

## City of Portland, Oregon

## **Bureau of Development Services**

#### **Land Use Services**

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**To:** Interested Person

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# NOTICE OF A TYPE II DECISION ON A PROPOSAL IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

The Bureau of Development Services has **approved** a proposal in your neighborhood. The reasons for the decision are included in this notice. If you disagree with the decision, you can appeal it and request a public hearing. Information on how to appeal this decision is listed at the end of this notice.

### CASE FILE NUMBER: LU 12-109025 HDZ - ADDITION

#### GENERAL INFORMATION

**Applicant:** Daniel Schwartz and Josephine Vu

2207 NE 12th Avenue Portland, OR 97212

Keith Abel

5757 Ridgetop Court Lake Oswego, OR 97035

**Representative:** Daniel Schwartz 503-799-7088

2207 NE 12th Ave Portland, OR 97212

**Site Address:** 2207 NE 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue

Legal Description: BLOCK 91 LOT 5, WEST IRVINGTON

 Tax Account No.:
 R893600890

 State ID No.:
 1N1E26CA 13400

**Quarter Section:** 2831

**Neighborhood:** Irvington, contact Dean Gisvold at 503-284-3885.

**Business District:** North-Northeast Business Assoc, contact Joice Taylor at 503-445-1321. **District Coalition:** Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods, contact Shoshana Cohen at 503-

823-4575.

**Other Designations:** Non-contributing resource in the Irvington Historic District, which was

listed in the National Register of Historic Places on October 22, 2010.

**Zoning:** R5a, Residential 5000 with Historic Resource Protection and

Alternative Design Density Overlays

**Case Type:** HDZ, Historic Design Review

**Procedure:** Type II, an administrative decision with appeal to the Historic

Landmarks Commission.

#### Proposal:

The applicant is seeking Historic Design Review approval for a proposal to make a two story addition toward the rear of the existing, non-contributing one-and-a-half story house. Historic Design Review is required because the proposal is for a non-exempt exterior alteration in a historic district.

#### Relevant Approval Criteria:

In order to be approved, this proposal must comply with the approval criteria of Title 33, Portland Zoning Code. The relevant criteria are:

■ 33.846.060 G Other Approval Criteria

#### **ANALYSIS**

**Site and Vicinity:** The subject resource, identified in the National Register documentation as the Edward Drake House, was built in 1893. Its current form represents a reworking of what was originally a small Queen Anne style house into an expression of the later English Cottage style. Presumably this alteration took place during the period of significance, but the resource is nonetheless listed as non-contributing within the Irvington Historic District. This status may be due to a mistaken evaluation of the house's raked cedar shingle secondary siding as a non-historic synthetic material.

Platted in the late Nineteenth Century, today's Irvington Historic District represents the first additions to Portland that employed restrictive covenants from the outset. These included the exclusion of most non-residential uses from the interior of the neighborhood, and where non-residential uses were allowed, such as the fire station and the telephone exchange, the buildings were purposely disguised to appear more residential in character. Other deed restrictions excluded minority groups, established uniform front setbacks, and required minimum expenditure on new buildings. The area developed generally from southwest to northeast and its growth was greatly influenced by the installation of streetcar lines that introduced an easy commuting option to downtown.

The contributing resources in Irvington range in design character from expressions of the late Victorian Era styles, especially Queen Anne, through the many Period Revival modes of the early decades of the Twentieth Century, to a few early modernist examples. There is also a wide diversity in the sizes of lots and houses. In terms of the streetscape, the numbered north-south avenues in Irvington vary dramatically in width, and they mostly form rather long block faces which the houses generally face. The named east-west street block faces are more consistent in length, almost all being traditional 200' Portland blocks. All are lined with mature street trees. Original development in many cases included garages or other accessory structures, typically facing side streets on corner lots and accessed by a variety of driveway types on mid-block sites. Garages that were added within the historic period, were sometimes built at the sidewalk and/or out of architectural character with the house.

**Zoning:** The single-dwelling zones, including R5, are intended to preserve land for housing and to provide housing opportunities for individual households. The zones implement the comprehensive plan policies and designations for single-dwelling housing.

