STAFF REPORT 10-13-2021 REGULAR MEETING

APPLICATION NUMBER: 21-7512
ADDRESS: 1091 SEMINOLE STREET
HISTORIC DISTRICT: INDIAN VILLAGE
APPLICANT: KYLE SMITLEY & ALEX RHEA

PROPERTY OWNER: KYLE SMITLEY & ALEX RHEA

DATE OF PROVISIONALLY COMPLETE APPLICATION: 7-21-2021

DATE OF STAFF SITE VISIT: 9-30-2021

SCOPE: DEMOLISH EXISTING REAR SIDE PORCH AND ERECT NEW REAR SIDE PORCH; MODIFY EXISTING REAR ADDITION

PREPARED BY: A. PHILLIPS

EXISTING CONDITIONS

The building located at 1091 Seminole Street is a 2 ½-story single-family residence that was constructed ca. 1905. The building was designed by Albert Kahn and is clad in red brick at the first floor and stucco at the second floor. Painted wood details accentuate the structure. The elevated front entry door, located on the right side of the asymmetrical front facade is accessed via a large porch and is protected from the elements with a small arched roof. The large two-story sun room addition at the left end of the massing of the house replaced a small side porch between 1915 and 1951. The sunroom addition incorporates a single-story rear porch. The work occurring in the photograph below was approved by HDC staff in 2020.



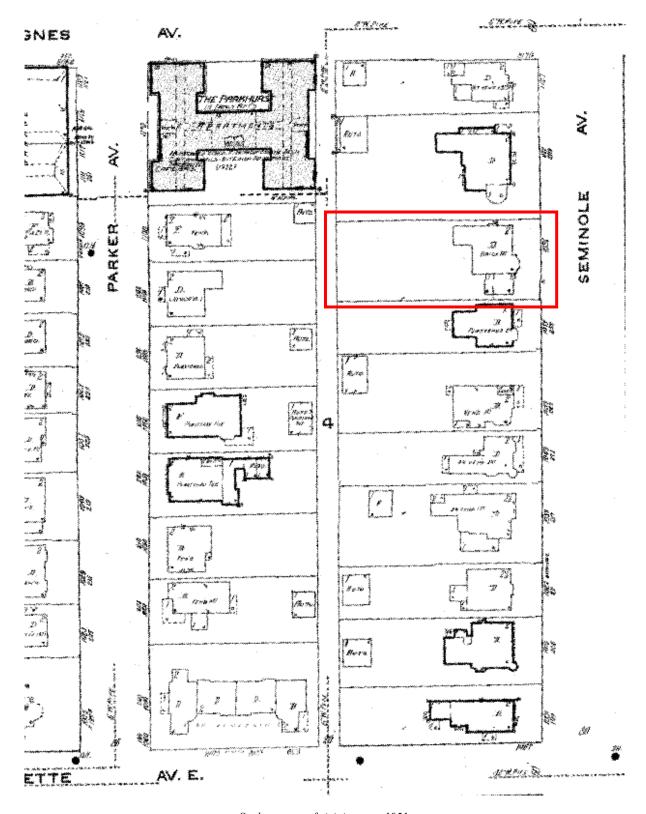
1091 Seminole. View from Seminole Street looking southwest. Photo taken by HDC staff, September 30, 2021.



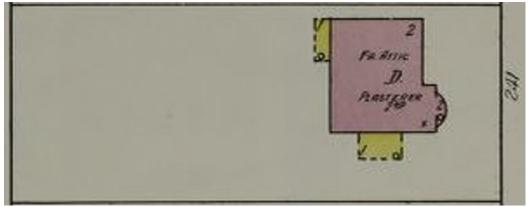
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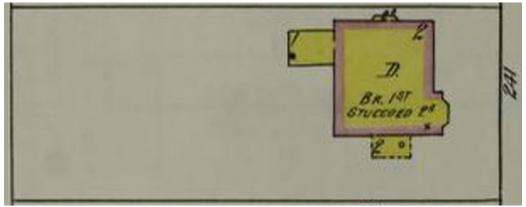
1091 Seminole. View of rear of house. Applicant photo, date unknown.



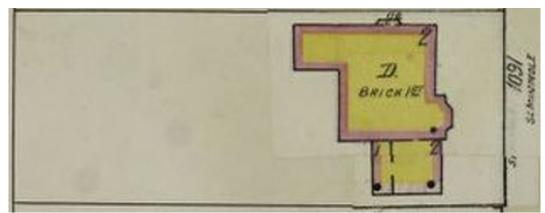
Sanborn map of vicinity, post-1951.



