

APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS – STAFF REPORT

131-18-CA 917 W SOUTH STREET

Applicant: JOHN AND CARLEN DEMLER

Received: 8/15/2018 Meeting Date(s):

<u>Submission date + 90 days</u>: 11/13/2018 1) 9/27/2018 2) 3)

INTRODUCTION TO THE APPLICATION

Historic District: BOYLAN HEIGHTS HISTORIC DISTRICT

Zoning: GENERAL HOD

Nature of Project: Install 6' rear fence and gate

Staff Notes:

• The file for COA 020-09-CA is available for review.

APPLICABLE SECTIONS OF GUIDELINES and DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT

Section	s Topic	Description of Work
1.4	Fences and Walls	Install 6' fence and gate

STAFF REPORT

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

- A. The installation of a 6' tall fence and gate is not incongruous in concept according to *Guidelines* sections 1.4.8 and the following suggested facts:
- 1* The *Design Guidelines for Raleigh Historic Districts* states on page 14 that "Fences and walls were common site features in Raleigh's early neighborhoods..." and "Utilitarian fences and walls served to secure boundaries...and to provide visual privacy. They were generally used in rear yard locations and were not usually visible from the street. Traditionally, utilitarian fences were constructed of vertical wooden slats or pickets..."
- 2* The proposed wood fence is located in the rear yard along the property line as is characteristic of the district. The application states that the fence will be constructed in a box design matching the fence on a neighboring property, 915 W South Street.
- 3* Traditionally, fences were constructed with neighbor friendly design, with structural members facing inward; the shadow-box fence design has the same appearance on each side.
- 4* A 4′ shadow-box style fence previously existed at this property and was removed through COA 003-18-CA to accommodate for the construction of a rear addition.

- 5* The fence at 915 W South Street was installed through COA 020-09-CA.
- 6* The committee has regularly found that 6'-tall wood privacy fences meet the Design Guidelines in Boylan Heights.
- 7* One double gate is proposed along the rear property line adjacent the alley; the gates will be hinged sections of the same material and shadow-box design as the rest of the fence. The hinges will be on the interior of the fence so as to not be visible from adjacent properties or the alley.
- 8* Wood is a traditional fencing material.
- 9* The proposed cedar fence will have a natural finish.
- 10* The proposed fence is jogged to avoid several large trees located on or very near to the rear property line. The proposed fence location may result in an impact to the roots; no information is included in the application regarding how tree roots will be treated if they are encountered during the digging of fence post holes.
- 11* A tree protection plan was not provided for this application, but was included in the previous COA (003-18-CA) and, as of the writing of this report, is still in place.

Staff suggests that the committee approve the application with the following conditions:

- 1. That the tree protection plan implemented in COA 003-18-CA remain in place for the duration of construction.
- 2. That fence footings be dug by hand and located to avoid damage to tree roots, should any be encountered during construction of the fence. Roots larger than 1" caliper will be cut cleanly using proper tools such as loppers.

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



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 Minor Work (staff review) – 1 copy Major Work (COA Committee review) – 10 copies			For Office Use Only Transaction # 5 6 6 3 \$ File # Fee Amount Paid Received Date Received By			
Property Street Address 917	W. South St. Raleig	h NC 2760	3			
Historic District Boylan Hei	ghts					
Historic Property/Landmark nam	e (if applicable)					
Owner's Name John & Carle	en Demler					
Lot size 6,048 SF	(width in feet) 49.96' x 54.86' (depth in feet) 114.84' x 116.02'					
	.e. both sides, in front (acro		ovide addressed, stamped envelopes to owners nd behind the property) not including the width			
Property Address		Property Address				

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.

Type or print the following:					
Applicant John R Demler					
Mailing Address 917 W. South					
city Raleigh	State NC	Zip Code 27603			
Date 08/29/2018	Daytime Phone 847 975 8705				
Email Address johndemler@gmail.com Applicant Signature					
Will you be applying for rehabilitation tax credits Did you consult with staff prior to filing the appli	_	Office Use Only /pe of Work			

Section/Page	Topic	Brief Description of Work (attach additional sheets as needed)
1.4	Fences & Walls	The owners of 917 W. South propose construction of a six foot shadow box fence bordering the rear perimeter of the property. The fence replaces a prior shadow box fence removed under major work 003-18-CA. The original fence was significantly inset from the property line, and obstructed new addition footprint. The proposed fence would run from the southeast corner of the home to the rear property line. The fence would follow the property line and die into the fence of 915 W. South. The fence would be built with materials and style consistent with 915 W. South (also 6ft shadowbox; cedar; natural finish).

