

Planning, Zoning and Building Department

BOARD ACTION REPORT - APPEALABLE ITEM

Project Name: 232 SE 7th Avenue

Project Location: 232 SE 7th Avenue, Marina Historic District

Request: Certificate of Appropriateness (COA)

Board: Historic Preservation Board

Meeting Date: January 17, 2018

Board Action:

Approved the COA for architectural elevation changes to an existing historic structure located at 232 SE 7th Avenue (7 to 0 vote).

Project Description:

The subject property consists of the North 40 Feet of Lot 16 and the South 20 Feet of Lot 17, Gracey-Byrd Subdivision. The zoning for the property is R-1-AA (Single Family Residential). The original, single-family residence is classified as contributing to the historic building stock of the Marina Historic District.

At its meeting of November 16, 2016, the Historic Preservation Board (HPB) approved a COA for removal of two existing wood decks and the existing chimney and minor alternations to the front elevation. The two decks were replaced by additions to provide additional interior living space. A variance was approved to reduce the side-interior setback from the required 10' to 5'2" on the south side of the property to accommodate a new addition in place of an existing deck.

The current proposal revises the location and configuration of the aluminum-framed, entry door and sidelite on the east elevation (front façade), centering the opening on a portion of the elevation. The proposal also includes a new roof profile to the rear of the structure in order to accommodate a shower/bath within the master bathroom.

Staff supported the Certificate of Appropriateness request.

Board Comments:

The Board comments were supportive.

Public Comments:

No members of the public spoke for or against the project.

Associated Actions: All required actions were taken.

Next Action: HPB action is final.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD CITY OF DELRAY BEACH STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: January 17, 2018

ITEM: 232 SE 7th Avenue Marina Historic District-Certificate of Appropriateness

2017-278 exterior renovation changes.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the Certificate of Appropriateness

GENERAL DATA:

Owner:..... Roger Cousins

Agent:..... Roger Cope, Cope Architecture, Inc.

Location: West side of SE 7th Avenue,

between SE 2nd Street and SE 3rd

Street.

Property Size: 0.186 Acres

Historic District: Marina Historic District

Zoning:..... R-1-AA (Single-Family Residential)

Adjacent Zoning:....

North: R-1-AA East: R-1-AA South: R-1-AA

West: CBD (Central Business District)

Existing Future Land

Use Designation:..... LD (Low Density 0-5 DU/ Acre)

Water Service: Public water service is provided

on site.

Sewer Service: Public sewer service is provided

on site.



ITEM BEFORE THE BOARD

The item before the Board is the consideration of a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) request associated with additions and alterations to the contributing structure located at **232 SE 7th Avenue**, **Marina Historic District**, pursuant to Land Development Regulations (LDR) Section 2.4.6(H).

BACKGROUND & PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The subject property consists of the North 40 Feet of Lot 16 and the South 20 Feet of Lot 17, Gracey-Byrd Subdivision. The zoning for the property is R-1-AA (Single Family Residential). The original, single-family residence is classified as contributing to the historic building stock of the Marina Historic District.

City Property Cards indicate that the original structure located on the property was built in 1935. The wood frame structure was originally owned by Fontaine Fox, author of the "Toonerville Trolley" cartoon strips. City records indicate that Fontaine Fox also owned and developed the lot to the south (238 SE 7th Avenue) as well as the two lots located to the north (222 & 228). The builder/developer of those properties is noted to be S.G. Owens, who developed many properties along SE 7th Avenue.

It is important to note that an additional structure within Delray Beach was associated with Fontaine Fox. That structure is located at 610 North Ocean Boulevard, is listed on the Local Register of Historic Places and is named the "Fontaine Fox House".

At its meeting of November 16, 2016, the Historic Preservation Board (HPB) approved a COA for removal of two existing wood decks and the existing chimney and minor alternations to the front elevation. The two decks were replaced by additions to provide additional interior living space. A variance was approved to reduce the side-interior setback from the required 10' to 5'2" on the south side of the property to accommodate a new addition in place of an existing deck.

The current proposal revises the location and configuration of the aluminum-framed, entry door and sidelite on the east elevation (front façade), centering the opening on a portion of the elevation. The proposal also includes a new roof profile to the rear of the structure in order to accommodate a shower/bath within the master bathroom. This roof profile is partially visible from the front façade and matches the profile of the roof of the new addition on the south side of the structure. The proposed changes do not destroy historic features that characterize the structure.

ANALYSIS OF PROPOSAL

Pursuant to Land Development Regulation (LDR) Section 2.4.6(H)(5), prior to approval, a finding must be made that any Certificate of Appropriateness which is to be approved is consistent with Historic Preservation purposes pursuant to Objective A-4 of the Land Use Element of the Comprehensive Plan and specifically with provisions of Section 4.5.1, the Delray Beach Historic Preservation Design Guidelines, and the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation.