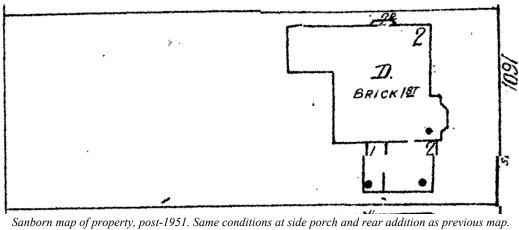
Sanborn map of property, circa 1910. Note footprints of single-story side porch and single-story rear porch.



Sanborn map of property, circa 1915. Note side porch is now two-stories and rear porch has become an enclosed addition.



Sanborn map of property, circa 1951. Note footprint of side porch has enlarged substantially and now has a portion that is one-story and a portion two-stories. Also note the rear addition is now a two-story addition to the main massing of the house.

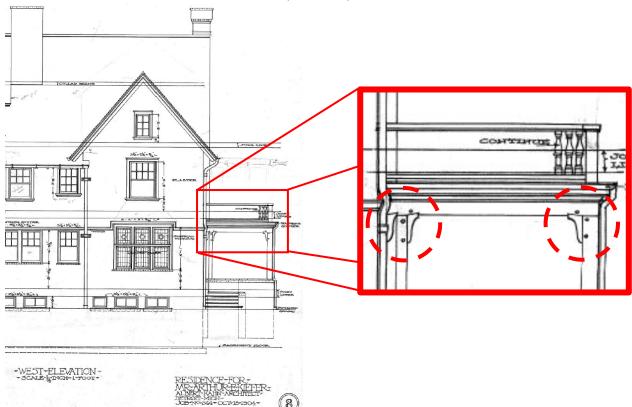


PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Per the submitted application, the applicant is seeking the Commission's approval to demolish the existing rear side porch and erect a new rear side porch in same location as well as making exterior alterations to the existing rear addition.

STAFF OBSERVATIONS & RESEARCH

- Indian Village Historic District was designated in 1970.
- While performing a routine site visit as part of the application process, staff observed work actively being performed. Staff confirmed that the work being performed was approved by HDC staff on December 8th, 2020 (see COA attached for detailed scope of work).
- Regarding the side rear porch demolition and erection of new porch and the alteration to existing door and window openings at the exterior wall:
 - O As shown in the Sanborn maps on the previous page, at some point between 1915 and 1951, the original side porch was replaced with a much larger two-story addition in the same location. It appears that the single-story porch that exists today was added at the same time the 2-story addition replaced the original side porch. It is unknown whether this addition and porch was designed by Kahn, however, the porch incorporates architectural details shown in Kahn's original drawings from 1904, specifically the details of the column construction and connection details (see below).



Albert Kahn drawing, 1904, provided by applicant

- The rear side porch is of historic age regardless of whether or not it is original to the construction of the house in 1905.
- O It is staff's opinion that the rear side porch is an important and distinctive character-defining feature of the property due to its architectural details, location, design, and social history specifically the lack of an exit from the porch which indicates the intent of the porch was to expand the interior living space and not to serve as an access point to the rear yard. As noted in the National Park Service Preservation Brief 45:

 Preserving Historic Wood Porches (NPS Preservation Brief 45), "The social role of the porch increased as it evolved into an outdoor parlor, a true extension of the house into the landscape. Often partially screened by shrubs, porches could provide occupants with discreet opportunities for social contacts that might otherwise be difficult to achieve in an age obsessed with manners and proprieties." It is also possible that when the original side porch (as shown in the drawing above) was replaced with the enclosed addition, the side porch itself was salvaged and moved/rebuilt at the rear façade. According to NPS Preservation Brief

- 45, "Wood porches have made an enduring contribution to our built environment. Porches are significant because of the special character they impart to a historic building and their role in our social and cultural history. A porch is an open sheltered part of a building, providing a covered entrance, and where larger, serving as an outdoor activity room. It represents an outdoor extension of a building, a place guests can initially be sheltered from weather, even welcomed and entertained."
- O The proposed new porch is not an in-kind replacement as it will be slightly larger in footprint, and will incorporate design features such as stairs and a balustrade which are not currently present.
- O While some areas of the porch may appear deteriorated, much of the integrity of the materials and design of the historic porch remain and simply require repair. In areas where details are beyond repair or missing completely, they should be replaced in-kind.
- O Staff finds that the demolition of the existing porch and erection of a new porch, as proposed, is in appropriate as it does not meet the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation because it removes historic materials and alters spaces which characterize the property.
- Staff finds that the proposal to expand the existing door width and enlarge the height of the window opening at the exterior wall of the house adjacent to the porch inappropriate as it does not meet the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation because it alters the space of the character-defining porch and removes the historic character of that space.

