

Certificate of Review
for 503 McCauley Street

Application for Building Permit

HPC2003-090201
September 30, 2003

An application to enlarge the carport and add a large room on the rear of the existing house was submitted to the WG Town Office on September 2nd, 2003 by Ralph Hurst on behalf of the owners Charles and Mary Challstrom and reviewed by the HPC at its September 16th, 2003 meeting .

Adequacy of the Documents Submitted. The documents submitted included an architectural drawing depicting the floor plan, several plats, and two color photographs of the existing structure.

Visibility from public ways. The house is marginally visible from three public ways -- though only one of them -- McCauley Street, is currently in use. The other two are unused and unmaintained by the Grove. The proposed addition to the rear will not be visible from McCauley; a small portion of the rebuilt carport may be though.

Contributing structure. This is a non-contributing structure.

Nearby Contributing structures. There are no nearby surrounding contributing structures.

Compatibility. The existing house is a one level one with multiple rooflines. The addition -- albeit on the rear -- is in keeping with the existing structure as is the planned rebuilt carport. The current plans call for replacing the existing asbestos shingles with vinyl siding. As the HPC recommends the use of natural materials wherever possible, we would urge the applicant to consider using wood siding instead.

Please note that the Historic Preservation Commission acts only in an advisory capacity to both applicants and the Planning Commission. The reviews undertaken are designed to assist homeowners in their projects, to provide input to deliberations of the Planning Commission and, more generally, to contribute to historic preservation in Washington Grove.

Further information regarding the scope, powers, duties, and structure of the Historic Preservation Commission may be found in Article XV of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Washington Grove. Section 5 (a) of Article XV describes the powers and duties of the Historic Preservation Commission in the building permit process. This section reads as follows:

The Commission shall review all applications for building permits filed with the Town Planning Commission which would involve any change to a structure or site visible from any public way for historical accuracy, integrity, or compatibility with the neighborhood and improvements therein. The Commission may recommend to an applicant alternative historical designs, materials and sources for the same which may be more historically compatible, The Commission shall forward its recommendations regarding the same, if any, in an advisory capacity, to the Planning Commission for consideration by the Planning Commission within thirty (30) days from the Commission’s receipt of the application from the Planning Commission.

Charles [Chris] Kirtz, Member
for the Historic Preservation Commission

Date

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