

BAR Meeting  
July 15, 2015

**ISSUE:** Partial Demolition and Alterations

**APPLICANT:** Tyler and Ruby Schropp

**LOCATION:** 609 South Fairfax Street

**ZONE:** RM / Residential

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**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends approval of the application with the following archaeology conditions:

1. The archaeology conditions below shall appear on all site plans and construction drawings that involve demolition or ground disturbance (including Basement/Foundation Plans, Demolition, Erosion and Sediment Control, Grading, Landscaping, Utilities, and Sheeting and Shoring) so that on-site contractors are aware of the requirements.
  - a. The applicant/developer shall call Alexandria Archaeology immediately (703-838-4399) if any buried structural remains (wall foundations, wells, privies, cisterns, etc.) or concentrations of artifacts are discovered during development. Work must cease in the area of the discovery until a City archaeologist comes to the site and records the finds.
  - b. The applicant/developer shall not allow any metal detection or artifact collection to be conducted on the property, unless authorized by Alexandria Archaeology.

## **GENERAL NOTES TO THE APPLICANT**

1. **ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS AND PERMITS TO DEMOLISH:** Applicants must obtain a stamped copy of the Certificate of Appropriateness or Permit to Demolish PRIOR to applying for a building permit. Contact BAR Staff, Room 2100, City Hall, 703-746-3833, or [preservation@alexandriava.gov](mailto:preservation@alexandriava.gov) for further information.
2. **APPEAL OF DECISION:** In accordance with the Zoning Ordinance, if the Board of Architectural Review denies or approves an application in whole or in part, the applicant or opponent may appeal the Board's decision to City Council on or before 14 days after the decision of the Board.
3. **COMPLIANCE WITH BAR POLICIES:** All materials must comply with the BAR's adopted policies unless otherwise specifically approved.
4. **BUILDING PERMITS:** Most projects approved by the Board of Architectural Review require the issuance of one or more construction permits by Building and Fire Code Administration (including signs). The applicant is responsible for obtaining all necessary construction permits after receiving Board of Architectural Review approval. Contact Code Administration, Room 4200, City Hall, 703-838-4360 for further information.
5. **EXPIRATION OF APPROVALS NOTE:** In accordance with Sections 10-106(B) and 10-206(B) of the Zoning Ordinance, any official Board of Architectural Review approval will expire 12 months from the date of issuance if the work is not commenced and diligently and substantially pursued by the end of that 12-month period.
6. **HISTORIC PROPERTY TAX CREDITS:** Applicants performing extensive, certified rehabilitations of historic properties may separately be eligible for state and/or federal tax credits. Consult with the Virginia Department of Historic Resources (VDHR) prior to initiating any work to determine whether the proposed project may qualify for such credits.



**BAR2015-00197 & BAR2015-00198**



**Note:**

*Staff coupled the reports for BAR #2015-0197 (Permit to Demolish) and BAR #2015-0198 (Certificate of Appropriateness) for clarity and brevity. This item requires a roll call vote.*

**I. ISSUE**

The applicant is proposing to rework the existing open porch at the rear of the building and to expand the third floor balcony. An existing balcony and pergola will be removed above the second story and it will be replaced with a new balcony atop the existing porch. The porch will be screened with fixed louvered painted wood shutters at the second story, replacing standard lattice.

The rear porch is obliquely visible from South Fairfax Street and partially visible through rear yards from Gibbon Street in the winter months.

**II. HISTORY**

Historic maps indicate that there was a structure on this property at least by the late 19<sup>th</sup> century and Ethelyn Cox in *Historic Alexandria, Virginia Street by Street*, states that the standing structure dates to possibly to the **early 19<sup>th</sup> century**, a clapboard building with stuccoed ends, two stories, at the time Ms. Cox completed the research. Although historic maps indicate that there was a building with a similar footprint dating to pre-1877, the existing windows, foundation, dormer and siding are all later materials. John Rust was hired for an extensive renovation of the property in the 1970s. Additional research into whether there is any existing historic framing or roof rafters would be necessary in order to determine if this house was entirely rebuilt. The rear addition, and rear porch that is the subject of the request, was approved by the BAR in **1977** (5/18/1977).

**III. ANALYSIS**

The project is in compliance with zoning ordinance requirements.

In considering a Permit to Demolish, the Board must consider the following criteria set forth in the Zoning Ordinance, §10-105(B):

- (1) Is the building or structure of such architectural or historical interest that its moving, removing, capsulating or razing would be to the detriment of the public interest?
- (2) Is the building or structure of such interest that it could be made into a historic house?
- (3) Is the building or structure of such old and unusual or uncommon design, texture and material that it could not be reproduced or be reproduced only with great difficulty?
- (4) Would retention of the building or structure help preserve the memorial character of the George Washington Memorial Parkway?
- (5) Would retention of the building or structure help preserve and protect an historic place or area of historic interest in the city?
- (6) Would retention of the building or structure promote the general welfare by maintaining and increasing real estate values, generating business, creating new positions, attracting tourists, students, writers, historians, artists and artisans, attracting new residents, encouraging study and interest in American history, stimulating interest and study in architecture and design,

educating citizens in American culture and heritage, and making the city a more attractive and desirable place in which to live?

None of the above criteria are met, in the opinion of staff. The area proposed for partial demolition is limited to a 1977 rear balcony above the second story. The lattice being removed would not be considered appropriate and may not have been approved by the BAR. Therefore, staff has no objection to the proposed partial demolition.

The *Design Guidelines* note that “porches should be appropriate to the historical style of the structure” and “should be made of materials which are sympathetic to the building materials found in the historic districts.” Staff finds the proposed redesign of the porch to be appropriate and consistent with the *Guidelines*. The scale and design of the porch is appropriate to the rear addition and the use of painted wood louvered shutters and trim are compatible with materials found throughout the district.

Staff strongly supports the redesign of this porch finding it an improvement over the existing conditions. Staff conditions approval with Archaeology’s requested conditions.

**STAFF**

Catherine K. Miliaras, Historic Preservation Planner, Planning & Zoning  
Al Cox, FAIA, Historic Preservation Manager, Planning & Zoning

#### IV. CITY DEPARTMENT COMMENTS

Legend: C- code requirement R- recommendation S- suggestion F- finding

##### Zoning Comments

C-1 Proposed alterations to existing porch and 3<sup>rd</sup> floor balcony comply with zoning.

##### Code Administration

F-1 The following comments are for BAR review only. Once the applicant has filed for a building permit and additional information has been provided, code requirements will be based upon the building permit plans and the additional information submitted. If there are any questions, the applicant may contact Charles Cooper, Plan Review Division at Charles.cooper@alexandriava.gov or 703-746-4197.

