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NOTICE OF A TYPE I 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 the version located on the BDS website <http://www.portlandonline.com/bds/index.cfm?c=46429>. Click on the District Coalition then scroll to the relevant Neighborhood, and case number. If you disagree with the decision, you can appeal it to the Oregon Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA) at 775 Summer St NE, Suite 330, Salem, OR 97301-1283. The phone number for LUBA is 1-503-373-1265. Information on how to appeal this decision is listed at the end of this notice.

CASE FILE NUMBER: LU 13-195182 HR – WINDOWS TO DOORS

GENERAL INFORMATION

Applicant: Christine M Rontal & Andrew D Rontal, Owner/Applicant
2434 NE 15th Ave / Portland, OR 97212

Site Address: 2434 NE 15TH AVE

Legal Description: BLOCK 62 LOT 19, IRVINGTON
Tax Account No.: R420413520
State ID No.: 1N1E26DB 04100
Quarter Section: 2832
Neighborhood: Irvington, contact Dean Gisvold at 503-284-3885.
Business District: North-Northeast Business Assoc, Joice Taylor at 503-445-1321.
District Coalition: NE Coalition of Neighborhoods, Shoshana Cohen at 503-388-5004.
Designations: Contributing resource in the Irvington Historic District, listed in the National Register of Historic Places on October 22, 2010.

Zoning: R5a – Residential 5,000 with Alternative Design Density overlay
Case Type: HR – Historic Resource Review
Procedure: Type I, an administrative decision with appeal to the Oregon Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA).

Proposal:

The applicant proposes to replace two double-hung windows on the rear façade with a pair of single-light wood doors and construct a 36" (h) x 36" (w) x 80" (l) wooden porch to facilitate access to the rear yard.

Historic Resource Review is required because the proposal is for non-exempt exterior alterations to a resource in the Irvington Historic District.

Relevant Approval Criteria:

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

- 33.846.060.G *Other approval criteria*

ANALYSIS

Site and Vicinity: The subject property is a single dwelling located on NE 15th Avenue between NE Brazee and NE Thompson. NE 15th Avenue is designated a City Bikeway, a City Walkway, a Transit Access Street, and a Neighborhood Collector Street. The house is a 1-½-story Colonial Revival dwelling constructed in 1924, and is a contributing resource in the Irvington Historic District. There is also a garage on the property which is listed as a non-contributing resource due to the re-orientation of exterior siding.

The Irvington Historic District was platted in 1887 and was one of the first subdivisions in Portland to employ restrictive covenants, including uniform setbacks, minimum construction expenditures, the exclusion of minorities and the exclusion of non-residential uses. The few non-residential uses allowed at the interior of the district were required to be designed to resemble residential buildings. Development of the neighborhood spread slowly from the south east corner toward the northeast, following the patterns of streetcar development, first along NE Broadway, followed by extensions north into the neighborhood. As the restrictive covenants expired, more commercial development occurred at the edge of the subdivision along NE Broadway through conversion of residential properties and new development. The district comprises an eclectic assortment of late 19th and early 20th century architectural styles, including Queen Anne, Craftsman, and Period Revival styles. Garages built during the period of significance were either built at the same time as the associated residences for the later developments, or were later additions to the earlier residences, and were most commonly located at the rear or front of the property.

Zoning: The Residential 5,000 (R5) single-dwelling zone is intended to preserve land for housing and to provide housing opportunities for individual households. The zone implements the comprehensive plan policies and designations for single-dwelling housing. Minimum lot size is 3,000 square feet, with minimum width and depth dimensions of 36 and 50 feet, respectively. Minimum densities are based on lot size and street configuration. Maximum densities are 1 lot per 5,000 square feet of site area.

The Alternative Design Density “a” overlay is in place 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.

The Historic Resource Protection overlay is comprised of Historic and Conservation Districts, as well as Historic and Conservation Landmarks and 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.

Land Use History: City records indicate the following land use reviews for this site:

- LU 95-012573 CU (ref. file: LUR 95-00680) – Conditional Use approval for a group living facility for women and children under the age of two, subject to conditions.

Neighborhood Review: A Notice of Proposal in Your Neighborhood was mailed on **September 6, 2013**. One written response has been received from either the Neighborhood Association or notified property owners in response to the proposal.

