

## **Historic Preservation Services**

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## REPORT OF ALTERATIONS TO DESIGNATED RESOURCE

Site Number/Address: 714 Mathews St. Laurel School National Register Historic District ISSUED: 5/2/2024

Jeremy and Jennifer Rentschlar 714 Mathews St. Fort Collins, CO 80524

Dear Property Owner:

This report is to document proposed alterations to 714 Mathews St., pursuant to Fort Collins Municipal Code Chapter 14, <u>Article IV</u>. A copy of this report may be forwarded to the Colorado Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation.

The alterations include: Demolition of existing brick garage and construction of new frame garage; construction of covered back door using existing window opening

Our staff review of the proposed work finds the alterations, due to the demolition of the garage, do not meet the <u>SOI Standards for Treatment of Historic Properties</u>. A summary is provided below:

Applicable Code Standard	Code				
SOI #1	A property will be used as it was historically or be given a new use that requires minimal change to its distinctive materials, features, spaces, and spatial relationships;	Y			
	The proposed alterations would not change the single-family residential use of the property.				

SOI #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.  The brick house on this property was constructed by Charles McKibben in 1920. McKibben was a local contractor. In his youth, he helped his father make the bricks that were used for the old courthouse and the Franklin School. Later, he and his team of bricklayers worked on projects such as alterations to the Express-Courier building, among other masonry projects. It is probable that the brick garage on this property was constructed at the same time by McKibben, given the lack of subsequent building permit record, the similar material, the apparent age of the materials, and the very similar design to the garage at 713 Mathews, another McKibben house. Demolition of the existing garage on this property does not conform with this Standard.  Although a window will need to be removed to accommodate the planned covered entry, the location of the entry toward the back of the house reduces the impact of this modification on the overall historic character of the house. The proposed placement of a future lift at this new covered entry for aging in place is also appropriate due to the location. The covered entry may be somewhat visible from the street, but it is not reasonable for it to be placed on the rear of the home due to the location of an existing egress window; its siting at the very rear of the side elevation minimizes impact to the historic character of the home given this constraint.	N
SOI #3	Each property will be recognized as a physical record of its time, place, and use. Changes that create a false sense of historical development, such as adding conjectural features or elements from other historic properties, will not be undertaken.  Although both the proposed new garage and the new covered back entry are compatible with the design of the house, neither create a false sense of historical development, and so this Standard is met.	Y
SOI #4	Changes to a property that have acquired historic significance in their own right will be retained and preserved.	N/A

SOI #5	Distinctive materials, features, finishes, and construction techniques or examples of craftsmanship that characterize a property will be preserved.	N
	The loss of the historic brick material, including the related evidence of workmanship represented in its construction such as the header-brick arches, stepped parapet, and soldier-course brick detail, does not conform to this standard.	
	Although a window will be lost where the door of the new covered entry will be located, using an existing opening minimizes the loss of wall or other materials, aligning with this Standard.	
SOI #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.	N
	The existing brick garage, though in poor condition, could likely be repaired through stabilization and masonry repointing. Its demolition and replacement with a new garage do not conform with this Standard.	
SOI #7	Chemical or physical treatments, if appropriate, will be undertaken using the gentlest means possible. Treatments that cause damage to historic materials will not be used.	N/A
SOI #8	Archeological resources will be protected and preserved in place. If such resources must be disturbed, mitigation measures will be undertaken.	Y
	There is not reason to believe that there is a likelihood of uncovering and archaeological resources during the excavation needed for these projects, but the applicant should be aware of this Standard and please contact Historic Preservation Services at 970-224-6078 immediately should anything be uncovered.	