C-1 Building and trades permits are required for this project. Five sets of *construction documents* that fully detail the construction as well as layout and schematics of the mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems shall accompany the permit application(s) the building official shall be notified in writing by the owner if the registered design professional in the responsible charge is changed or is unable to continue to perform the duties.

C-2 New construction must comply with the current edition of the Uniform Statewide Building Code (USBC).

##### Transportation and Environmental Services

R-1 The building permit must be approved and issued prior to the issuance of any permit for demolition. (T&ES)

R-2 Applicant shall be responsible for repairs to the adjacent city right-of-way if damaged during construction activity. (T&ES)

R-3 No permanent structure may be constructed over any existing private and/or public utility easements. It is the responsibility of the applicant to identify any and all existing easements on the plan. (T&ES)

F-1 After review of the information provided, an approved grading plan is not required at this time. Please note that if any changes are made to the plan it is suggested that T&ES be included in the review. (T&ES)

F-2 If the alley located at the side of the parcel is to be used at any point of the construction process the following will be required:  
For a Public Alley - The applicant shall contact T&ES, Construction Management & Inspections at (703) 746-4035 to discuss any permits and accommodation requirements that will be required.

For a Private Alley - The applicant must provide proof, in the form of an affidavit at a minimum, from owner of the alley granting permission of use. (T&ES)

- C-1 The applicant shall comply with the City of Alexandria's Solid Waste Control, Title 5, Chapter 1, which sets forth the requirements for the recycling of materials (Sec. 5-1-99). (T&ES)
- C-2 The applicant shall comply with the City of Alexandria's Noise Control Code, Title 11, Chapter 5, which sets the maximum permissible noise level as measured at the property line. (T&ES)
- C-3 Roof, surface and sub-surface drains be connected to the public storm sewer system, if available, by continuous underground pipe. Where storm sewer is not available applicant must provide a design to mitigate impact of stormwater drainage onto adjacent properties and to the satisfaction of the Director of Transportation & Environmental Services. (Sec.5-6-224) (T&ES)
- C-4 All secondary utilities serving this site shall be placed underground. (Sec. 5-3-3) (T&ES)
- C-5 Any work within the right-of-way requires a separate permit from T&ES. (Sec. 5-2) (T&ES)
- C-6 All improvements to the city right-of-way such as curbing, sidewalk, driveway aprons, etc. must be city standard design. (Sec. 5-2-1) (T&ES)

### **Alexandria Archaeology**

#### **Finding**

- 1. Although the proposed project likely will have little or no impact on the ground surface, historic maps indicate that there was a structure on this property at least by the late 19<sup>th</sup> century and Ethelyn Cox in *Historic Alexandria, Virginia Street by Street*, states that the standing structure dates to probably to the early 19<sup>th</sup> century, a clapboard building with stuccoed ends, two stories (1976:51). The property therefore has the potential to yield archaeological resources which could provide insight into domestic activities in 19<sup>th</sup>-century Alexandria.

#### **Recommendations**

- \*1. The applicant/developer shall call Alexandria Archaeology immediately (703-838-4399) if any buried structural remains (wall foundations, wells, privies, cisterns, etc.) or concentrations of artifacts are discovered during development. Work must cease in the area of the discovery until a City archaeologist comes to the site and records the finds.
- \*2. The applicant/developer shall not allow any metal detection or artifact collection to be conducted on the property, unless authorized by Alexandria Archaeology.

3. The statements in archaeology conditions above marked with an asterisk “\*” shall appear in the General Notes of all site plans and on all site plan sheets that involve demolition or ground disturbance (including Basement/Foundation Plans, Demolition, Erosion and Sediment Control, Grading, Landscaping, Utilities, and Sheeting and Shoring) so that on-site contractors are aware of the requirements.

