

Project Review Sheet

Committee: Landmarks Commission	Meeting Date: 12/4/2019	
Agenda Item Number: 19-1394	Historic Name/District: College Ave. Historic District	
LCOA Request:	<u> </u>	

122 S. East Ave.

Details: The applicants, Valerie and Crispian Sievenpiper, are seeking a Certificate of Appropriateness for their plans to add a new railing to the rear second story porch of their house. At the November meeting the Landmarks Commission approved a COA for new windows, gutters, roof, and decking, and for repairing and reconfiguring the porch window and door.

The porch, which is a non-historic addition, faces the back yard. The yard is obscured from the street by trees and thick vegetation, so there is very little visibility. The proposed railing will be made of vinyl material to look like wood and will be painted green to match the rest of the house. It will have simple rails, post, caps, and foot blocks with colonial spindles. The porch, which was added outside the house's period of significance, previously had a railing with a style that was very different from the rest of the house.

The house is listed by the State Historical Society as the "Crispian and Valerie Sievenpiper House" and does not have a known date of construction. The owners believe it was built sometime between 1890 and 1910. It has a Queen Anne architectural style, with clapboard siding. The applicants received a COA to replace the rear basement entrance last November and completed the replacement earlier this year.

Paint and Repair Grant Information: The Landmarks Commission awarded a Paint and Repair Grant in the amount of \$2,000 at its November meeting.

Relevant Secretary of the Interior Standards:

- 2. The historic character of a property will be retained and preserved. The removal of historic materials or alteration of features and spaces that characterize a property will be avoided.
- 5. Distinctive features, finishes, and construction techniques or examples of craftsmanship that characterize a historic property will be preserved.
- 6. Deteriorated historic features will be repaired rather than replaced. Where the severity of the deterioration requires replacement of a distinctive feature, the new feature will match the old in design, color, texture, and other visual qualities and, where possible, materials. Replacement of missing features will be substantiated by documentary, physical, or pictorial evidence.
- 9. New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction will not destroy historic materials, features, and spatial relationships that characterize the property. The new work will be differentiated from the old and will be compatible with the historic materials, features, size, scale and proportion, and massing to protect the integrity of the property and its environment.

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of a COA for a new rear porch railing at 122 S. East Ave.