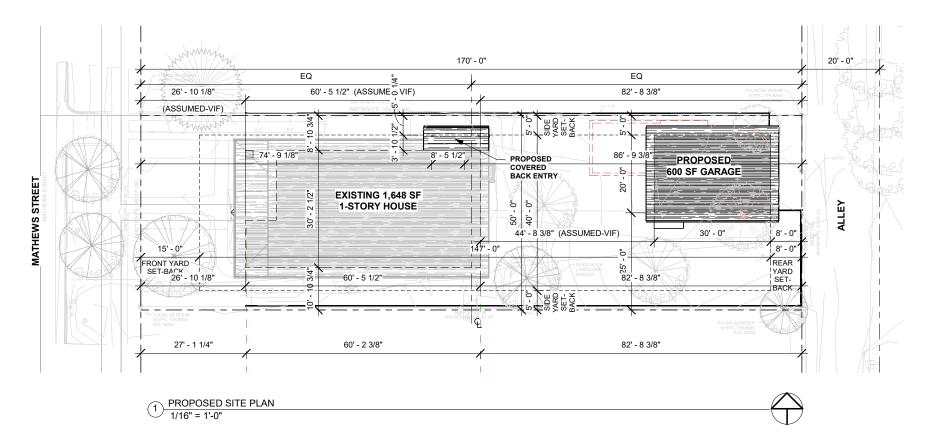
SOI #9	New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction shall not destroy historic materials that characterize the property. The new work shall be differentiated from the old and shall be compatible with the massing, size, scale, and architectural features to protect the historic integrity of the property and its environment.  Although demolition of the existing garage does destroy historic material, which does not align with this Standard, the design of the new garage is compatible with the house. Design elements, like the horizontal trim under the gable end, the wood knee braces, and the six-over-one double-hung windows, directly reference the design of the house. Other elements, such as the lap siding style, are generally compatible with residences from the same period. The use of modern elements or materials, like the overhead garage door, distinguishes this garage as new construction. It is advisable to avoid the use of vinyl material for windows, doors, and siding to maintain visual compatibility with the historic house.  The new covered entry design meets this Standard because the location is toward the rear of the house, because of its small size, and because of the material choices (wood door, deck, and rail, asphalt shingles to match the house). This alteration will be distinguishable as a modern alteration due to the disruption of	N
SOI #10	the window pattern, which also aligns with this Standard.  New additions and adjacent or related new construction will be undertaken in such a manner that, if removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the historic property and its environment would be unimpaired.	Y
	Should removal of the garage and covered entry be desired in the future, they both could reasonably be removed with minimal impact to the historic property (beyond the initial loss of the historic garage).	

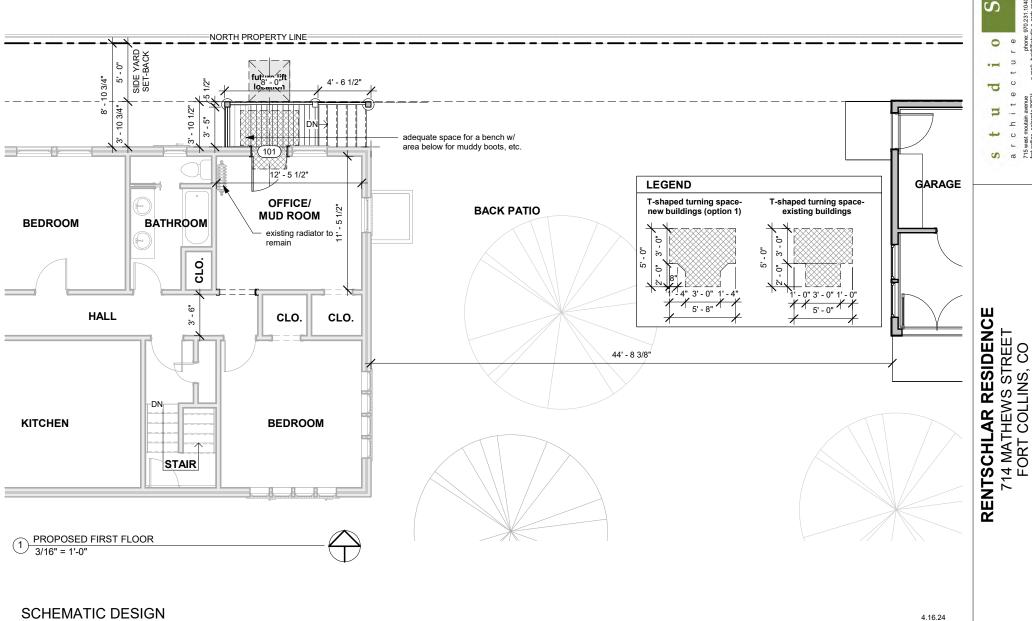
Although this report is advisory in nature, please be aware that exterior alterations that do not meet the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation may disqualify this property from eligibility for certain financial incentives for historic properties, such as the State Tax Credits for preservation, should the property be determined no longer eligible for historic designation due to the extent of alterations, and may also diminish the historic district as a whole.