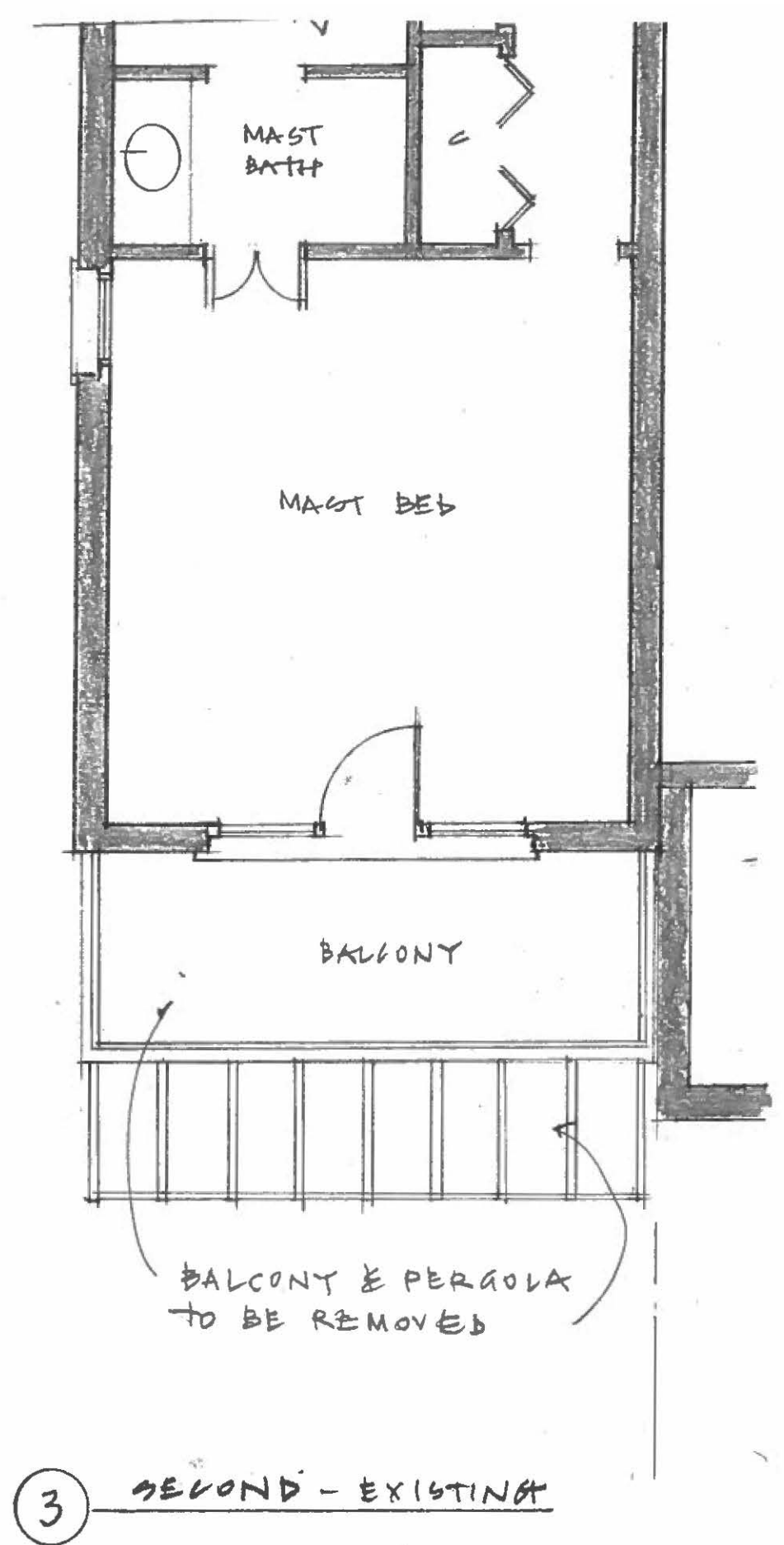
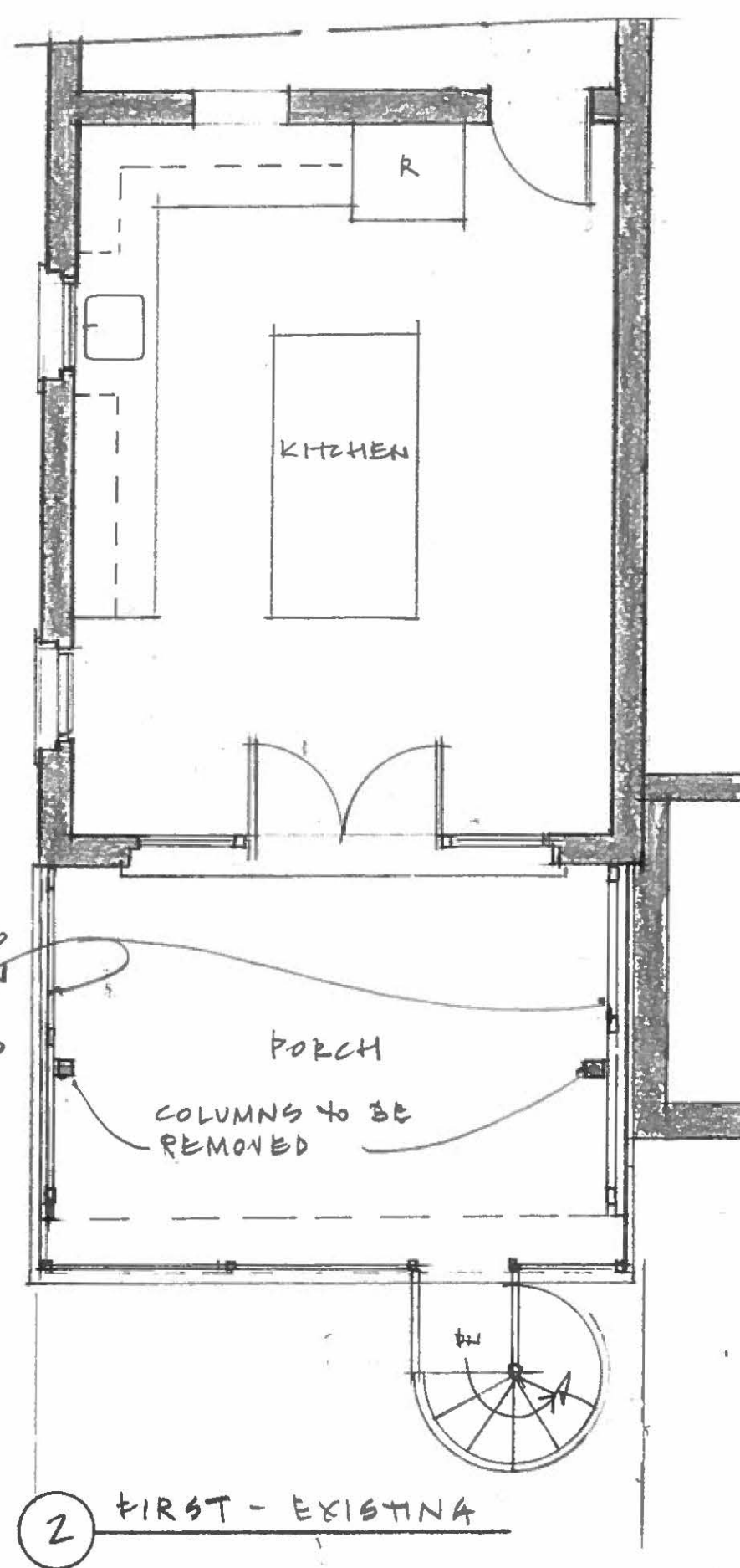
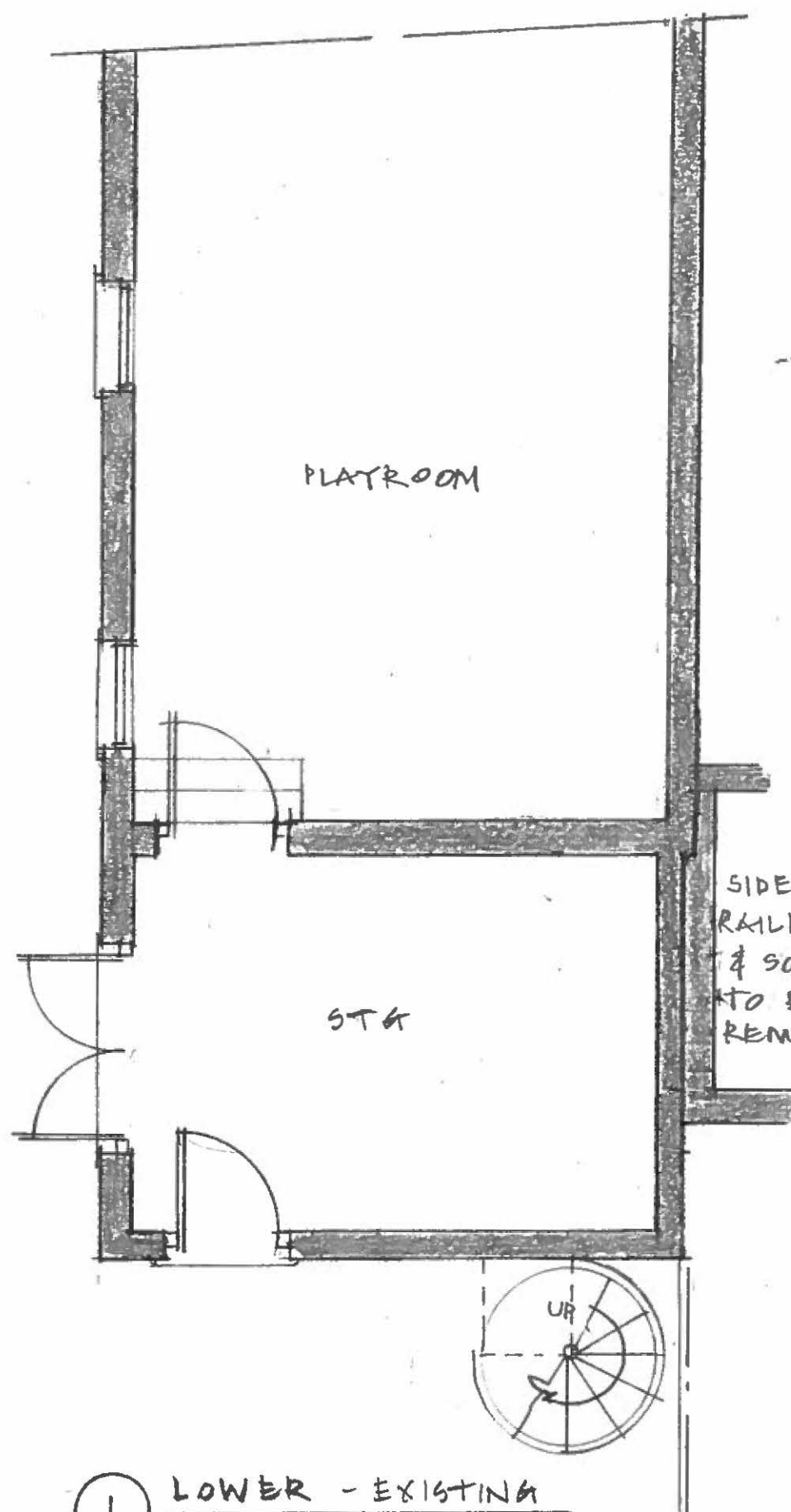
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