LDR SECTION 4.5.1, HISTORIC PRESERVATION, DESIGNATED DISTRICTS, SITES, AND BUILDINGS

Pursuant to LDR Section 4.5.1(E) - <u>Development Standards</u>: all new development or exterior improvements on individually designated historic properties and/or properties located within historic districts shall, comply with the goals, objectives, and policies of the Comprehensive Plan, the Delray Beach Historic Preservation Design Guidelines, the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation, and the Development Standards of this Section.

Standard 2

The historic character of a property shall be retained and preserved. The removal of historic materials or alteration of features and spaces that characterize a property shall be avoided.

Standard 9

New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction shall not destroy historic materials that characterize the property. The new work shall be differentiated from the old and shall be compatible with the massing, size, scale, and architectural features to protect the historic integrity of the property and its environment.

The proposal meets the applicable standards (above) and their intent as the proposed changes are minor and ensure an appropriate renovation of the existing historic structure.

The renovation includes a revised aluminum-framed, entry door and sidelite configuration on the front façade, centering the openings on a portion of the east elevation. The proposal also includes a new roof profile to the rear of the structure to accommodate a shower/bath within the master bathroom. This roof profile is visible from the front façade and matches the profile of the roof of the new addition on the south side of the structure. The proposed changes do not destroy historic features that characterize the structure.

Overall, the proposed changes protect the historic integrity of the existing structure while allowing for needed repairs and minor updates to the structure utilizing durable materials. The modifications are compatible with existing architectural features, protecting the historic integrity of the structure and its environment.

Pursuant to LDR Section 4.5.1(E)(2)(c)(4) - Minor Development.

The subject application is considered Minor Development as it involves alteration of less than 25 percent of the existing floor area of the building and all appurtenances.

Pursuant to LDR Section 4.5.1(E)(7) - <u>Visual Compatibility Standards</u>: new construction and all improvements to both contributing and noncontributing buildings, structures and appurtenances thereto within a designated historic district or on an individually designated property shall be visually compatible. In addition to the Zoning District Regulations, the Historic Preservation Board shall apply the visual compatibility standards provided for in this Section with regard to height, width, mass, scale, façade, openings, rhythm, material, color, texture, roof shape, direction, and other criteria set forth elsewhere in Section 4.5.1. Visual compatibility for minor and major development as referenced in Section 4.5.1(E)(2) shall be determined by utilizing criteria contained in (a)-(m). Visual compatibility for all development on individually designated properties outside the district shall be determined by comparison to other structures within the site.

Applicable Visual Compatibility Standards

- (c) <u>Proportion of Openings (Windows and Doors)</u>: The openings of any building within a historic district shall be visually compatible with the openings exemplified by prevailing historic architectural styles of similar buildings within the district. The relationship of the width of windows and doors to the height of windows and doors among buildings shall be visually compatible within the subject historic district.
- (d) Rhythm of Solids to Voids: The relationship of solids to voids of a building or structure shall be visually compatible with existing historic buildings or structures within the subject historic district for all development, with particular attention paid to the front facades.
- (g) Relationship of Materials, Texture, and Color: The relationship of materials, texture, and color of the facade of a building and/or hardscaping shall be visually compatible with the predominant materials used in the historic buildings and structures within the subject historic district.

(I) <u>Architectural Style:</u> All major and minor development shall consist of only one (1) architectural style per structure or property and not introduce elements definitive of another style.

The proposed changes to the overall renovation of the single-family residence are minor in nature and are appropriate and compatible with the Marina Historic District. The new aluminum framed, entry door and sidelite ensures an appropriate and symmetrical proportion of the opening with the architectural style of the structure. The proposed revised roof line to the rear of the structure accommodates an interior bathroom in place of a storage room that was once accessed from outside the structure.

The overall design maintains the modest scale and vernacular architectural details appropriate for the Marina Historic District. The proposal meets the intent of the review criteria above; thus, positive findings are made with respect to the sections indicated above.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS

- A. Continue with direction.
- B. Approve the Certificate of Appropriateness 2017-278 for **232 SE 7**th **Avenue, Marina Historic District**, by adopting the findings of fact and law contained in the staff report, and finding that the request and approval thereof meets the criteria set forth in the Land Development Regulations Section 2.4.6(H)(5).
- C. Deny the Certificate of Appropriateness 2017-278 for **232 SE 7th Avenue**, **Marina Historic District**, by finding that the request and approval thereof does not meet the criteria set forth in the Land Development Regulations Section 2.4.6(H)(5).

RECOMMENDATION

Certificate of Approval (COA)

Approve the COA 2017-278 for **232 SE 7th Avenue**, **Marina Historic District**, by adopting the findings of fact and law contained in the staff report, and finding that the request and approval thereof meets the criteria set forth in the Land Development Regulations Section 2.4.6(H)(5).

NOTE:

If the COA is approved, the following must be addressed prior to certification:

- 1. That the note referencing "TARGETED AREA TO LOCATE EMERGENCY GENERATOR" be removed from plan sheet A2.0.
- 2. That the wood railing surrounding the deck on the east side of the property be noted on the site and elevation plan sheets.

Attachments:

- Site Plan
- Floor Plan
- Elevations

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