If you have any questions regarding this review, please contact me. I can be reached at yjones@fcgov.com or at 970-224-6045.

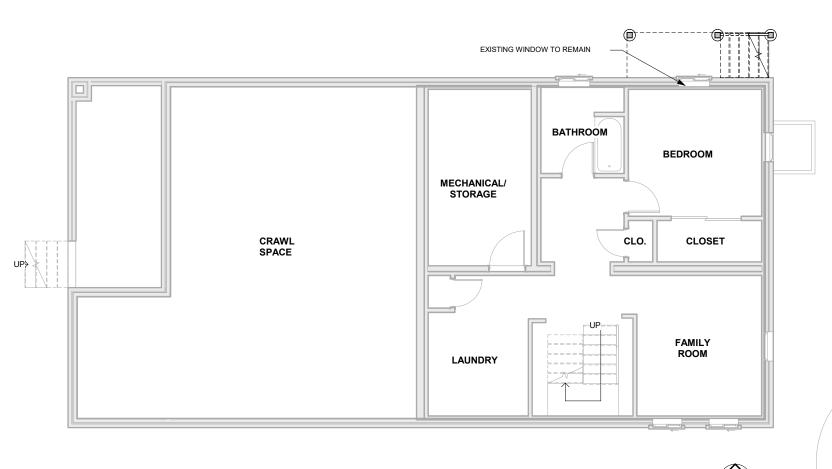
Sincerely,

Yani Jones, Historic Preservation Planner