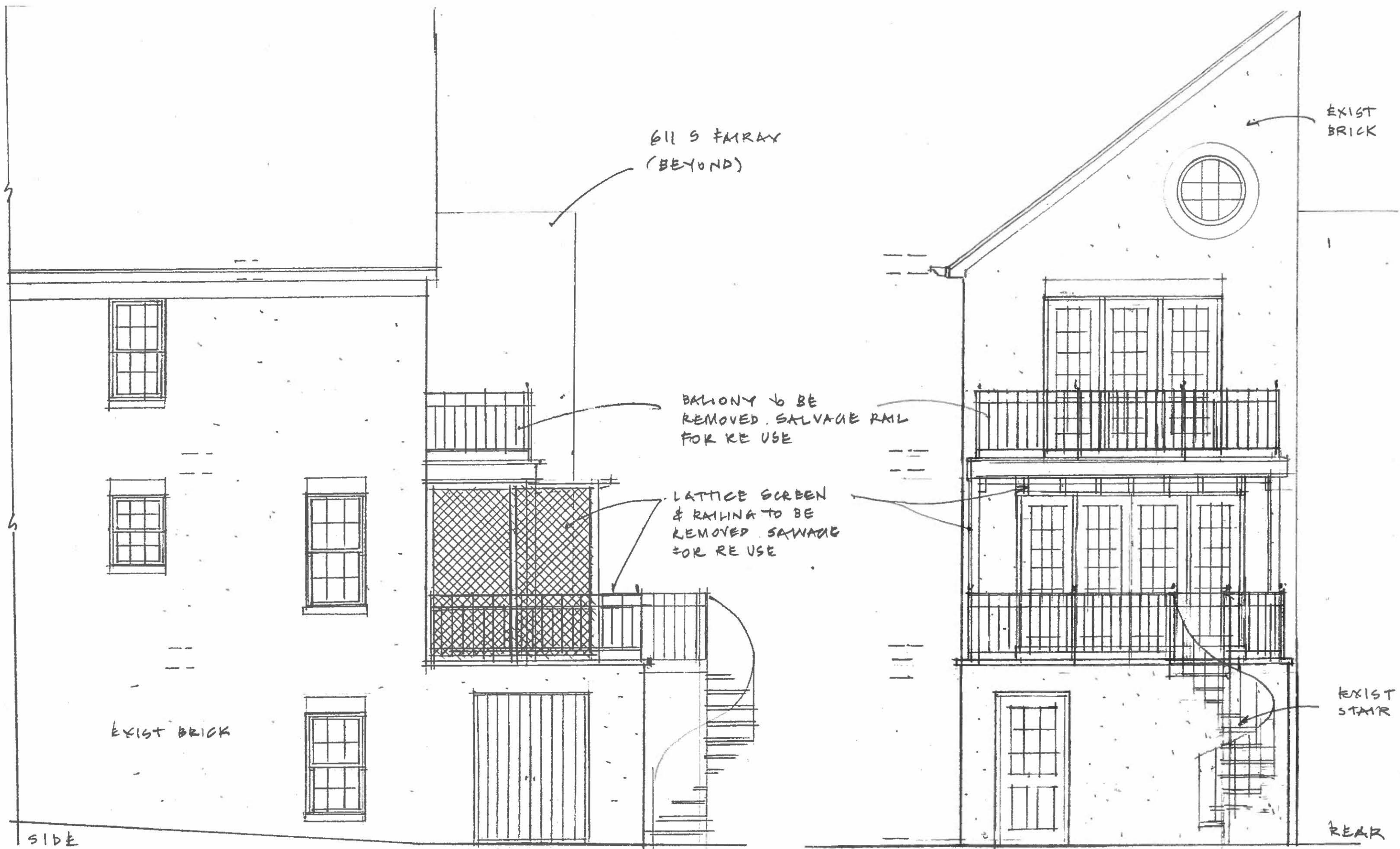
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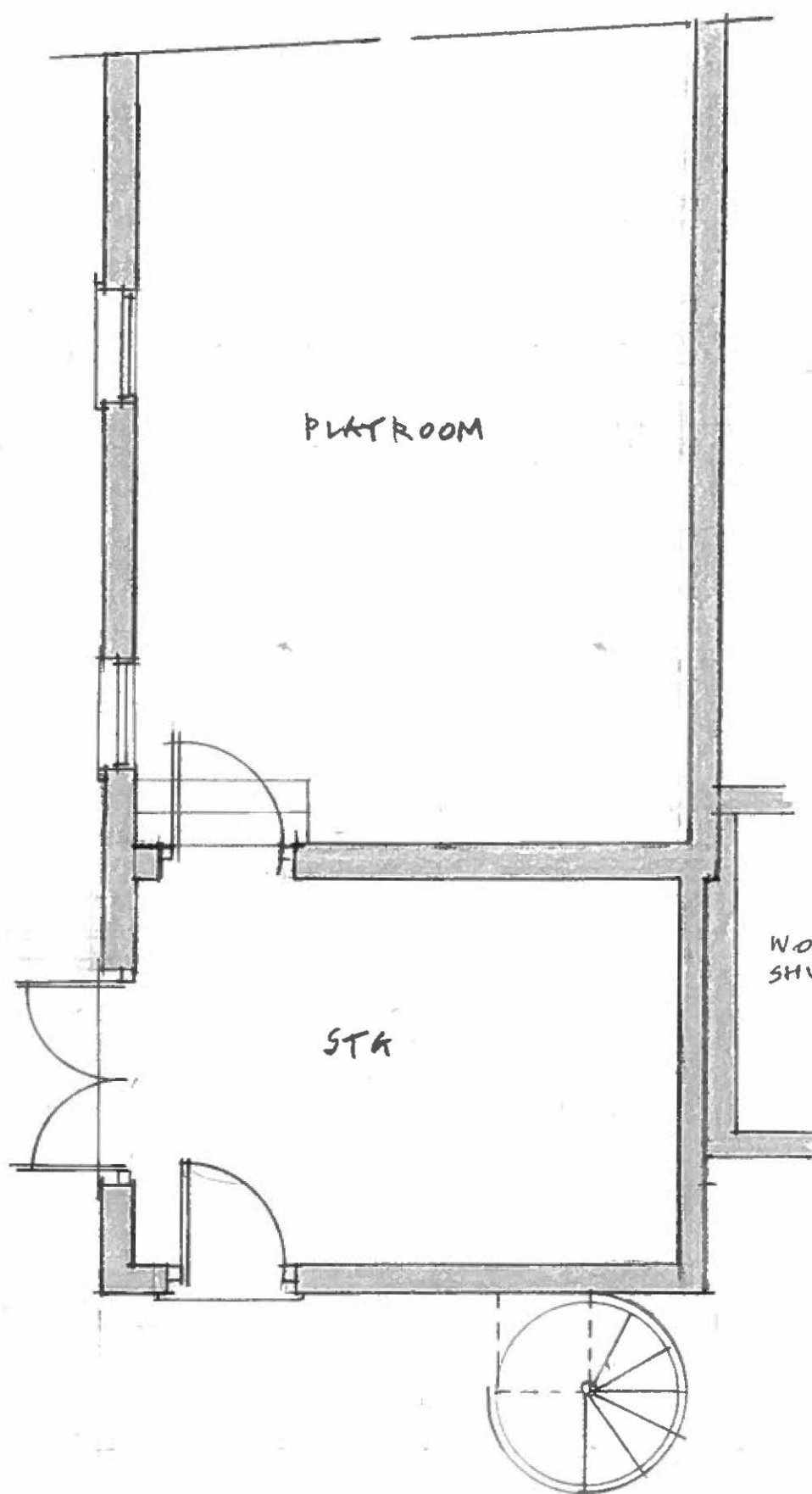