• Regarding the exterior modifications to the existing addition at the north end of the house:

- As shown in the Sanborn maps on the previous page, the original small rear porch was replaced with a larger single-story enclosed addition between 1910 and 1915. By 1951, that single-story enclosed addition had grown to the two-story addition that exists today. There is no remnant of the original small rear porch existing today.
- The monolithic brick wall of the addition is not a character-defining feature of the property. The proposal to modify the brick wall is very minimal and includes the creation of a new masonry opening to accommodate a new door and transom as well as the erection of a small porch with stairs providing access to the rear yard.

ISSUES

- Regarding the side rear porch demolition and erection of new porch and the alteration to existing door and window openings at the exterior wall:
 - o The proposed demolition of the existing historic side rear porch and modification of door and window openings and the erection of a new porch are inappropriate for the historic property, its site and setting as it removes historic materials and alters spaces which characterize the property.
- Regarding the exterior modifications to the existing addition at the north end of the house:
 - No issues

RECOMMENDATION

<u>Section 21-2-78, Determinations of Historic District Commission (Demolition of existing side rear porch and erection of new porch including alteration to existing door and window openings at the exterior wall)</u>

It is staff's opinion that the proposal to demolish the existing historic side rear porch and erection of new porch including the alteration to the existing door and window openings at the exterior wall of the house, as proposed, removes historic materials and alters spaces which characterize the property, and is inappropriate with respect to the character of this property and its environment. Staff therefore recommends that the Commission issue a Denial for the proposed work because it does not meet the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation, especially Standards:

- (2) The historic character of a property shall be retained and preserved. The removal of historic materials or alteration of features and spaces that characterize a property shall be avoided.
- (3) Each property shall 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 architectural elements from other buildings, shall not be undertaken.
- (4) Most properties change over time; those changes that have acquired historic significance in their own