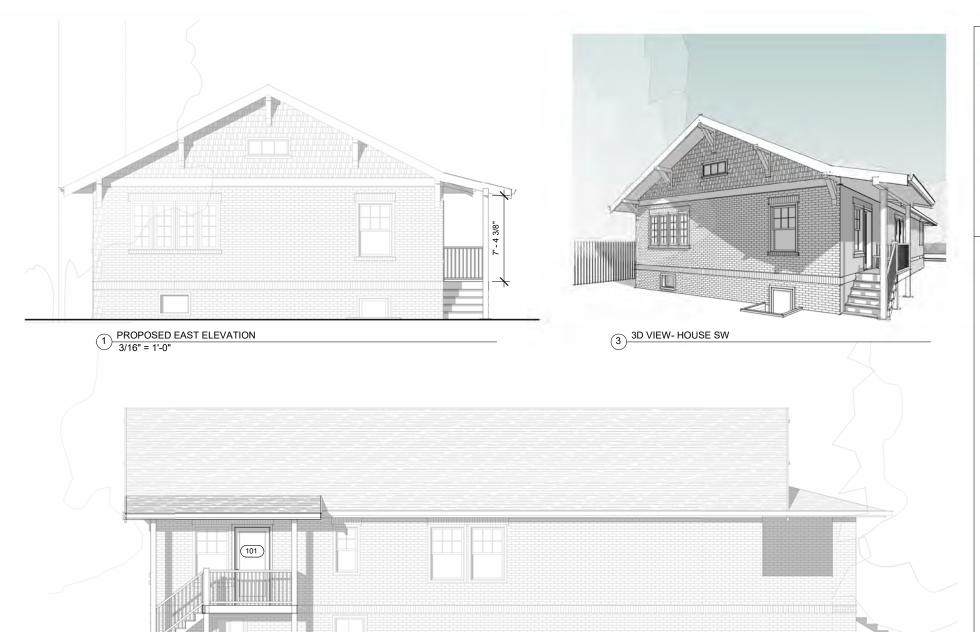
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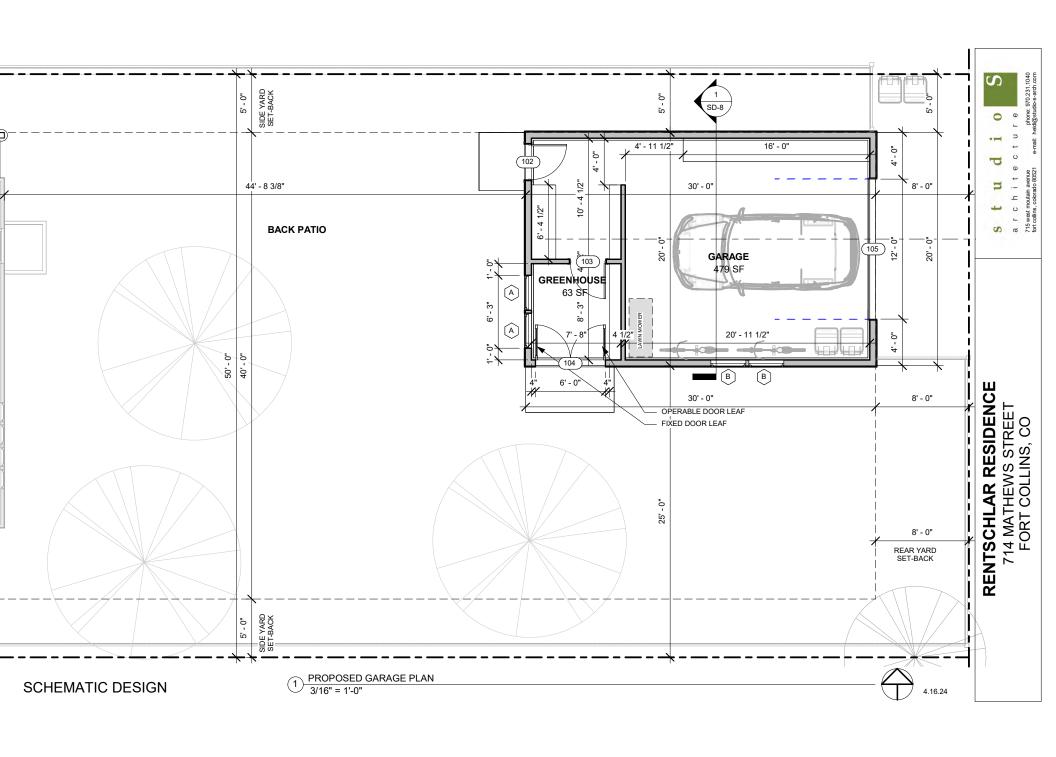
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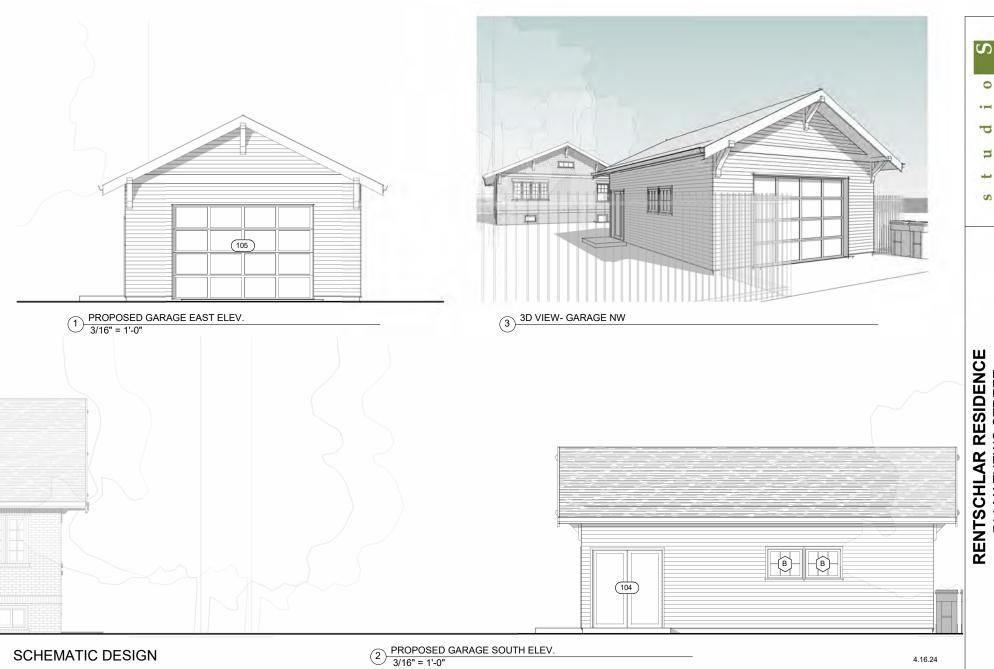
