

HPC Review
for 500 McCauley Street

HPC2019-09-17

On September 17, 2019, HPC reviewed resident Mary Warfield's application for building permit to construct a shed attached to her garage.

General Description: Construction of 8' x 12' shed.

Adequacy of documents submitted: The documents were adequate. They included the application, a copy of plat of survey for lots 11, 12, 13 of Block 17 (the resident's property), with a plan of the proposed shed penciled in, a closeup of same, and a construction detail sketch of a cross section of the proposed shed.

General Scope of the project: The resident's property, consisting of a house and detached garage, faces Grove Road, between its juncture with Sixth Ave. and the elbow where it turns into McCauley Street. Off Grove Road is a semicircular asphalt driveway which serves the entry of the house and as access to a concrete drive to the 28' by 14' frame garage, which runs east-west. The proposed 8' x 12' shed is attached to the south side of the garage, and is 7.8' from the south property line, with a fence in between. According to the sketch, the structure roof slopes from 8'6" at the garage exterior wall to 6'4". The exterior will be 8" beveled cedar siding and the roof composition shingle.

Visibility from Public Way: The proposed shed will be visible from Grove Road, the East Woods, and Fifth Ave.

Contributing structure: The ca. 1885-1915 house at 500 McCauley is a contributing structure to the Historic District, but the garage is not included in the listing.

Nearby contributing structures: 409 and 416 Fifth Ave. and 503 McCauley. The property faces the East Woods.

Compatibility with the historic district and or existing structure: The proposed exterior materials, mass, and scale are compatible with historic district and nearby structures.

HPC recommendations: HPC has no specific recommendations for this project.

Gail Littlefield
for the Historic Preservation Commission

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.

cc: Applicant
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