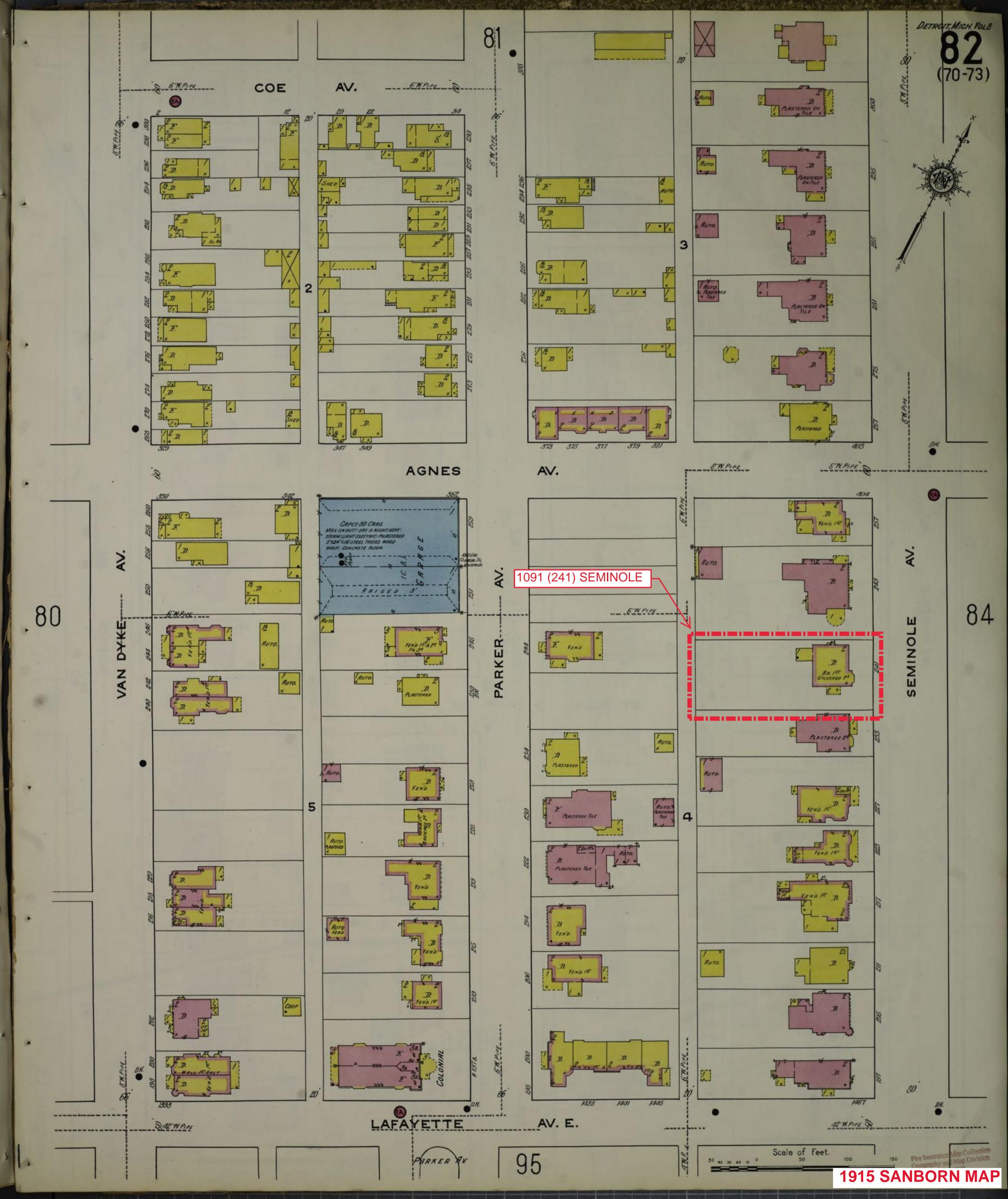
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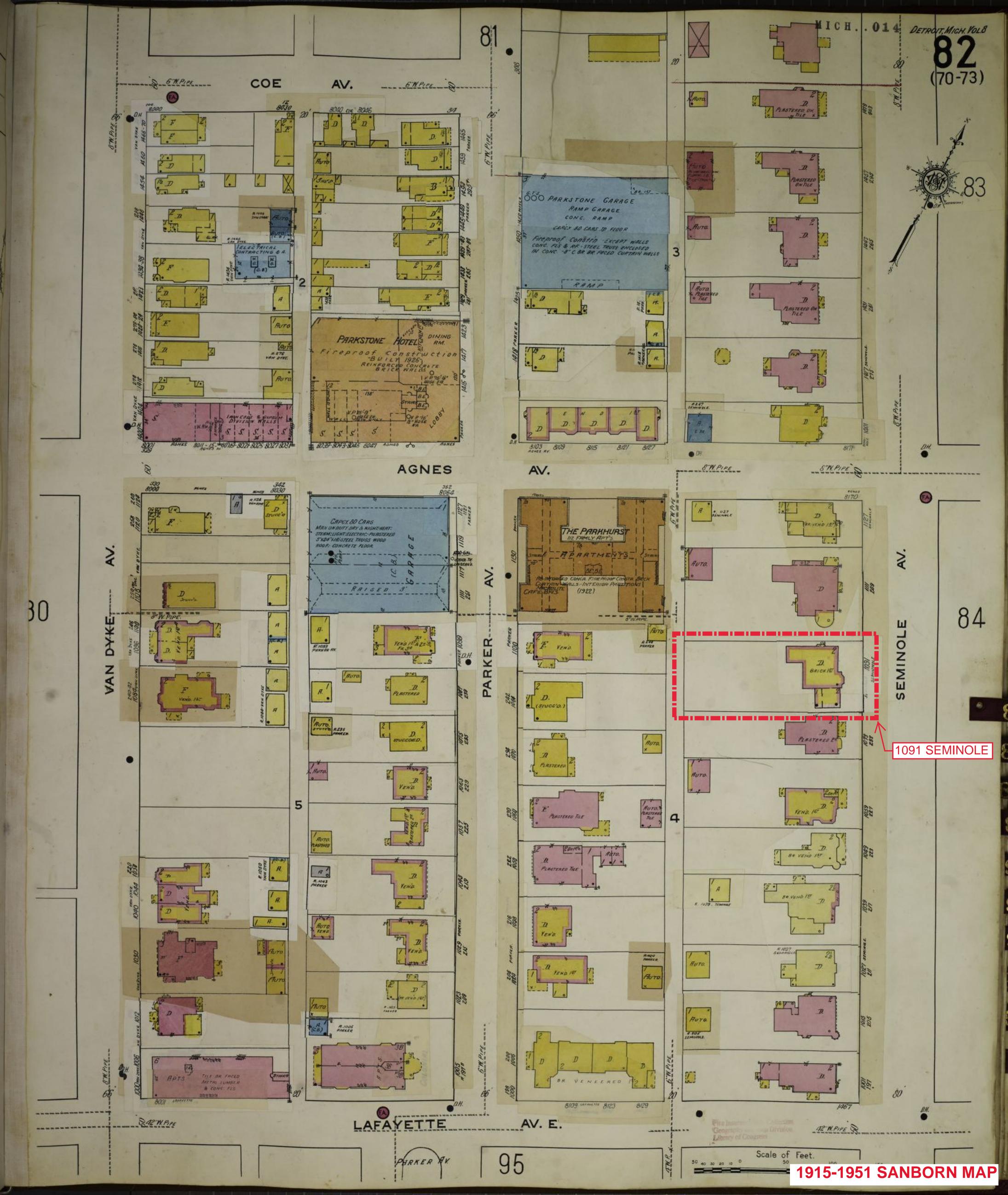
- (5) Distinctive features, finishes, and construction techniques or examples of craftsmanship that characterize a historic property shall be preserved.
- (6) Deteriorated historic features shall be repaired rather than replaced. Where the severity of deterioration requires replacement of a distinctive feature, the new feature shall match the old in design, color, texture, and other visual qualities and, where possible, materials. Replacement of missing features shall be substantiated by documentary, physical, or pictorial evidence.
- (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.