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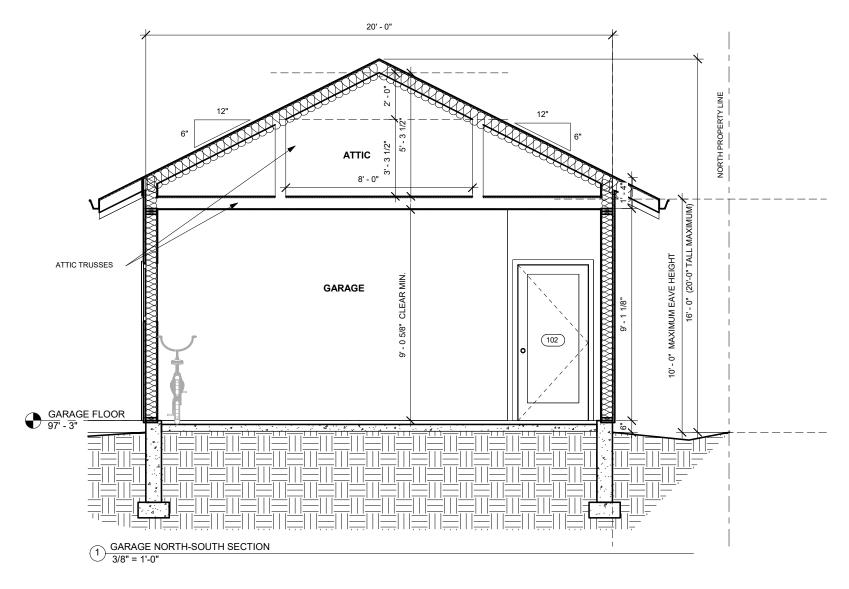
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2 PROPOSED GARAGE NORTH ELEV. 3/16" = 1'-0" SCHEMATIC DESIGN