- Dean Gisvold, Chair of the Irvington Community Association Land Use Committee, on September 9, 2013, wrote that the Committee had no objection to the proposal. See Exhibit F-1 for additional details.

ZONING CODE APPROVAL CRITERIA

Chapter 33.846.060 - Historic Resource Review

Purpose of Historic Resource Review

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

Historic Resource Review Approval Criteria

Requests for Historic Resource 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 Resource 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.
- 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.
- 4. Historic features.** Generally, deteriorated historic features will be repaired rather than replaced. Where the severity of deterioration requires replacement, the new feature will match the old in design, color, texture, and other visual qualities and, where practical, in materials. Replacement of missing features must be substantiated by documentary, physical, or pictorial evidence.

Findings for 1, 2, and 4: The proposed alterations are minimal and limited to the rear of the house. The removal of two windows and their replacement with two doors within the same opening, to allow access to the rear yard, increases the functionality of the home for the homeowner without a significant effect on the character of the home or the district. While two original windows will be removed, the livability of the home will increase, and the changes will not be seen from the street. In addition, the two new doors will be constructed of wood and will be compatible with the rest of the original wood fenestration on the house. The house will remain a record of its time. *These criteria are 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.
- 9. Preserve the form and integrity of historic resources.** 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 resource and its environment would be unimpaired.

Findings for 7 and 9: The new doors will be differentiated from the old by this record. The new construction will not destroy historic materials that characterize the property as all of the proposed work is limited to a small area at the rear of the house, which will be unseen from the street. As the proposed doors will be located within the same horizontal opening as the existing windows, if removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the house will remain intact. *These criteria are met.*

- 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 8 and 10: As noted above, the proposed work is limited to a small area at the rear of the house and will not be seen from the street. However, the proposed alterations are compatible with the existing resource and the district as a whole in that the new doors will be constructed of wood to match the other fenestration on the house and they will be located in the existing opening and at a similar depth in the wall plane as other doors on the house. *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


The proposed alterations are limited in scope and designed to minimize damage to historic materials. The proposed wood French doors maintain the character of the house in their materiality and proposed location. The purpose of the Historic Resource 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 Resource Review criteria and therefore warrants approval.

ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION

Approval of exterior alterations in the Irvington Historic District, including replacement of two double-hung windows on the rear façade with a pair of single-light wood doors and the construction of a 36" (h) x 36" (w) x 80" (l) wooden porch to facilitate access to the rear yard, per the approved site plans, Exhibits C-1 through C-7, signed and dated September 20, 2013, subject to the following conditions:

- 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 13-195182 HR."

Staff Planner: Hillary Adam

Decision rendered by:  **on September 20, 2013**
By authority of the Director of the Bureau of Development Services

Decision mailed September 24, 2013

Procedural Information. The application for this land use review was submitted on August 20, 2013, and was determined to be complete on September 3, 2013.

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 August 20, 2013.

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.

This decision, and any conditions associated with it, is final. It may be appealed to the Oregon Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA), within 21 days of the date the decision is mailed, as specified in the Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 197.830. Among other things, ORS 197.830 requires that a petitioner at LUBA must have submitted written testimony during the comment period for this land use review. You may call LUBA at 1-503-373-1265 for further information on filing an appeal.

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 www.portlandonline.com.

Recording the final decision.

If this Land Use Review is approved, the final decision must be recorded with the Multnomah County Recorder. A building or zoning permit will be issued only after the final decision is recorded. The final decision may be recorded on or after **September 24, 2013**. 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.

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:

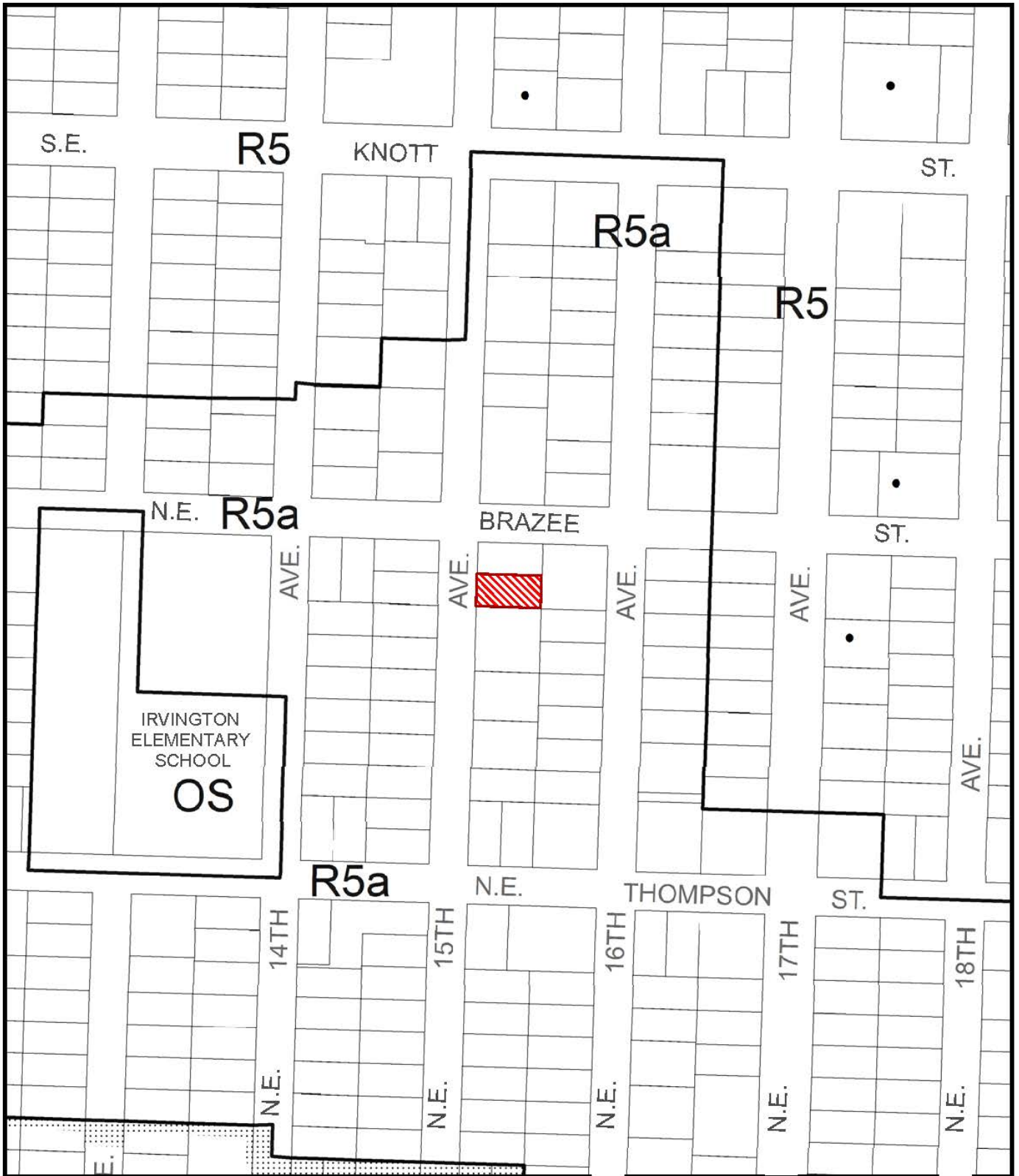
- All conditions imposed herein;
- All applicable development standards, unless specifically exempted as part of this land use review;
- All requirements of the building code; and
- All provisions of the Municipal Code for the City of Portland, and all other applicable ordinances, provisions and regulations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

EXHIBITS

NOT ATTACHED UNLESS INDICATED

- A. Applicant's Statement
 - 1. Applicant Response to Approval Criteria
 - 2. Photos (7)
 - 3. Door Landing Material Update
- B. Zoning Map (attached)
- C. Plans/Drawings:
 - 1. Site Plan (attached)
 - 2. Rear Elevation (attached)
 - 3. Enlarge Door Elevation
 - 4. Door Landing Plan
 - 5. Door Section Detail
 - 6. Simpson Door Cutsheet
 - 7. Door Cross Section Cutsheet
- D. Notification information:
 - 1. Mailing list
 - 2. Mailed notice
- E. Agency Responses: No responses were received.
- F. Correspondence:
 - 1. Dean Gisvold, Chair of the Irvington Community Association Land Use Committee, on September 9, 2013, wrote that the Committee had no objection to the proposal.
- G. Original LU Application
 - 1. Land Use Application
 - 2. National Register Information

