

DeKalb County Historic Preservation Commission

Monday, June 17th, 2024- 6:00 P.M.

Staff Report

Regular Agenda

G. 720 North Parkwood Road, Maekah Bromfield. Install retaining wall in the side yard and landscape front yard. **1247056.**

Constructed in 1950 - Nonhistoric (15 244 03 013)

This property is not located in a character area or in a National Register Historic District.

09-22 720 North Parkwood Road, Maekah Bromfield. Demolish existing garage and replace with two- story garage, widen driveway, and modify the placement of the door and windows on the front facade. **Approved**

Summary

The applicant proposes the following work:

1. Install new landscaping. The applicant proposes installing grass in the front yard and two planting beds, one on either side of the yard. The plants for the proposed beds will come from the recommended vegetation list, including possibly Hydrangeas and Hostas.
2. Install retaining wall in rear side-yard. The applicant proposes installing a 4' L-shaped cinderblock retaining wall along the driveway in the rear side yard. The applicant also proposes replacing the existing concrete pad entrance to the basement.

It should be noted that although not taken into consideration for this application, the applicant will need to obtain a permit for the retaining wall in Chapter 27, Section 5.4.7 of DeKalb County Code of Ordinances.

Recommendation

Approve with Modification. Stucco should be applied to the cinderblock retaining wall, as stucco is an appropriate material for the district and will soften the appearance of the wall.

Relevant Guidelines

5.0 *Design Review Objective* (p45) - When making a material change to a structure that is in view from a public right-of-way, a higher standard is required to ensure that design changes are compatible with the architectural style of the structure and retain character-defining features. When a proposed material change to a structure is not in view from the public-right-way, the Preservation Commission may review the project with a less strict standard so as to allow the owner more flexibility. Such changes, however, shall not have a substantial adverse effect on the overall architectural character of the structure.

11.0 *Nonhistoric Properties* (p93) Guideline - In reviewing an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness for a material change to a nonhistoric building, the Preservation Commission should evaluate the change for its potential impacts to any historic development (architecture and natural and cultural landscapes) in the area of influence of the nonhistoric property. Guidelines presented in *Section 7.0: Additions and new Construction* are relevant to such evaluations.