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 COMPLETED BY CITY STAFF		
		YES	N/A	YES	NO	N/A	
and othe below to Minor W	1/2" x 11" or 11" x 17" sheets with written descriptions and drawings, photographs, r graphic information necessary to completely describe the project. Use the checklist be sure your application is complete. ork (staff review) – 1 copy ork (COA Committee review) – 10 copies					~	
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.)	X					
2.	Description of materials (Provide samples, if appropriate)	х		V			
3.	Photographs of existing conditions are required. Minimum image size 4" x 6" as printed. Maximum 2 images per page.	х		V	•		
4.	Paint Schedule (if applicable)		х				
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.	х					
6.	Drawings showing existing and proposed work						
	☑ Plan drawings	x					
	Elevation drawings showing the façade(s)						
	☑ Dimensions shown on drawings and/or graphic scale (required)			~			
	11" x 17" or 8-1/2" x 11" reductions of full-size drawings. If reduced size is so small as to be illegible, make 11" x 17" or 8-1/2" x 11" snap shots of individual drawings from the big sheet.						
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.	X					
	Fee (See Development Fee Schedule)	х					

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917 W. South Street

Major Work COA Application Supplement

John R. Demler Carlen D. Demler

Submitted August 28, 2018

Description of Work

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The proposed fence would run from the southeast corner of the home to the rear property line. The fence would follow the property line and die into the fence of 915 W. South. The fence would be built with height, materials and style consistent with 915 W. South (also 6ft shadowbox; cedar; natural finish).

Original Fence Photos

Original fence ran from from the southwest corner of the home, along the rear property line, and up eastern elevation. The design was a four foot shadow box. The fence was significantly (and awkwardly) inset from the property line on both the eastern and western elevations.