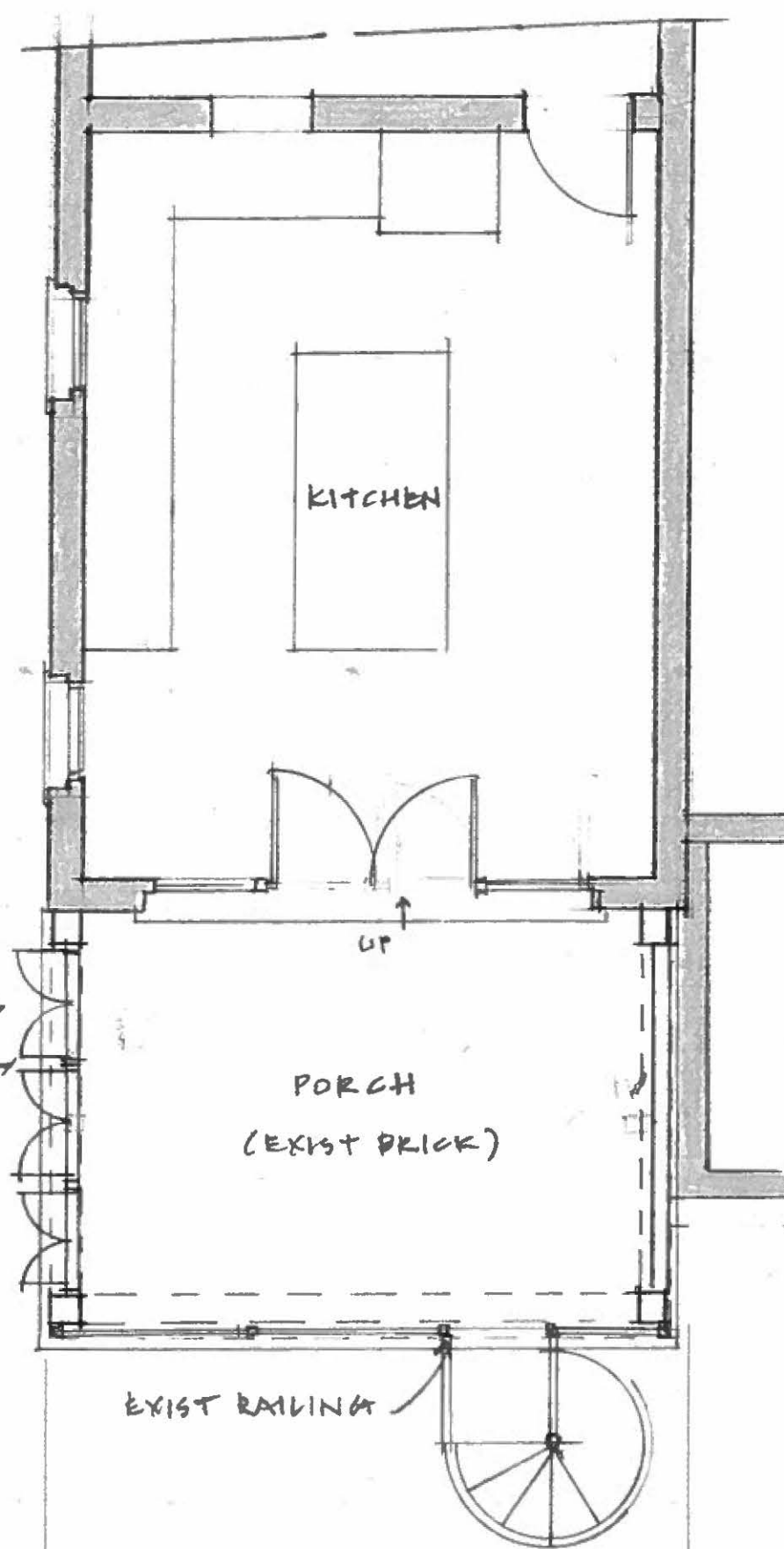




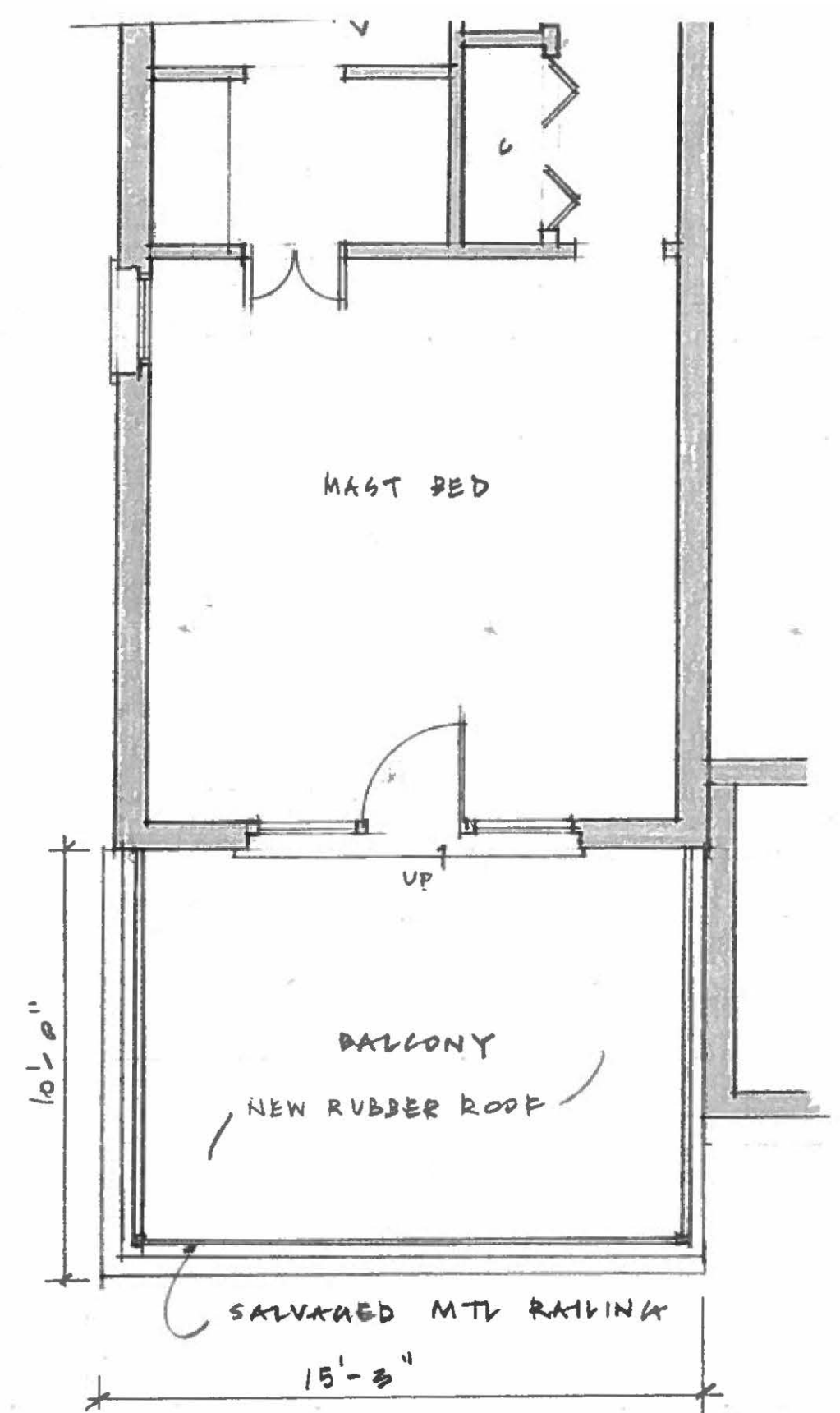




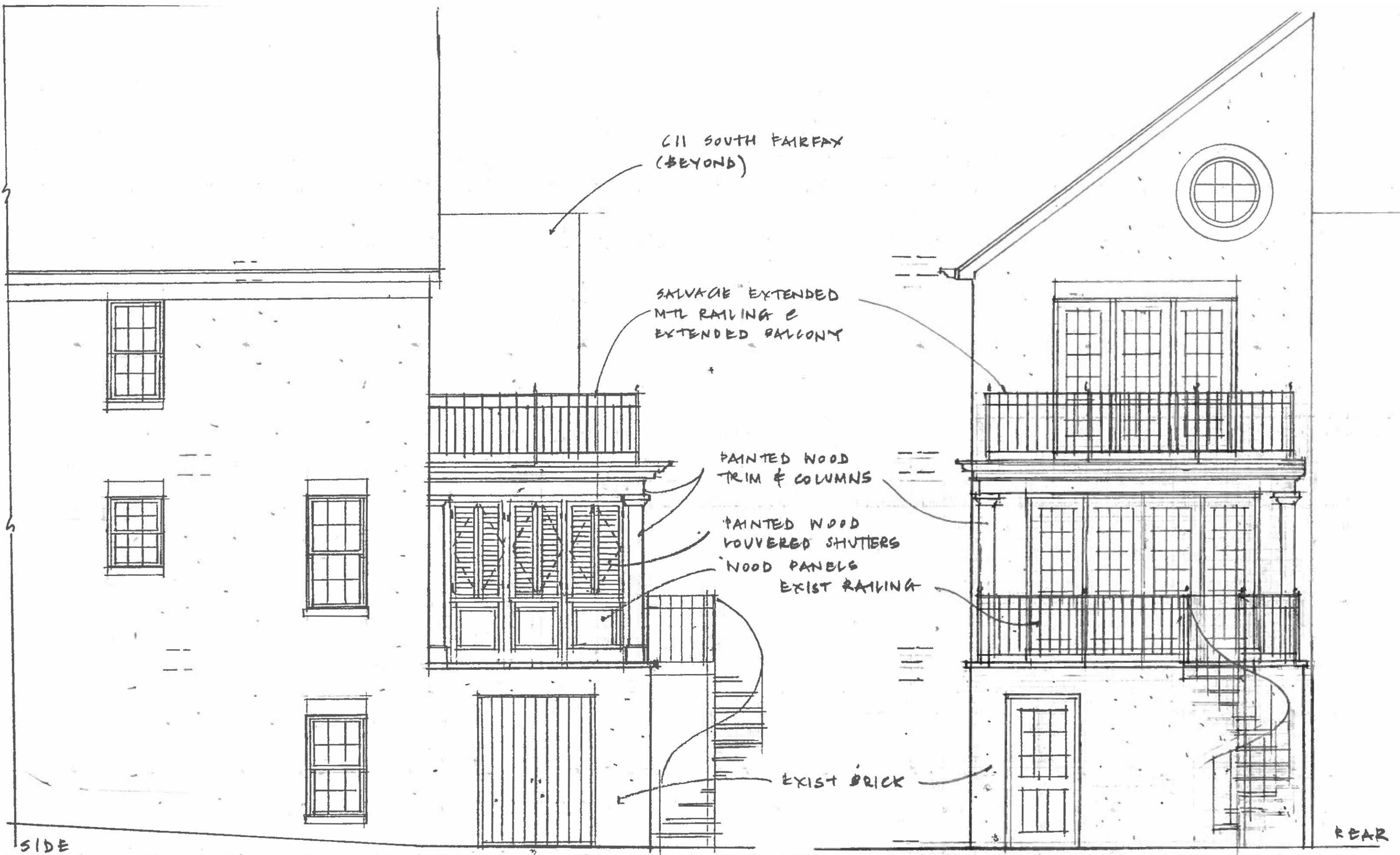