The Historic Resource Protection Overlay zone protects certain historic resources in the region and preserves significant parts of the region's heritage. The regulations implement Portland's Comprehensive Plan policies that address historic preservation. These policies recognize the role historic resources have in promoting the education and enjoyment of those living in and visiting the region. The regulations foster pride among the region's citizens in their city and its heritage. Historic preservation beautifies the city, promotes the city's economic health, and helps to preserve and enhance the value of historic properties.

The purpose of the Alternative Design Density Overlay Zone is to focus development on vacant sites, preserve existing housing and encourage new development that is compatible with and

supportive of the positive qualities of residential neighborhoods. The concept for the zone is to allow increased density for development that meets additional design compatibility requirements.

Public Notice: A "Notice of Proposal in Your Neighborhood" was mailed March 29, 2012.

**Agency Review:** None of the notified Bureaus has responded with issues or concerns.

**Neighborhood Review:** Two written response has been received from either the Neighborhood Association or notified property owners in response to the proposal.

- Steve and Lisa Decker wrote on April 2, 2012, with no objection to the proposal.
- Dean Gisvold, Chair of the Irvington Community Association Land Use Committee, wrote on April 19, 2012, with no objections to the proposal.

#### ZONING CODE APPROVAL CRITERIA

#### Chapter 33.846.060 - Historic Design Review

#### Purpose of Historic Design Review

Historic Design Review ensures the conservation and enhancement of the special characteristics of historic resources.

#### Historic Design Review Approval Criteria

Requests for historic design review will be approved if the review body finds the applicant has shown that all of the approval criteria have been met.

**Findings:** The site is within the Irvington Historic District and the proposal is for non-exempt treatment. Therefore Historic Design Review approval is required. The approval criteria are those listed in *33.846.060 G – Other Approval Criteria*.

Staff has considered all guidelines and addressed only those applicable to this proposal.

#### 33.846.060 G - Other Approval Criteria

**1. Historic character.** The historic character of the property will be retained and preserved. Removal of historic materials or alteration of features and spaces that contribute to the property's historic significance will be avoided.

**Findings:** Notwithstanding its evaluation as a non-contributing resource, the subject house does have some intact historic characteristics as a structure that was remodeled into a newer stylistic expression during the period of significance. The proposal is for a substantial rear addition, which can generally be justified on a non-contributing resource, but the applicant has also respected the historic character of approximately the forward third of the existing configuration. *This criterion is met.* 

**2. Record of its time.** The historic resource will remain a physical record of its time, place, and use. Changes that create a false sense of historic development, such as adding conjectural features or architectural elements from other buildings will be avoided.

**Findings:** By definition a non-contributing resource does not augment the overall character of a historic district. While using the same finishes and trims to achieve cohesiveness, the proposed addition is substantial and distinct enough to be recognized as a product of later times. *This criterion is met.* 

**3. Historic changes.** Most properties change over time. Those changes that have acquired historic significance will be preserved.

**Findings:** In this case there are clearly alterations dating from the period of significance that should have resulted in an evaluation of this house as a contributing resource. However, working within the house's official designation as non-contributing, the applicant and the staff have worked out a compromise that both preserves the forward section of the house, as altered during the historic period, and allows the flexibility that is normally available to properties with non-contributing status. *This criterion is met.* 

- **7. Differentiate new from old.** New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction will not destroy historic materials that characterize a property. New work will be differentiated from the old.
- **8. Architectural compatibility.** New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction will be compatible with the resource's massing, size, scale, and architectural features. When retrofitting buildings or sites to improve accessibility for persons with disabilities, design solutions will not compromise the architectural integrity of the historic resource.
- **10. Hierarchy of compatibility.** Exterior alterations and additions will be designed to be compatible primarily with the original resource, secondarily with adjacent properties, and finally, if located within a Historic or Conservation District, with the rest of the district. Where practical, compatibility will be pursued on all three levels.
  - Findings for 7, 8, and 10: Bearing in mind that the designated resource in this case is the Irvington Historic District, and that the individual subject property is, correctly or otherwise, evaluated as non-contributing within that context, there are technically no historic materials under consideration in this case. The house could, for example, be demolished without any review whatsoever under the auspices of the zoning code. However, recognizing that the evaluation is likely to be in error and that the house does have characteristics that support the historic milieu of Irvington, the applicant and the staff have reached a compromise that preserves the street facade and forward portion of the house and allows a substantial rear addition that would not likely be approvable on a contributing resource. The proposed addition is designed within the built vocabulary of the historic district in terms of its forms, materials, and massing. Its location at the rear of the structure and on a significantly raised lot that reduces its visibility from the right-of-way, mitigate for any mismatch with the form of the house itself, as it was altered within the period of significance. These criteria are met.