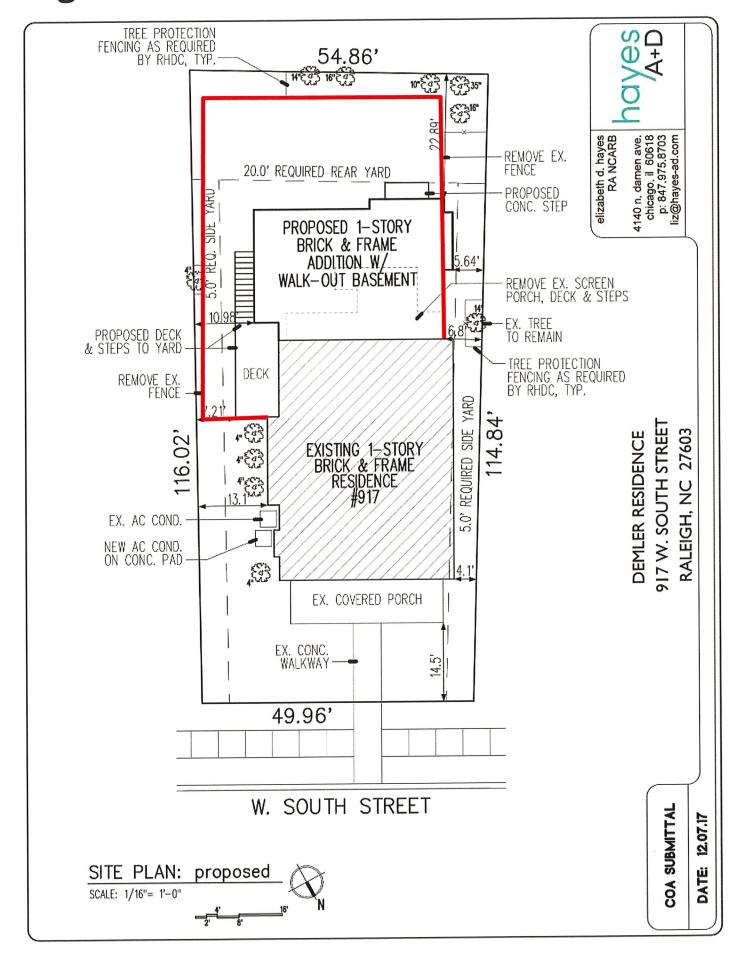


Original Fence Photos

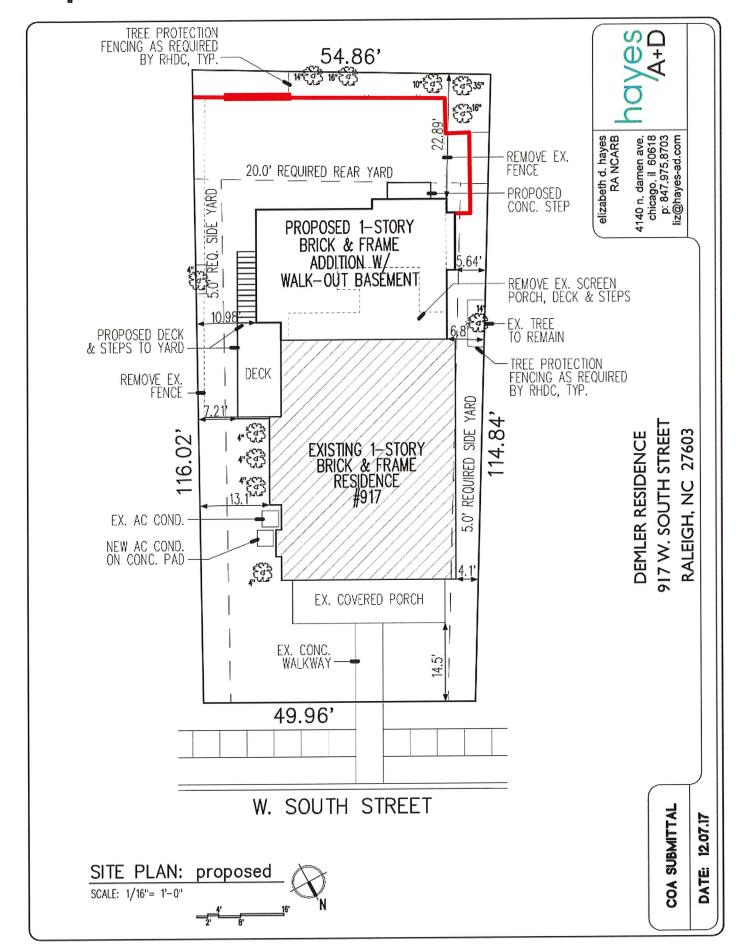
The fence was removed under the major work COA 003-18-CA. The fence interfered with the footprint of a new addition. At the time of COA 003-18-CA, the specs of a future replacement fence were unknown. The photo below shows the western elevation; the photographer remains on 917 W. South property, demonstrating the extent of the inset on the original fence.