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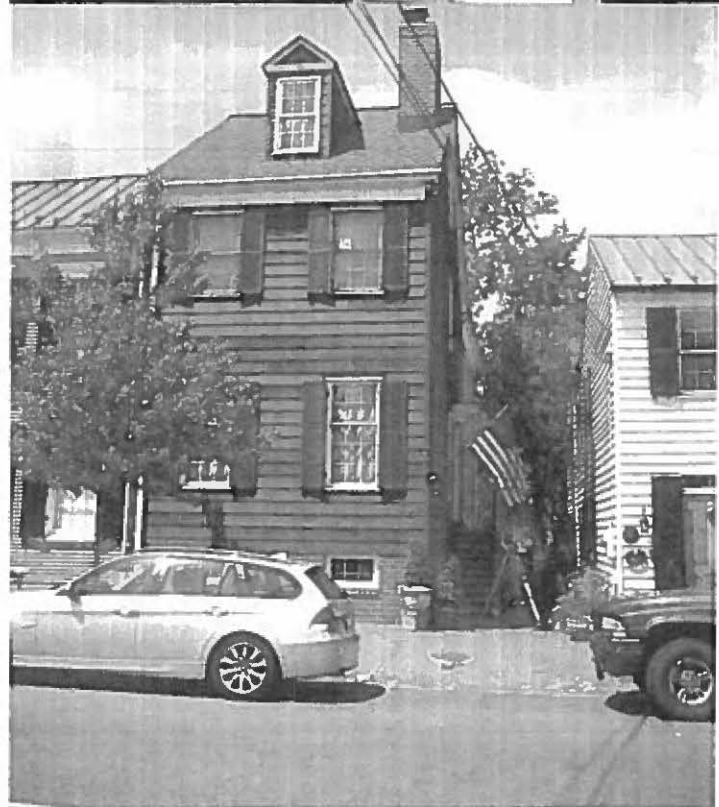
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REAR