#### **DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS**

Unless specifically required in the approval criteria listed above, this proposal does not have to meet the development standards in order to be approved during this review process. The plans submitted for a building or zoning permit must demonstrate that all development standards of Title 33 can be met, or have received an Adjustment or Modification via a land use review prior to the approval of a building or zoning permit.

#### CONCLUSIONS

This proposal represents a compromise solution that recognizes an error in the designating document and still achieves a reasonably good fit with the context of the Irvington Historic District. The purpose of the Historic Design Review process is to ensure that additions, new construction, and exterior alterations to historic resources do not compromise their ability to convey historic significance. This proposal meets the applicable Historic Design Review criteria and therefore warrants approval.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION

Approval of an addition to a non-contributing resource in the Irvington Historic District;

Approval is per Exhibits C-1 through C-7, signed and dated April 24, 2012, subject to the following condition:

A. As part of the building permit application submittal, each of the 4 required site plans and any additional drawings must reflect the information and design approved by this land use review as indicated in Exhibits C-1 through C-7. The sheets on which this information appears must be labeled, "Proposal and design as approved in Case File # LU 12-109025 HDZ. No field changes allowed."

Staff Planner: Dave Skilton

Decision rendered by: \_\_\_\_\_ on April 24, 2012

By authority of the Director of the Bureau of Development Services

Decision mailed: April 27, 2012

**About this Decision.** This land use decision is **not a permit** for development. Permits may be required prior to any work. Contact the Development Services Center at 503-823-7310 for information about permits.

**Procedural Information.** The application for this land use review was submitted on January 31, 2012, and was determined to be complete on **March 23, 2012**.

Zoning Code Section 33.700.080 states that Land Use Review applications are reviewed under the regulations in effect at the time the application was submitted, provided that the application is complete at the time of submittal, or complete within 180 days. Therefore this application was reviewed against the Zoning Code in effect on January 31, 2012.

ORS 227.178 states the City must issue a final decision on Land Use Review applications within 120-days of the application being deemed complete. The 120-day review period may be waived or extended at the request of the applicant. In this case, the applicant did not waive or extend the 120-day review period.

#### Some of the information contained in this report was provided by the applicant.

As required by Section 33.800.060 of the Portland Zoning Code, the burden of proof is on the applicant to show that the approval criteria are met. The Bureau of Development Services has independently reviewed the information submitted by the applicant and has included this information only where the Bureau of Development Services has determined the information satisfactorily demonstrates compliance with the applicable approval criteria. This report is the decision of the Bureau of Development Services with input from other City and public agencies.

**Conditions of Approval.** If approved, this project may be subject to a number of specific conditions, listed above. Compliance with the applicable conditions of approval must be documented in all related permit applications. Plans and drawings submitted during the permitting process must illustrate how applicable conditions of approval are met. Any project elements that are specifically required by conditions of approval must be shown on the plans, and labeled as such.

These conditions of approval run with the land, unless modified by future land use reviews. As used in the conditions, the term "applicant" includes the applicant for this land use review, any person undertaking development pursuant to this land use review, the proprietor of the

use or development approved by this land use review, and the current owner and future owners of the property subject to this land use review.

**Appealing this decision.** This decision may be appealed to the Historic Landmarks Commission, which will hold a public hearing. Appeals must be filed **by 4:30 PM on May 11, 2012** at 1900 SW Fourth Ave. Appeals can be filed Tuesday through Friday on the first floor of the Development Services Center until 3 p.m. After 3 p.m. and Mondays, appeals must be submitted to the receptionist at the front desk on the fifth floor. **An appeal fee of \$250 will be charged**. The appeal fee will be refunded if the appellant prevails. There is no fee for ONI recognized organizations appealing a land use decision for property within the organization's boundaries. The vote to appeal must be in accordance with the organization's bylaws. Assistance in filing the appeal and information on fee waivers is available from BDS in the Development Services Center. Please see the appeal form for additional information.