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



Site



Historic Landmark



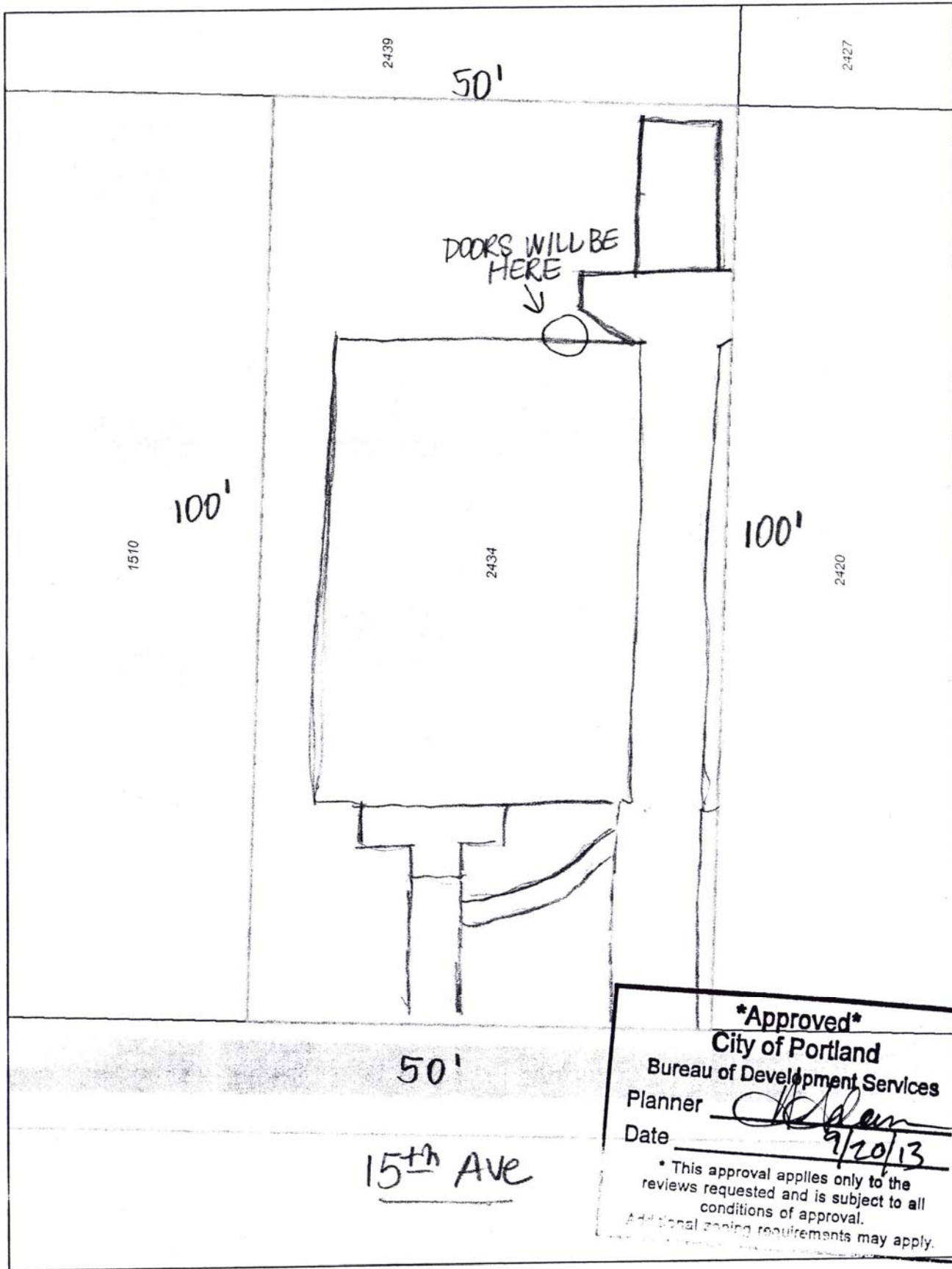
NORTH

This site lies within the:
IRVINGTON HISTORIC DISTRICT

File No. LU 13-195182 HR
 1/4 Section 2832
 Scale 1 inch = 200 feet
 State_Id 1N1E26DB 4100
 Exhibit B (Aug 22, 2013)