Section 21-2-78, Determinations of Historic District Commission (Exterior modifications to the existing addition at the north end of the house including the creation of a new masonry opening for door and transom as well as the erection of a small porch and stairs to access the rear yard)

It is staff's opinion that the proposal to create a new masonry opening for a new door and transom at the south wall of the existing north addition and the erection of a new small porch with stairs to access the rear yard at that location, as proposed should qualify for a Certificate of Appropriateness. Staff recommends that the Commission approve a COA for the proposed application, as it meets the Secretary of the Interior's Standards and the Indian Village Elements of Design.













THIS IS A 3-PAGE FORM - ALL INFORMATION IS REQUIRED FOR PROJECT REVIEW

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION PROJECT REVIEW REQUEST

DATE: 7-26-21

City of Detroit - Planning & Development Department 2 Woodward Avenue, Suite 808
Detroit Michigan 48226

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PROPERTY INFORMATION	
ADDRESS(ES): 1091 SEMINOLE STREET AKA:	
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APPLICANT IDENTIFICATION	REMOVED
Property Owner/ Homeowner Contractor Tenant or Business Oc NAME: FYLE SMITLEY & ALEX RHEA COMPANY NAM	
ADDRESS: 1424 1800 WIS STREET CITY: DETROIT	
	EMAIL: FYLESMITLEY & GMAIL. COM
PROJECT REVIEW REQUEST CHECKLIST	
Please attach the following documentation to your request: *PLEASE KEEP FILE SIZE OF ENTIRE SUBMISSION UNDER 30MB*	NOTE:
Completed Building Permit Application (highlighted portions only)	Based on the scope of work, additional documentation may be required.
ePLANS Permit Number (only applicable if you've already applied for permits through ePLANS)	See www.detroitmi.gov/hdc for scope- specific requirements.
Current Photographs: Including the front of the building & detailed the proposed work. All photographs must be labeled or captioned,	
Description of existing conditions (including materials and des	sign)
Description of project (if replacing any existing material(s), inclured replacementrather than repairof existing and/or construction	
Detailed scope of work (formatted as bulleted list)	
Brochure/cut sheets for proposed replacement material(s) and/	or product(s), as applicable
Upon receipt of this documentation, staff will review and inform you of the permit from the Buildings. Safety Engineering and Environmental Department	

