EVALUATION OF SIGNIFICANCE

Property name	the Francis-Ashley House	NPS Project Number	
Property address	215 E North Street, Raleigh, North Carolina, 27601		

7. Photographs and maps. Send photographs and map with application.



Photo of Exterior . South Elevation



Photo of Exterior . West Elevation

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Submitted Date:

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Phone (Main): 919-981-6127

Sales Rep Name: michele durst

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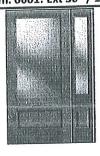
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Quantity: 1

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- Product Type: Exterior
- Region: East
- Product Material: Wood
- Material Type: Fir
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- Unit Construction: Continuous
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- Hinge Finish: US5 Antique Brass
- Jamb Depth: 4 9/16"
- Sill: Composite Adjustable
- Sill Finish: Bronze
- Multi-Point Lock: None
- Bore: Double Lock Bore 2-3/8" Backset
- Strike Jamb Prep: DBM
- Weatherstrip Type: Compression
- Weatherstrip Color: Bronze
- Custom Height Option: No
- Storm Door Adapter Kits: No
- Kick Plate: None
- · Sill Cover: No
- Rough Opening Width: 53 1/2"
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- Total Unit Width(Includes Exterior Casing): 52 5/8"
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Item Total: \$ 1,203.20

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prepared by Matthew Konar Architect on Tuesday, 27 June 2017



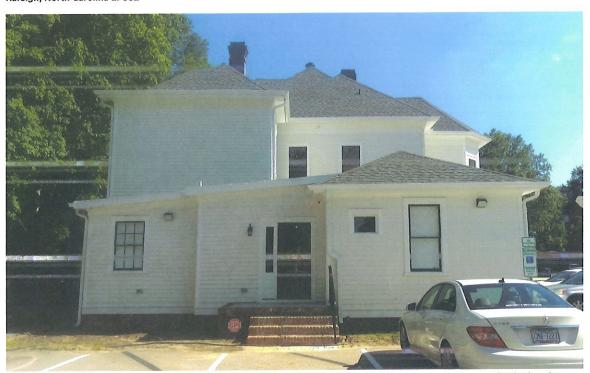
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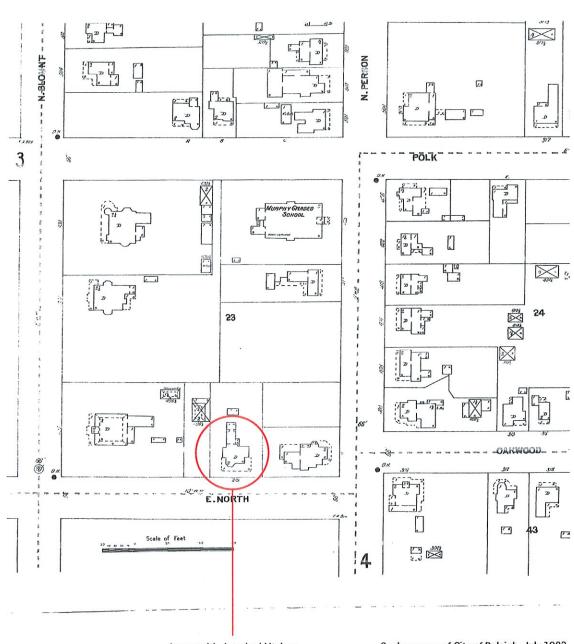


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East Elevation

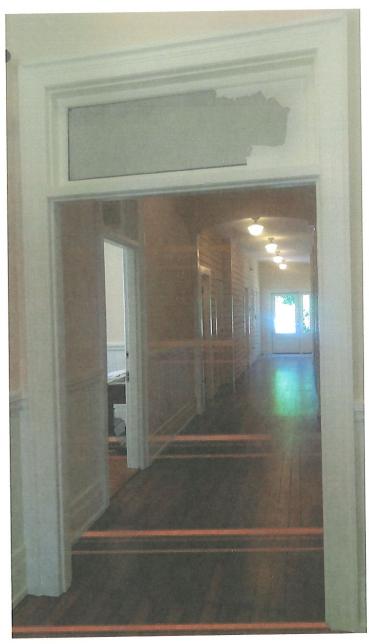


house with detached kitchen

Sanborn map of City of Raleigh, July 1903

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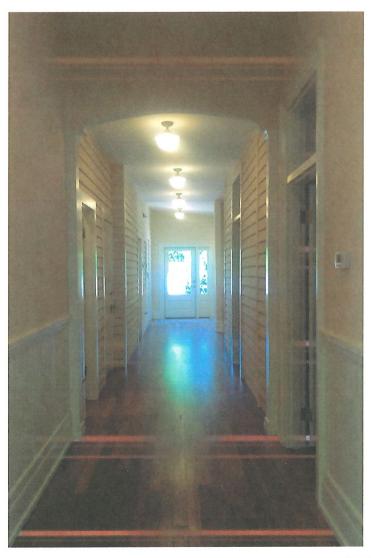
THe Francis-Ashley House 219 E North Street Raleigh, North Carolina 27601



view down main hallway with additional light from sidelight illuminating the exterior wood siding of the original detached kitchen