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RENTSCHLAR RESIDENCE

714 MATHEWS STREET FORT COLLINS, CO

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DOOR SCHEDULE								
	DOOR							
MARK	FROM ROOM	TO ROOM	WIDTH	HEIGHT	MATERIAL	GLASS	FINISH	COMMENTS
101			3' - 0"	6' - 8"		FULL LITE		
102		GARAGE	3' - 0"	6' - 8"		FULL LITE		
103	GARAGE	GREENHOUSE	3' - 0"	6' - 8"		FULL LITE		
104		GREENHOUSE	6' - 0"	6' - 8"		FULL LITE		
105	GARAGE		12' - 0"	8' - 0"		UPPER LITES		OVERHEAD DOOR WITH REMOTE OPERATOR & CLEAR UPPER LITES

WINDOW SCHEDULE							
	D	IMENSION	IS	AL			
WINDOW TYPE	WIDTH	HEIGHT	HEAD HEIGHT	FRAME MATERI	OPERATION	COMMENTS	
Α	3' - 0"	5' - 0"	6' - 9"		DOUBLE HUNG		
В	3' - 0"	2' - 6"	6' - 9"		AWNING		

## WINDOW GENERAL NOTES:

- PROVIDE TEMPERED GLAZING PER 2021 INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE
- 2.
- PROVIDE LOW-E DOUBLE INSULATED GLAZING WITH U-FACTOR OF .28 MAXIMUM FOR WINDOWS.
  ALL WINDOWS TO BE TO BE (VINYL OR FIBERGLASS? ALUM. CLAD?), UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE. COLOR: TBD
- PROVIDE SIMULATED DIVIDED LITES AS SHOWN ON EXTERIOR ELEVATIONS.

  DESIGN INTENT IS TO MATCH THE INDICATED WINDOW SIZES AS CLOSE AS POSSIBLE WITH THE CHOSEN WINDOW MANUFACTURER
- CONTRACTOR TO COORDINATE ACTUAL ROUGH OPENING SIZES ACCORDINGLY

SCHEMATIC DESIGN 4.16.24

Yani Jones [EXTERNAL] Re: Re: Re: Fw: 714 Mathews - historic review

The future lift is hypothetical. That's for aging in place.
It's a possibility if one of us can't walk up the steps into the house, then we considered putting a temporary lift in rather than be forced to move. That's also one reason we want steps on that side of the house. Closer to the garage. A consideration on a snowy day.

No change of use planned. House remains single family.

Materials to use. We want to match current house as much as possible. Haven't really thought about the back door much yet, but wood and glass would be first choice. Deck, railing, roof would all be wood with asphalt shingles to match current roof.

Garage would have siding. The windows would be fiberglass or vinyl hung windows. The door on the side would be mostly glass for light into the plant room. The roof would be asphalt shingles to match the house.

On Mon, Apr 29, 2024 at 3:31 PM Yani Jones < vjones@fcgov.com > wrote:

Hi Jeremy.

Yes, that photo works!

I haven't yet examined the plans and photos super closely, so I may have some additional questions later, but could you please answer the following to start me off?

- On Page 2, there is something in a box near the drawing of the covered porch that I believe says "future lift (something)" Can you tell me a little more about that?
   Could you please provide some details about the materials you plan to use, such as for the new back door, the new deck/railing/roof of the covered entry, and on the garage (siding, windows, doors, roofing, etc.)? Just simple descriptions will work (e.g., wood door with one lite, fiberglass hung windows, asphalt shingle roofing, etc.).
   Is there a change-of-use associated with this project that would change the house's use to something other than single-family residential?

Take care.

Yani

YANI JONES

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Sent: Monday, April 29, 2024 3:07 PM

To: Yani Jones <<u>yjones@fcgov.com</u>>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Re: Fw: 714 Mathews - historic review

Is the photo of the window to be replaced enough of a close up?

On Fri, Apr 26, 2024 at 11:13 AM Yani Jones <viones@fcgov.com> wrote:

Hi Jeremy,

Thanks for checking in!

As I mentioned, for single-family houses in the Laurel School Historic District on the National Register of Historic Places that aren't also local Landmarks, historic preservation review is required in the form of a report documenting exterior alterations, but the report is advisory only (work may proceed even if the report says aspects of the project don't meet the preservation standards). Additional preservation regulation would only kick in if a change-of-use were proposed to something other than single-family residential through the development review process, or if demolition of the main house were on the table.

To complete that report, in addition to the regular documents/plans you'd submit for building permitting (like plans and elevation drawings for the new structure and a site plan), I'll also need a few other details. That will include photos of each side of the garage to be demolished, the side of the house where the window is being replaced with a door, a close-up of the window being removed, and one photo of the front of the house (for context), as well as information on the materials being used for the garage (such as for siding, windows, doors, roofing) as well as for the new door on the house.

I'd be happy to take a look at any plans ahead of permitting, if you'd like any guidance related to design compatibility or other historic preservation-related comments, but I will be routed on the permit review, and so the report could be completed at that time as well.