SUBMIT COMPLETED REQUESTS TO: HDC@DETROITMI.GOV

P2 - BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATION

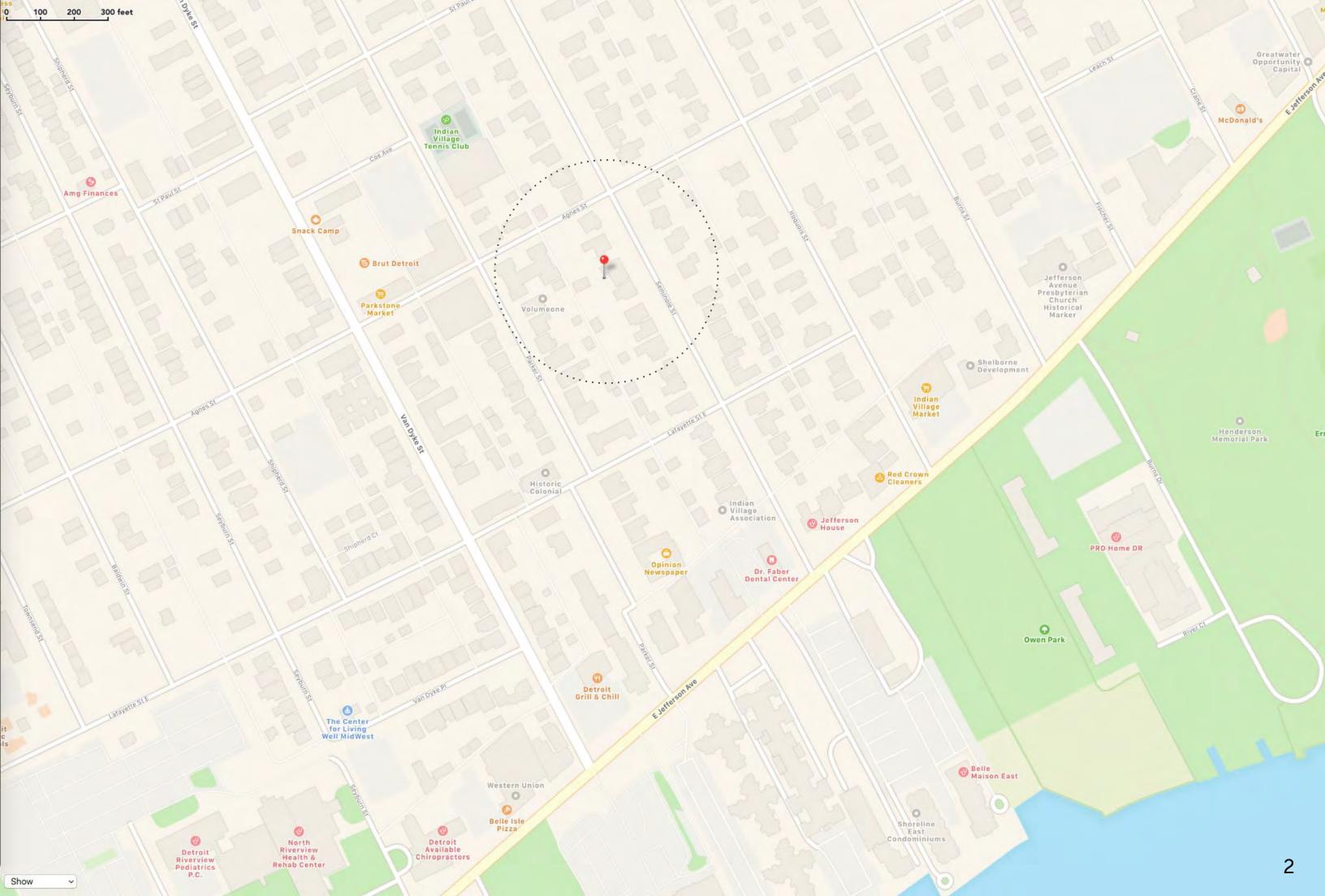
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P2 - BUILDING PERMIT

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1091 Seminole

HDC Project Review #2



DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT

1091 Seminole Street, Detroit, Michigan 48214

Architect: Albert Kahn

Year: 1905

Architectural Style: English Revival

The Arthur Kiefer House at 1091 Seminole Street (south of Agnes) was designed in the English Revival Style by Albert Kahn, and built in 1905. The house has two additions to the original structure; one to the South that faces the street, and the other at the back of the house, attached to the Northwest corner of the house. The South Addition replaced a covered porch, and the North Addition attaches to the house where the original back entry was.

This house has been occupied by a single owner for decades, with a fair amount of neglect and deferred maintenance. Our previously approved application for an HDC project review included the restoration of all of the windows, repair work to the stucco, masonry, wood trim & gutters, and the paint scheme.

In this application, we are proposing two modifications to the north and south additions to provide more functional and safe access to the backyard.