The file and all evidence on this case are available for your review by appointment only. Please call the Request Line at our office, 1900 SW Fourth Avenue, Suite 5000, phone 503-823-7617, to schedule an appointment. I can provide some information over the phone. Copies of all information in the file can be obtained for a fee equal to the cost of services. Additional information about the City of Portland, city bureaus, and a digital copy of the Portland Zoning Code is available on the internet at <a href="https://www.portlandonline.com">www.portlandonline.com</a>.

**Attending the hearing.** If this decision is appealed, a hearing will be scheduled, and you will be notified of the date and time of the hearing. The decision of the Historic Landmarks Commission is final; any further appeal must be made to the Oregon Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA) within 21 days of the date of mailing the decision, pursuant to ORS 197.620 and 197.830. Contact LUBA at 550 Capitol St. NE, Suite 235, Salem, Oregon 97301, or phone 1-503-373-1265 for further information.

Failure to raise an issue by the close of the record at or following the final hearing on this case, in person or by letter, may preclude an appeal to the Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA) on that issue. Also, if you do not raise an issue with enough specificity to give the Historic Landmarks Commission an opportunity to respond to it, that also may preclude an appeal to LUBA on that issue.

#### Recording the final decision.

If this Land Use Review is approved the final decision must be recorded with the Multnomah County Recorder. A few days prior to the last day to appeal, the City will mail instructions to the applicant for recording the documents associated with their final land use decision.

- Unless appealed, The final decision may be recorded on or after May 14, 2012.
- A building or zoning permit will be issued only after the final decision is recorded.

The applicant, builder, or a representative may record the final decision as follows:

- By Mail: Send the two recording sheets (sent in separate mailing) and the final Land Use Review decision with a check made payable to the Multnomah County Recorder to: Multnomah County Recorder, P.O. Box 5007, Portland OR 97208. The recording fee is identified on the recording sheet. Please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope.
- In Person: Bring the two recording sheets (sent in separate mailing) and the final Land Use Review decision with a check made payable to the Multnomah County Recorder to the County Recorder's office located at 501 SE Hawthorne Boulevard, #158, Portland OR 97214. The recording fee is identified on the recording sheet.

For further information on recording, please call the County Recorder at 503-988-3034 For further information on your recording documents please call the Bureau of Development Services Land Use Services Division at 503-823-0625.

**Expiration of this approval.** An approval expires three years from the date the final decision is rendered unless a building permit has been issued, or the approved activity has begun.

Where a site has received approval for multiple developments, and a building permit is not issued for all of the approved development within three years of the date of the final decision, a new land use review will be required before a permit will be issued for the remaining development, subject to the Zoning Code in effect at that time.

Zone Change and Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment approvals do not expire.

**Applying for your permits.** A building permit, occupancy permit, or development permit may be required before carrying out an approved project. At the time they apply for a permit, permittees must demonstrate compliance with:

- All conditions imposed herein;
- All applicable development standards, unless specifically exempted as part of this land use review;
- All requirements of the building code; and
- All provisions of the Municipal Code of the City of Portland, and all other applicable ordinances, provisions and regulations of the City.

#### **EXHIBITS**

#### NOT ATTACHED UNLESS INDICATED

- A. Applicant's Statement
- B. Zoning Map (attached)
- C. Drawings:
  - 1. Site Plan (attached)
  - 2. Existing Elevations
  - 3. Existing Floor Plans
  - 4. Proposed Elevations (attached)
  - 5. Proposed Floor Plans
  - 6. Proposed Roof Plan
  - 7. Proposed Window Information
- D. Notification information:
  - 1. Mailing list
  - 2. Mailed notice
- E. Agency Responses:
  - 1. Water Bureau
  - 2. Fire Bureau
  - 3. Life Safety Review Section of BDS
- F. Correspondence:
  - 1. Steve and Lisa Decker wrote on April 2, 2012, with no objection to the proposal.
  - 2. Dean Gisvold, Chair of the Irvington Community Association Land Use Committee, wrote on April 19, 2012, with no objections to the proposal.
- G. Other:
  - 1. Original LU Application

The Bureau of Development Services is committed to providing equal access to information and hearings. Please notify us no less than five business days prior to the event if you need special accommodations. Call 503-823-7300 (TTY 503-823-6868).



ZONING



Historic Landmark

NORTH

This site lies within the: IRVINGTON HISTORIC DISTICT

2831 1/4 Section. 1 inch = 200 feet Scale. 1N1E26CA 13400 State Id В (Feb 02,2012) Exhibit.