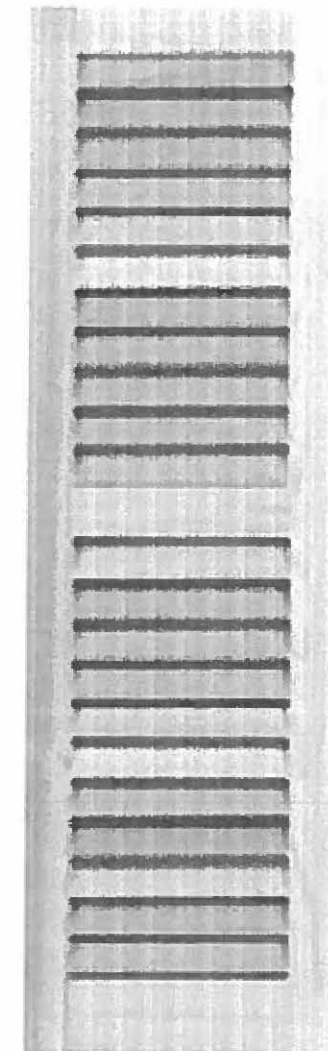




Front and Rear



Side elevation



Southern Shutter Company  
Design Line  
1 3/8" Flush Stile & Rail Shutters

Painted

ADDRESS OF PROJECT: 609 SOUTH FAIRFAX STTAX MAP AND PARCEL: 80 02-07-43 ZONING: RM

## APPLICATION FOR: (Please check all that apply)

☒ CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS☒ PERMIT TO MOVE, REMOVE, ENCAPSULATE OR DEMOLISH  
(Required if more than 25 square feet of a structure is to be demolished/impacted)☐ WAIVER OF VISION CLEARANCE REQUIREMENT and/or YARD REQUIREMENTS IN A VISION  
CLEARANCE AREA (Section 7-802, Alexandria 1992 Zoning Ordinance)☐ WAIVER OF ROOFTOP HVAC SCREENING REQUIREMENT  
(Section 6-403(B)(3), Alexandria 1992 Zoning Ordinance)Applicant: ☒ Property Owner ☐ Business (Please provide business name & contact person)Name: TYLER & RUBY SCHROPPAddress: 609 SOUTH FAIRFAX STCity: ALEXANDRIA State: VA Zip: 22314Phone: 571 213 1966 E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_Authorized Agent (if applicable): ☐ Attorney ☐ Architect ☒ DESIGNERName: PATRICK CAMUS Phone: 703 626.1984E-mail: STUDIOCAMUS@COMCAST.NET

## Legal Property Owner:

Name: SAME

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | Is there an historic preservation easement on this property?               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No            | If yes, has the easement holder agreed to the proposed alterations?        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No            | Is there a homeowner's association for this property?                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No            | If yes, has the homeowner's association approved the proposed alterations? |

If you answered yes to any of the above, please attach a copy of the letter approving the project.

**NATURE OF PROPOSED WORK:** *Please check all that apply*☐ NEW CONSTRUCTION☒ EXTERIOR ALTERATION: *Please check all that apply.*☐ awning☐ fence, gate or garden wall☐ HVAC equipment☐ shutters☐ doors☐ windows☐ siding☐ shed☐ lighting☒ pergola/trellis☐ painting unpainted masonry☐ otherBALCONY / PORCH☐ ADDITION☒ DEMOLITION/ENCAPSULATION☐ SIGNAGE**DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED WORK:** *Please describe the proposed work in detail (Additional pages may be attached).*

REWORK EXISTING OPEN PORCH AT REAR  
 EXPAND THIRD FLOOR BALCONY / PORCH ROOF  
 NEW SCREENING W LOUVERED SHUTTERS

**SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS:**

Items listed below comprise the **minimum supporting materials** for BAR applications. Staff may request additional information during application review. Please refer to the relevant section of the *Design Guidelines* for further information on appropriate treatments.

Applicants must use the checklist below to ensure the application is complete. Include all information and material that are necessary to thoroughly describe the project. Incomplete applications will delay the docketing of the application for review. Pre-application meetings are required for all proposed additions. All applicants are encouraged to meet with staff prior to submission of a completed application.