Homeowners: Kyle Smitley and Alex Rhea

Project Team

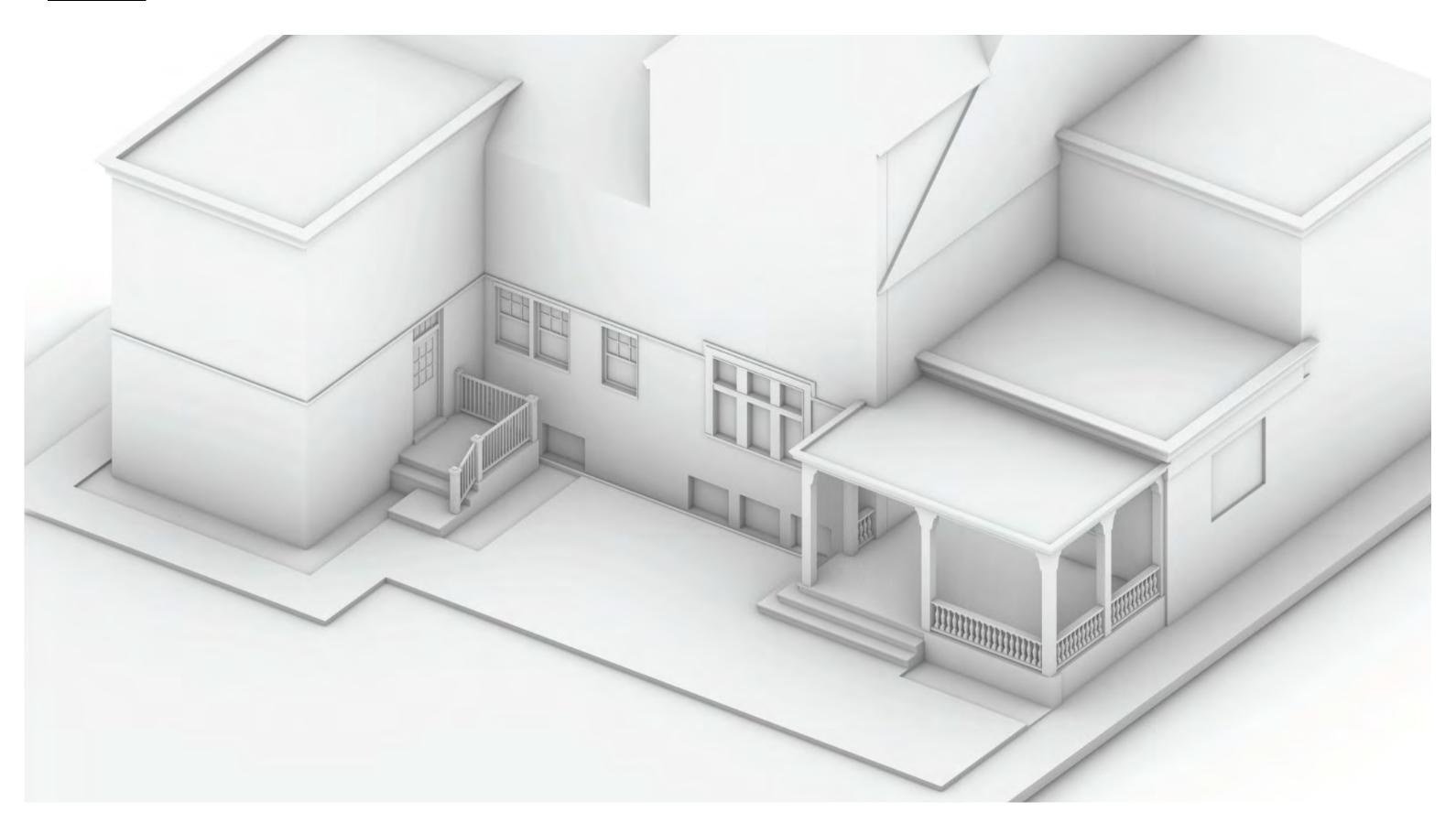
Architects: M1DTW Architects, Detroit **Interior Designer**: A Green Haus, Detroit