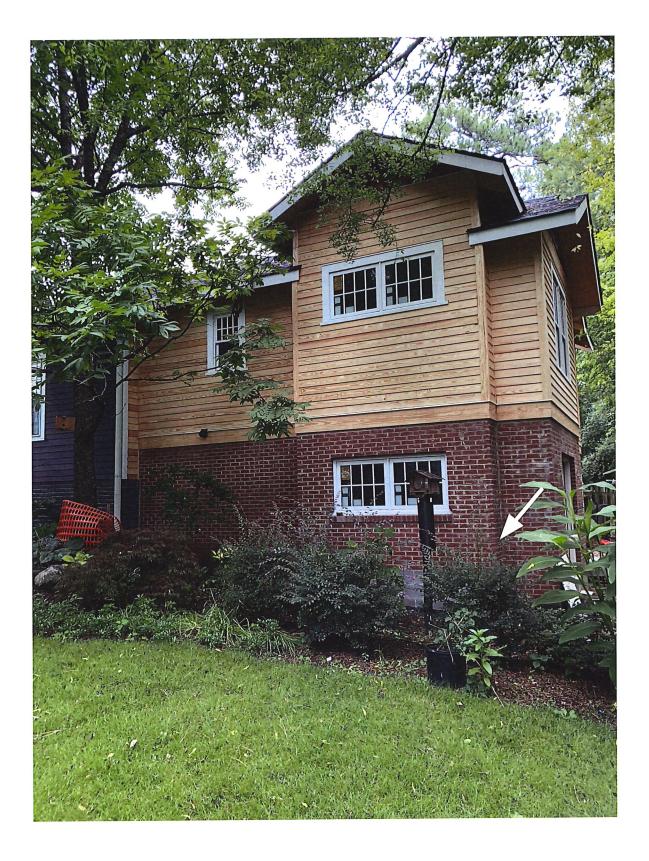
Original Fence Removed under 003-18-CA



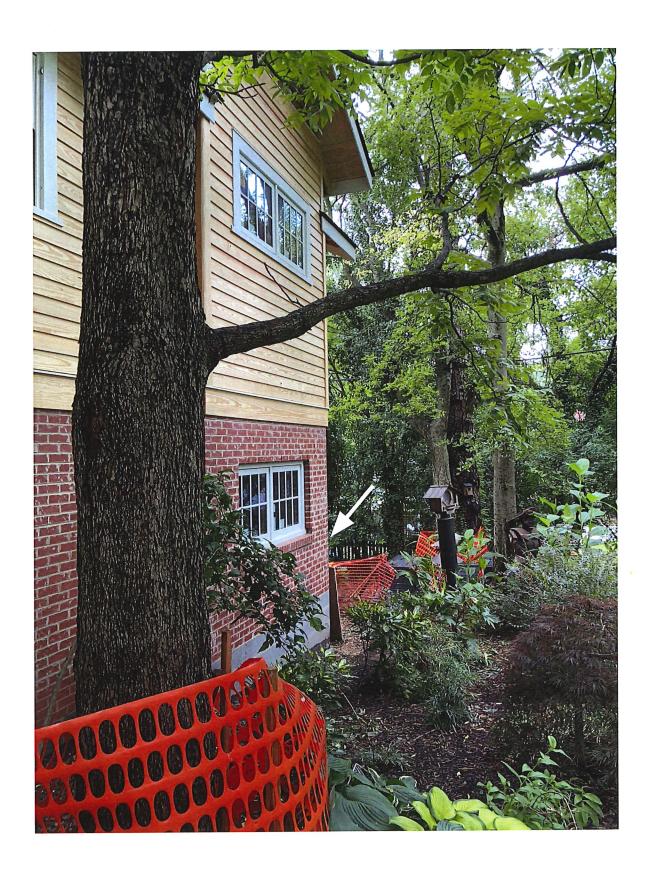
Proposed Fence Re-introduction



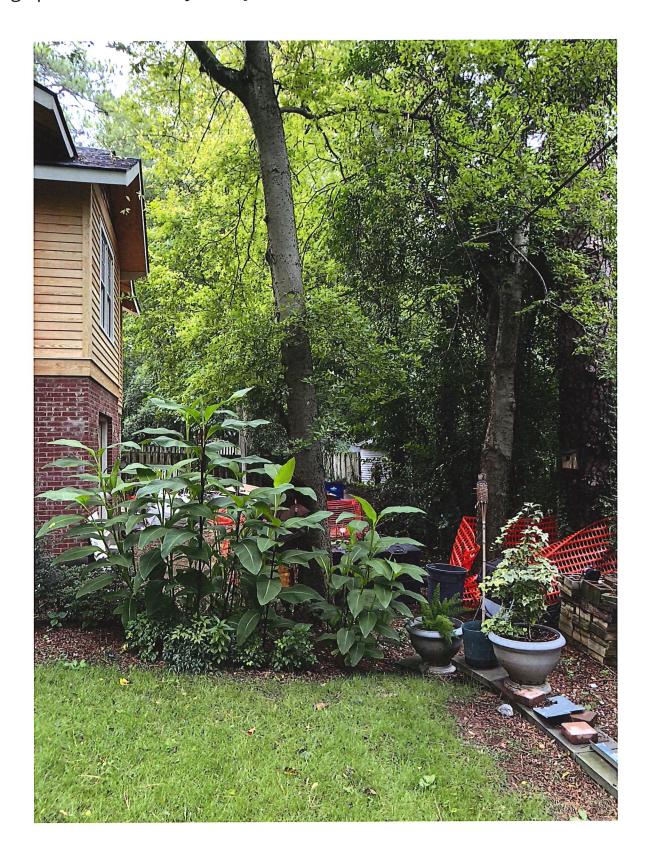
West elevation. Addition construction is currently in-progress. Fence would begin at arrow indicated in photo.