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view down main hallway with additional light from sidelight illuminating the exterior wood siding of the original detached kitchen





### APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS – STAFF REPORT

123-17-CA 219 E NORTH STREET

Applicant: MATTHEW KONAR ARCHITECT

Received: 6/28/2017 Meeting Date(s):

<u>Submission date + 90 days</u>: 9/26/2017 1) 8/24/2017 2) 3)

## **INTRODUCTION TO THE APPLICATION**

Historic District: BLOUNT STREET HISTORIC DISTRICT

Zoning: HOD-G

Nature of Project: After-the-Fact: Installation of sidelight on rear door

**Staff Notes:** 

- A minor work COA (095-17-MW) was approved 6/2/17 for various items of work for this property. Staff was not able to approve the installation of a sidelight on the rear door in the previous COA; therefore the applicant removed it from that application.
- COAs mentioned are available for review.
- After-the-Fact applications are reviewed as though the work has not been completed.

### APPLICABLE SECTIONS OF GUIDELINES and DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT

<u>Sections</u> <u>Topic</u> <u>Description of Work</u>

2.7 Windows and Doors After-the-fact: Installation of sidelight on rear door

#### **STAFF REPORT**

Based on the information contained in the application and staff's evaluation:

- A. The installation of a sidelight on the rear door is incongruous in concept according to *Guideline* 2.7.9, and the following suggested facts:
- 1\* The S.B. Shepherd House was built in 1903, according to the report prepared in 1975 to establish the Blount Street Historic District. It is a 2-story Queen Anne with a wraparound front porch. The rear of the house has been significantly modified over the years with both 1-story and 2-story additions. According to photographs provided by the applicant, prior to the current renovations, the rear door led out to a concrete stoop and stairs. The door was a half-light with two panels. There was no sidelight.
- 2\* From *Guidelines* section 2.7 Windows and Doors, Things to Consider As You Plan: "Changing existing window and door openings, closing existing openings, or adding new openings on a historic building should be carefully considered and undertaken only for compelling reasons. Changes to original openings in a character-defining facade should

never be considered. For less significant facades, the pattern of proposed openings should be characteristic of and complementary to the historic building and the historic district context."

- 3\* From the original COA application (095-17-MW) submitted 1/13/17: "The relocated rear door will be a new wood door similar to the front door and be consistent in size, glazing, detailing, trim, etc., yet more modest than the front door as this is a rear door."
- 4\* According to the drawings of the front and rear elevations, the front and rear doors are identical. The front door includes a transom and two sidelights, while the rear door includes a single sidelight.
- 5\* Rear doors were generally treated as secondary/service entries; a sidelite is atypical.

Staff suggests denial of the application.

#### Matthew Konar Architect

#### CERTIFICATE of APPROPRIATENESS application

Tuesday, 10 January 2017

to: Tania Tully

re: Exterior Changes and Paint Scheme
Ashley House
219 E North Street
Raleigh, North Carolina 27601

#### PART 1 WRITTEN DESCRIPTION

The scope of work will be exterior changes and painting the exterior to be more historical accurate. In addition to repairs and restoration of exsiting features with like materials, exterior changes will encompass the construction of a front gable over the entry where there is evidence of a previous feature in this locations, a new window on the second level over the gable which is more consistent with the overall galzing of the building as well as there is evidence of a previous larger opening, and re-location of the rear door with sidelight per the interior renovations.

Furthermore, a new paint and color scheme is presented that is more historically consistent both in terms of the color selections and the color locations in order to 'enhance the features' of the building.

#### PART 2 DESCRIPTION OF MATERIALS

All exterior features will be constructed of materials complimentary to the existing Ashley House.

The gable will be wood-framed construction and covered in the same asphalt shingles as the front porch and main roof. The front of the gable will be wood siding and detailed consistently with other existing exterior features, especially applicable is the detailing of the existing front porch and the existing front roof dormer.

The new window on the second level will be wood and match, in size, glazing, detailing, trim, etc., the existing windows on the the second level.

The relocated rear door will be a new wood door similar to the front door and be consistent, in size, glazing, detailing, trim, etc., yet more modest than the front door as this is a rear door. The rear patio flooring, stairs, guardrails, handrails, etc. will be modifed per the relocation and consistent with the existing.

The color scheme for the building is shown in a colored rendering of the front elevation. Paint swatches are included in the application.