SITE PLAN

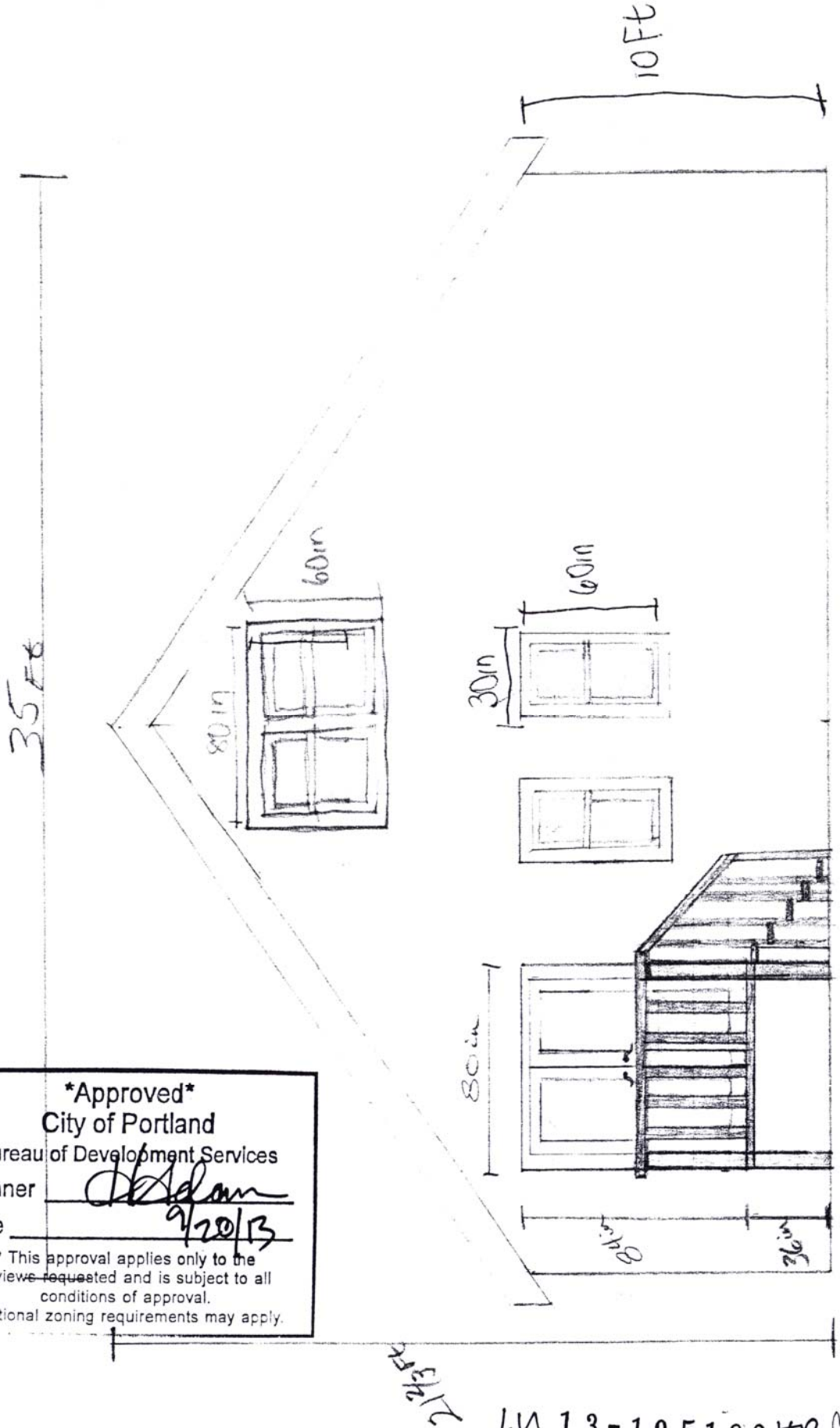
RONTAL 8/20



Approved
City of Portland
Bureau of Development Services
Planner *[Signature]*
Date 9/20/13
* This approval applies only to the reviews requested and is subject to all conditions of approval. Additional zoning requirements may apply.

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Scale 1/4" = 52 1/2'



Approved
City of Portland
 Bureau of Development Services
 Planner *Adam*
 Date 9/20/13
 * This approval applies only to the reviews requested and is subject to all conditions of approval.
 Additional zoning requirements may apply.

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