



Project Review Sheet

Committee: Landmarks Commission	Meeting Date: 3/4/2020
Agenda Item Number: 19-1608	Historic Name/District: McCall St. Historic District
LCOA and Request: 301 E. College Ave.	

Details: The applicants, Kurt and Shelly Overbagh, are seeking a Certificate of Appropriateness for replacement of the balcony railing at 301 E. College Ave. as well as replacement of rotting soffits. The railing was replaced last summer, shortly after the Overbaghs purchased the house. The previous owner did not inform them that it was part of a historic district. The pre-purchase inspection for the house identified the railing as unsafe, so they completed the work immediately after closing.

The new railing is made from wood and painted white. The old railing had square cutouts to match the ones on the first-floor porch and to match historic photos of the house. The new one does not have cutouts.

The inspection also identified a rotting section of the soffit in the northeast corner of the house. The applicants would like to remove the rotting section and replace it with an identical new soffit. The northwest corner may also need to be replaced.

301 E. College Ave., the Elmer and Maude Webb House, was built in 1920 and it is a Bungalow style house.

Paint and Repair Grant Information:

Relevant Secretary of the Interior Standards:

2. The historic character of a property will be retained and preserved. The removal of distinctive materials or alteration of features, spaces, and spatial relationships that characterize a property will be avoided.
5. Distinctive materials, features, finishes, and construction techniques or examples of craftsmanship that characterize a property will be avoided.
6. Deteriorated historic features will be repaired rather than replaced. Where the severity of deterioration requires replacement of a distinctive feature, the new feature will match the old in design, color, texture and, where possible, materials. Replacement of missing features will be substantiated by documentary and physical evidence.

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of a COA for balcony railing and soffit replacement at 301 E. College Ave.

- If the Landmarks Commission feels that it is appropriate, it may approve the COA with the condition that cutouts will be added to match the originals. In that case staff recommends also requiring a completion date.

