

Historical & Cultural Preservation Commission
STAFF REPORT #1-07. -733 W. 7th Street

March 19, 2007

PETITION:
1-07

LOCATION:
733 W. 7th Street

APPLICANTS:
Kimberly Collins & Sergio Perez

OWNERS:
Same

REQUESTED ACTION:
Restoration

ARCHITECTURAL CLASSIFICATION OF
ANDERSON, INDIANA'S HISTORIC
SITES & STRUCTURES:

Style: Colonial Revival
Date of Construction: c. 1915
Rating: Contributing

ATTACHMENTS: Photos from owner

Inventory 1998



A 'stop work order' was issued to the owners, as they were rehabilitating their home. The owner had begun installing vinyl windows and was intending to put vinyl siding on the house. After the 'stop work order' was issued, Ms. Collins came in to discuss her options. She wasn't aware of the historic significance and was more than willing to work with staff.

1. The owners would like to maintain the best appearance as possible, however update the windows to vinyl instead of wood for energy purposes. Vinyl is much more energy efficient than wood according to the owners. *Staff recommends wooden windows as per the Historic Standards.*
2. Although they would like to install vinyl siding over the existing wooden siding, they would be willing to restore the wood siding as a compromise to replacing the wood windows with vinyl. *Staff commends the options of restoring the wooden siding.*
3. They would like to remove the enclosed front porch and make it an open concept porch with the original beams to be kept in place. There would be 3 square beams across the front of the home and all other removed. *Staff's research shows that the remainder of Colonial Revival homes in the area also have no porch, small porch or open porch concept and would have minimal concerns regarding this. How much of the porch would be removed? ..down to the porch floor, or leaving the bottom panels on the porch?*
4. The electrical is being totally rewired inside and outside the home. *Staff claims that this can be considered 'maintenance' for HCPC purposes.*
5. The siding on the garage will also be replaced with the wood siding and repainted. *Staff acknowledges this as a great and appropriate restoration effort, considers this 'maintenance' and applauds their efforts.*
6. They have already replaced the shingles on the garage and want to replace the ones on the house. *Staff also recommends this to be 'maintenance' and has no concerns with the replacement.*

7. Petitioners would like to install a black asphalt driveway at some point. *Staff would recommend concrete surface instead.*
8. They would like to install a privacy fence in the back yard. *Petitioners have been given the HCPC Standards and have no problem complying with one of the appropriate examples. They also know they need to meet any zoning rules for height, set back, etc. Staff has no concerns with the construction of a privacy fence **as long as they submit a photo or rendering of the type of fence prior to installation.***
9. They would like to keep and refurbish the fireplace. *Staff supports this idea.*
10. They would like to add a wooden deck on the rear of the home. *Staff would need to see drawings, renderings, etc. of the deck **prior to construction.** It would also need to be approved by the Zoning Department. If the appropriate type deck is constructed, Staff has no concerns.*
11. Petitioners would also like to add a wooden deck on the rear of the home. *Again, as long as a rendering is submitted to the staff, (that will be emailed to the committee for their review, **prior to construction**), and is approved by zoning, Staff has no concerns.*
12. The photos submitted by the owner shows a new steel door. *Staff recommends maintaining any wooden doors, or installing a new wooden door as similar as to one that existed.*
13. Petitioners also wanted to install a sliding replacement door on the back porch. *Guidelines prefer wood, single entry door.*

Overall this can be a wonderful restoration and staff applauds the owner's efforts for restoration and to work with the staff and commission.