Electronic copies of submission materials should be submitted whenever possible.

**Demolition/Encapsulation :** *All applicants requesting 25 square feet or more of demolition/encapsulation must complete this section. Check N/A if an item in this section does not apply to your project.*

- ☒ ☒ N/A
- ☒ ☐ Survey plat showing the extent of the proposed demolition/encapsulation.
- ☒ ☐ Existing elevation drawings clearly showing all elements proposed for demolition/encapsulation.
- ☒ ☐ Clear and labeled photographs of all elevations of the building if the entire structure is proposed to be demolished.
- ☒ ☐ Description of the reason for demolition/encapsulation.
- ☒ ☐ Description of the alternatives to demolition/encapsulation and why such alternatives are not considered feasible.



**Additions & New Construction:** Drawings must be to scale and should not exceed 11" x 17" unless approved by staff. All plans must be folded and collated into 3 complete 8 1/2" x 11" sets. Additional copies may be requested by staff for large-scale development projects or projects fronting Washington Street. Check N/A if an item in this section does not apply to your project.

- ☒ ☐ N/A Scaled survey plat showing dimensions of lot and location of existing building and other structures on the lot, location of proposed structure or addition, dimensions of existing structure(s), proposed addition or new construction, and all exterior, ground and roof mounted equipment.
- ☒ ☐ FAR & Open Space calculation form.
- ☐ Clear and labeled photographs of the site, surrounding properties and existing structures, if applicable.
- ☒ ☐ Existing elevations must be scaled and include dimensions.
- ☒ ☐ Proposed elevations must be scaled and include dimensions. Include the relationship to adjacent structures in plan and elevations.
- ☒ ☐ Materials and colors to be used must be specified and delineated on the drawings. Actual samples may be provided or required.
- ☒ ☐ Manufacturer's specifications for materials to include, but not limited to: roofing, siding, windows, doors, lighting, fencing, HVAC equipment and walls.
- ☐ For development site plan projects, a model showing mass relationships to adjacent properties and structures.

**Signs & Awnings:** One sign per building under one square foot does not require BAR approval unless illuminated. All other signs including window signs require BAR approval. Check N/A if an item in this section does not apply to your project.

- ☐ ☒ N/A Linear feet of building: Front: \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary front (if corner lot): \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ ☒ Square feet of existing signs to remain: \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ ☒ Photograph of building showing existing conditions.
- ☐ ☒ Dimensioned drawings of proposed sign identifying materials, color, lettering style and text.
- ☐ ☒ Location of sign (show exact location on building including the height above sidewalk).
- ☐ ☒ Means of attachment (drawing or manufacturer's cut sheet of bracket if applicable).
- ☐ ☒ Description of lighting (if applicable). Include manufacturer's cut sheet for any new lighting fixtures and information detailing how it will be attached to the building's facade.

**Alterations:** Check N/A if an item in this section does not apply to your project.

- ☒ ☐ N/A Clear and labeled photographs of the site, especially the area being impacted by the alterations, all sides of the building and any pertinent details.
- ☒ ☐ Manufacturer's specifications for materials to include, but not limited to: roofing, siding, windows, doors, lighting, fencing, HVAC equipment and walls.
- ☒ ☐ Drawings accurately representing the changes to the proposed structure, including materials and overall dimensions. Drawings must be to scale.
- ☒ ☐ An official survey plat showing the proposed locations of HVAC units, fences, and sheds.
- ☒ ☐ Historic elevations or photographs should accompany any request to return a structure to an earlier appearance.

**ALL APPLICATIONS:** *Please read and check that you have read and understand the following items:*

- ☒ I have submitted a filing fee with this application. (Checks should be made payable to the City of Alexandria. Please contact staff for assistance in determining the appropriate fee.)
- ☒ I understand the notice requirements and will return a copy of the three respective notice forms to BAR staff at least five days prior to the hearing. If I am unsure to whom I should send notice I will contact Planning and Zoning staff for assistance in identifying adjacent parcels.
- ☒ I, the applicant, or an authorized representative will be present at the public hearing.
- ☒ I understand that any revisions to this initial application submission (including applications deferred for restudy) must be accompanied by the BAR Supplemental form and 3 sets of revised materials.

The undersigned hereby attests that all of the information herein provided including the site plan, building elevations, prospective drawings of the project, and written descriptive information are true, correct and accurate. The undersigned further understands that, should such information be found incorrect, any action taken by the Board based on such information may be invalidated. The undersigned also hereby grants the City of Alexandria permission to post placard notice as required by Article XI, Division A, Section 11-301(B) of the 1992 Alexandria City Zoning Ordinance, on the property which is the subject of this application. The undersigned also hereby authorizes the City staff and members of the BAR to inspect this site as necessary in the course of research and evaluating the application. The applicant, if other than the property owner, also attests that he/she has obtained permission from the property owner to make this application.

**APPLICANT OR AUTHORIZED AGENT:**Signature: Printed Name: PATRICK CAMUSDate: 10 JUNE 15

# OWNERSHIP AND DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Use additional sheets if necessary

1. Applicant. State the name, address and percent of ownership of any person or entity owning an interest in the applicant, unless the entity is a corporation or partnership, in which case identify each owner of more than ten percent. The term ownership interest shall include any legal or equitable interest held at the time of the application in the real property which is the subject of the application.

Name	Address	Percent of Ownership
1. TYLER & RUBY SCHROPP	609 SOUTH FAIRFAX	100%
2.		
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2. Property. State the name, address and percent of ownership of any person or entity owning an interest in the property located at 609 S FAIRFAX (address), unless the entity is a corporation or partnership, in which case identify each owner of more than ten percent. The term ownership interest shall include any legal or equitable interest held at the time of the application in the real property which is the subject of the application.

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3. Business or Financial Relationships. Each person or entity listed above (1 and 2), with an ownership interest in the applicant or in the subject property is required to disclose any business or financial relationship, as defined by Section 11-350 of the Zoning Ordinance, existing at the time of this application, or within the 12-month period prior to the submission of this application with any member of the Alexandria City Council, Planning Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals or either Boards of Architectural Review.

Name of person or entity	Relationship as defined by Section 11-350 of the Zoning Ordinance	Member of the Approving Body (i.e. City Council, Planning Commission, etc.)
1. N/A		
2.		
3.		

**NOTE: Business or financial relationships of the type described in Sec. 11-350 that arise after the filing of this application and before each public hearing must be disclosed prior to the public hearings.**

As the applicant or the applicant's authorized agent, I hereby attest to the best of my ability that the information provided above is true and correct.

10 JUNE 15

Date

PATRICK CAMUS

Printed Name

  
Signature