Take care,

Yani

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From: Jeremy Rentschlar < <u>irentschlar@gmail.com</u>>
Sent: Thursday, April 25, 2024 6:51 PM

To: Yani Jones <<u>viones@fcgov.com</u>>; Jennifer Rentschlar <<u>rentschlari@gmail.com</u>> Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Re: Fw: 714 Mathews - historic review

Hello Yani.

It's been a little over a year since our last communication with you.

We are getting close to starting our project to replace our detatched garage which in disrepair.

We are also wanting to change a window to an exit also.

I wanted to see what we needed to do next concerning your office/department.

Thanks.

Jeremy

940-206-3637

On Tue, Apr 4, 2023 at 9:58 AM Yani Jones < viones@fcgov.com> wrote:

Hi Jeremey,

It's nice to virtually meet you. As Jim said, because your home is on the National Register of Historic Places in the Laurel School Historic District and is not a Fort Collins Landmark property, our office's review of something like your garage project is limited to documenting the exterior alterations in a report to the State Historic Preservation Office rather than regulating the design. And we're of course happy to provide preservation-related guidance, if helpful! There are a few instances where additional preservation review is required for single-family residences over 50 years old (e.g., demo 50%+ of exterior of main house, changing use from single-family), but I don't think that applies in this case.

Although we can't recommend any architects as Jim said, I can share a few individuals people we are aware of who have done design work for historic properties – But please be advised that this is not an endorsement of their work or a recommendation:

Last name	First name	Company name	Street address	City, ST ZIP Code	E-mail address	Work phone	URL
Lord	Natalie	Form + Works Design Group, LLC	PO Box 476	Eastlake, CO 80614		303-598-6545	www.formworksdesigngroup.com
Feinberg	John	the Collaborative inc. (tCi)	2080 Pearl Street	Boulder, CO		303-442-3601	
Short	Melanie	BVH Architecture		Denver, CO	mshort@bvh.com	303-495-6998	bvh.com
Shuff	lan	alms2	712 Whalers Way, Bldg. B-100	Fort Collins, CO 80525	ishuff@aller-lingle-massey.com	970-223-1820	
Shuff	Heidi	Studio S. Architecture LLC	715 West Mountain Avenue	Fort Collins, CO 80521	heidishuff@gmail.com	970-231-1040	

When you are ready to move forward with your project, and you apply for building permits, I'll be routed on the building permit review and will provide you with your State Historic Preservation Office Report at that time. But please feel free to reach out if there is anything else I can help you with in the meantime.

Take care,

Yani

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From: Jim Bertolini < ibertolini@fcgov.com> Sent: Monday, April 3, 2023 3:59 PM
To: Jeremy Rentschlar sjentschlar@gmail.com>
Ce: Yani Jones cyjones@fcgov.com>
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Re: Fw: 714 Mathews - historic review

Jeremy,

Thanks so much for following up and sorry we missed you today. You are correct that we can't recommend a specific contractor, although we may be able to assist via our <u>Design Assistance Program</u>. Since our last chat, Yani Jones on our team has taken over most of these Laurel School Historic District reviews so I'm going to transfer you to her (she's copied here). Again, in your case, we're just an advisory review and issue a report, usually when you come in for permit, but if we can assist in other ways, Yani is probably your best point of contact. If you ever need to reach us, I'd suggest our general inbox at <u>preservation@fcgov.com</u> or 970-224-6078 and we'll get back to you ASAP. Cheers!

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Senior Historic Preservation Planner

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From: Jeremy Rentschlar <a href="mail.com">jeremy Rentschlar@gmail.com</a>
Sent: Monday, April 3, 2023 3:53 PM
To: Jim Bertolini <a href="mail.com">jertolini@fcgov.com</a>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Fw: 714 Mathews - historic review

Hello Jim.

We spoke almost 2 years ago and you sent us this information

I stopped by your office today, but you were out for an off site meeting.

We have been procrastinating, but are really ready to start moving forward on the garage.

I had a recommendation for an architect that was supposedly familiar with historic properties.