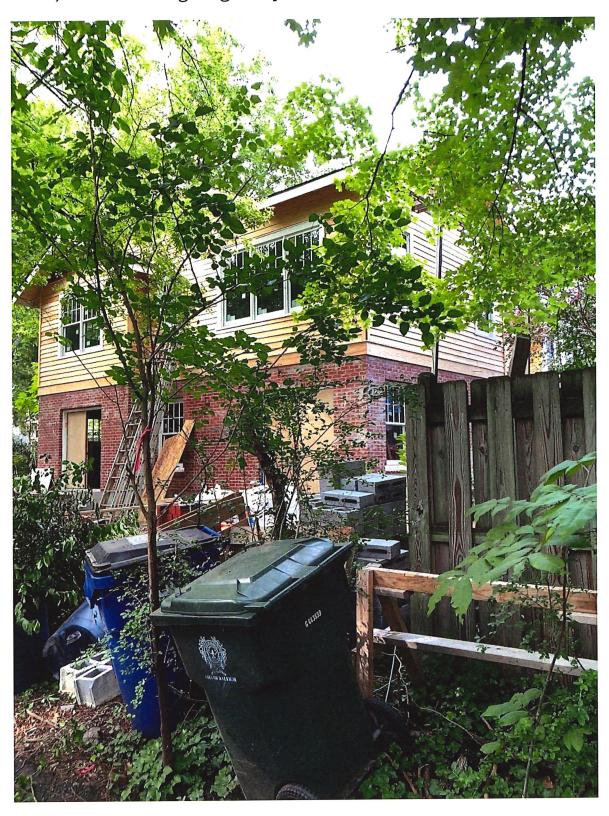
West elevation. Fence would begin at arrow indicated in photo.



West elevation. Proposed fence would obscure view into the backyard of 917 from vantage point below in adjacent yard (919 W. South).



South elevation. Proposed fence would obscure view into the backyard of 917 from vantage point of the alley. Proposed fence would terminate into 915 shadow box fence (shown) with matching height, style, and materials.



Fence Gate Plan

The image below exemplifies the plan for the proposed fence gate. We propose a double door to allow for occasional ingress/egress of wider objects such as large furniture or a small trailer. The hinges will be kept on the interior to alleviate any controversial visual noise. The style below is consistent with existing fence on 915 W. South.



Knowlin, Natasha

From:

Carly Demler <carlydemler@gmail.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, August 29, 2018 12:18 PM

To:

Knowlin, Natasha

Subject:

Fwd: minor work COA application - 917 W South Street fence

----- Forwarded message -----

From: John Demler < johndemler@gmail.com >

Date: Tue, Aug 28, 2018 at 11:33 AM

Subject: Re: minor work COA application - 917 W South Street fence

To: Kinane, Collette < Collette.Kinane@raleighnc.gov >

CC: Tully, Tania < Tania. Tully@raleighnc.gov >, Robb, Melissa < Melissa. Robb@raleighnc.gov >, Carly Demler

<carlydemler@gmail.com>

Hi Collette -

Thank you for the email. We will convert to Major and drop by the office this week with payment and updated application materials (including plans for gate).

John

On Tue, Aug 28, 2018 at 11:12 AM Kinane, Collette < Collette.Kinane@raleighnc.gov > wrote:

Hi, John and Carlen -

We have reviewed your minor work COA application for <u>917 W South Street</u>. Unfortunately, staff alone cannot approve fences taller than 42" so the application will need to be converted to a major work COA.

If you wish to proceed with the 6' fence, you can convert your minor work application by paying the remainder of the fee at the Development Services office. Additionally, you'll need to submit addressed, stamped envelopes to the property owners within 100' of your property. Though the application form states to provide 10 copies of the application, please submit only 1 copy of each of the additional materials you'll be adding (if any). After reviewing your application, we noted that it would be helpful for you to submit a photograph of the current conditions of your rear yard so that the Committee can better visualize the context of the fence. We also noticed that you seemed to indicate a gate in the rear portion of the fence – do you have a design of how this gate will look?

The good news is that this application would likely be heard as a summary proceeding. A summary proceeding is an application that is considered routine in nature and not precedent setting. Unless a Committee member asks for the

case to be treated as an evidentiary hearing case, no during the meeting.	o additiona	ıl evidenc	e or testimo	ny will be requ	ired to be pr	esented
Since you initially submitted your application on Aug stamped, addressed envelopes by September 4 th , wagenda.						
Please let us know if you have any questions.						
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Thanks,						
Collette						
Collette R. Kinane						
Preservation Planner II						*

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