Dana Lockwood. But after a couple months of trying to contact him, I think he's probably retired.

I know you can't make recommendations, but...

I'm wondering if your office has a list of architects who are familiar with historic buildings.

We haven't come anywhere near finalizing what we want, but I think getting started talking will help.

Basically, we want to move the garage a little further back, closer to the alley with vehicle access from the alley

It would still be brick, either matching the house or what the garage has now. I'm not sure how salvageable the bricks are.

I had a ladder out a few weeks ago, and picked up a loose brick at the top and it broke in half when I picked it up.

We'd like it to be a single car garage, with some space for storage too. Plus have solar panels on the roof.

I figure, you're probably the best place to start. And I'm not sure if it's better in person, by phone or email.

Jeremy Rentschlar

940-206-3637

On Mon, Apr 3, 2023 at 1:08 PM Jeremy Rentschlar <<u>jrentschlar@gmail.com</u>> wrote:

Date: July 6, 2021 at 1:45:39 PM CDT

To: "rentschlarj@gmail.com" <rentschlarj@gmail.com>

Jeremy and Jennifer,

Thanks for coming in today and sorry neither myself or Maren were in the office today - if you have questions, want to talk through a project, or access our records, you can always just reach out atpreservation@fcgov.com or 970-416-4250

Here's a few notes based on our video call just now:

- Preservation Review In your case, since the T.J. Collopy Residence is not a City Landmark but is in a National Register-listed historic district, Code (MC 14, Article IV) just requires that you secure a report from our division before you start projects. The intent is to encourage good historic preservation practice, document changes in relation to national preservation standards, and make sure you're aware of applicable financial incentives. Since the property is not a City Landmark, almost all review is handled by staff. The exception to this is for major projects that don't meet the preservation standards where the property is likely to lose its historic status as part of the historic district those are forwarded to the Historic Preservation Commission for comment prior to issuing the report.

  Giarge Since review is advisory and this is a secondary structure, demolition of the garage is allowed and is a staff-level review. We of course would encourage you to try and retain/repair/modify the existing garage since this one in particular is distinctive. However if that's not feasible, we would encourage you to salvage construction materials on-site. If you'd like, you'your contractor can submit a concept for a replacement garage to us for any recommendations under the Standards. If replacing the historic garage, we'd generally recommend salvaging the historic materials for reuse and/or using similar materials and design features in the new garage. We'd also recommend keeping that location and with similar features. You can send in a design review application in advance with photographs of the current garage, or just send that material in when you/your contractor requests a building permit for the project. As a side note, garages are excellent locations for solar installations to reduce visibility from the street.

  Variadows.— In general, we recommend retaining older windows, especially wood windows, because they tend to be more durable and repairable than anything on the market today (for some info,

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Barlow	Phil	Barlow Preservation Services LLC	4576 Tanglewood Trail	Boulder, CO	phil@barlowpreservationservices.com	303- 746- 1602
Connor	Greg	Heritage Window LLC	http://www.heritagewindowrestoration.com/	Commerce City, CO		303- 394- 3567
Murray	Kevin	Empire Carpentry	P.O. Box 245	Bellvue, CO 80512	empire@verinet.com	970- 493- 3499

• <u>Financial incentives</u> – It sounds like you've already been to our webpage for <u>financial incentives</u>. You currently qualify for the <u>Colorado Historic Tax Credit</u> through the state and the City's <u>Design Assistance</u> program (no remaining funds for 2021 but we hope to recover full funding in 2022). Design Assistance grants can be used for any number of project planning needs, including structural engineering, architectural design (i.e., for additions), masonry assessment, window repair plans, etc.

I checked our digital folder for the property and all we have is a 2017 determination of Landmark eligibility under an old version of the code, which I've attached for your records. I'll take a look at our hardcopy records to see if we have anything additional. You may find some of the results from the Fort Collins History Connection interesting as well: <a href="https://ichc.contentdm.oclc.org/digital/search/se

If you have other questions, please let us know. Cheers!

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