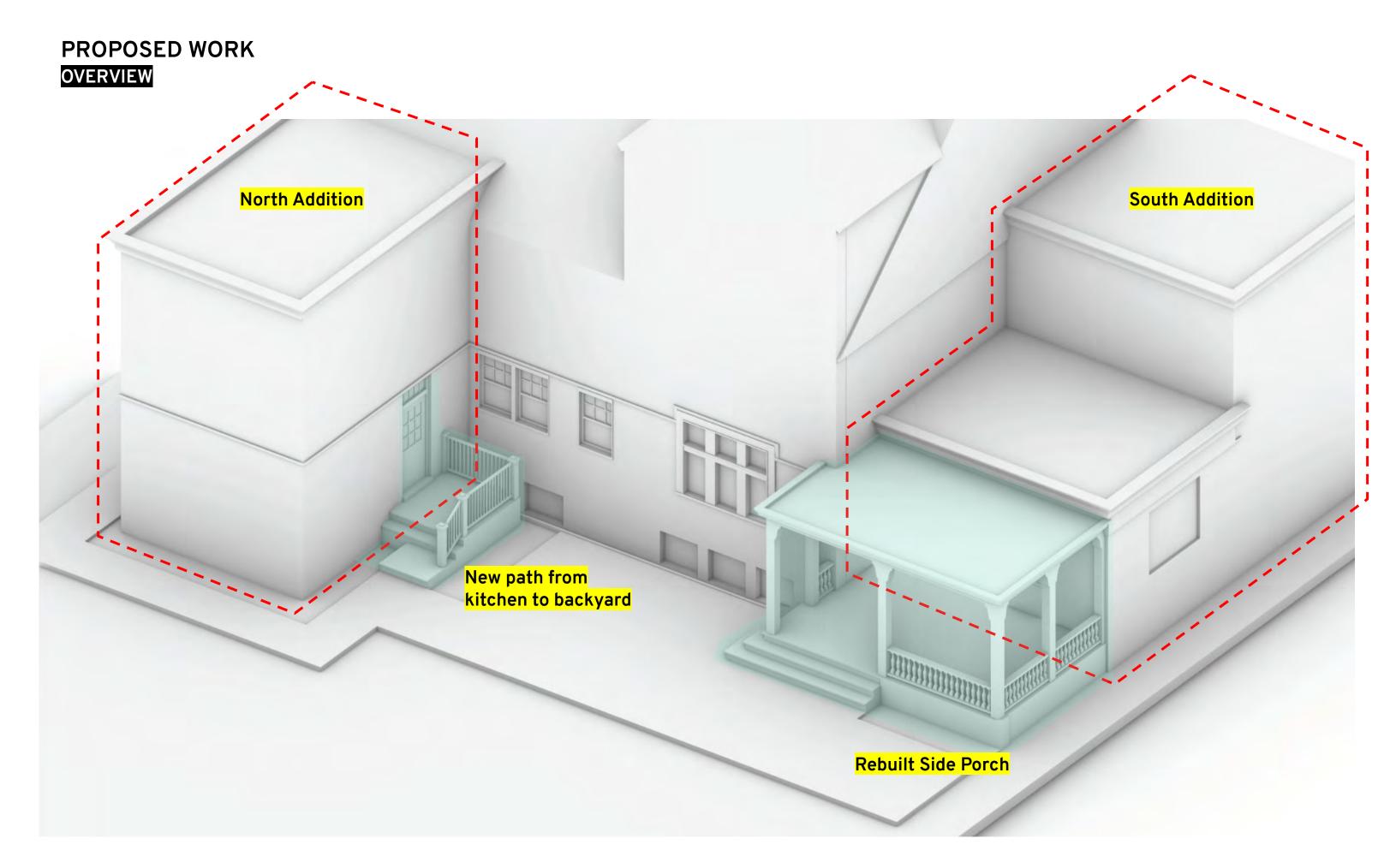
General Contractor: Zac Cruse Construction, Detroit **Window Restoration**: Artisan Renovations, Detroit

Proposed Work

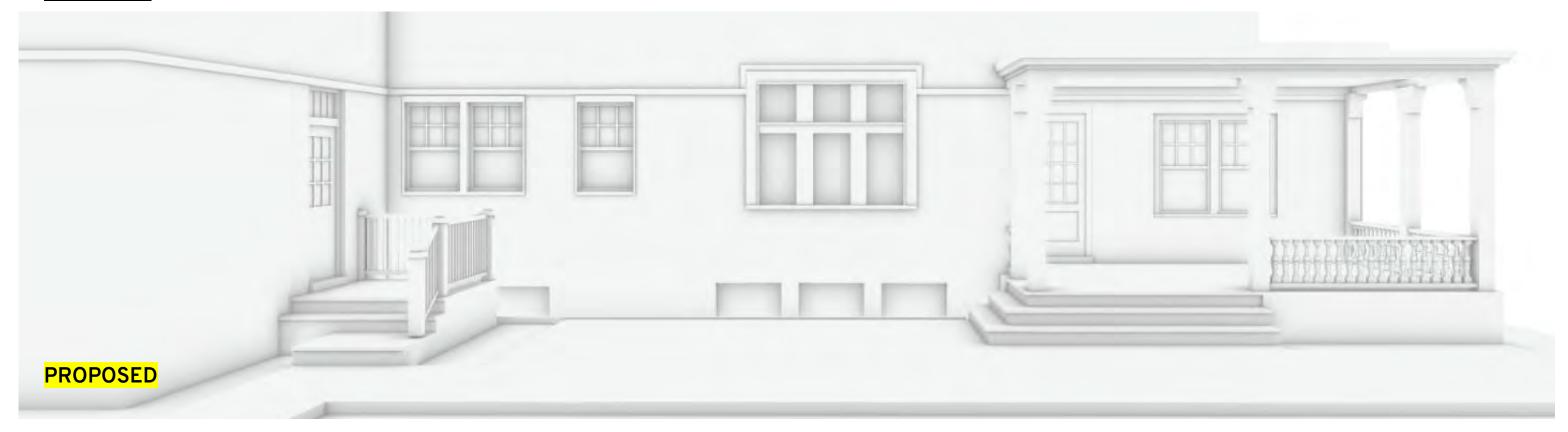
Overview

PROPOSED WORK OVERVIEW





PROPOSED WORK OVERVIEW





Photos of House

(All Sides)









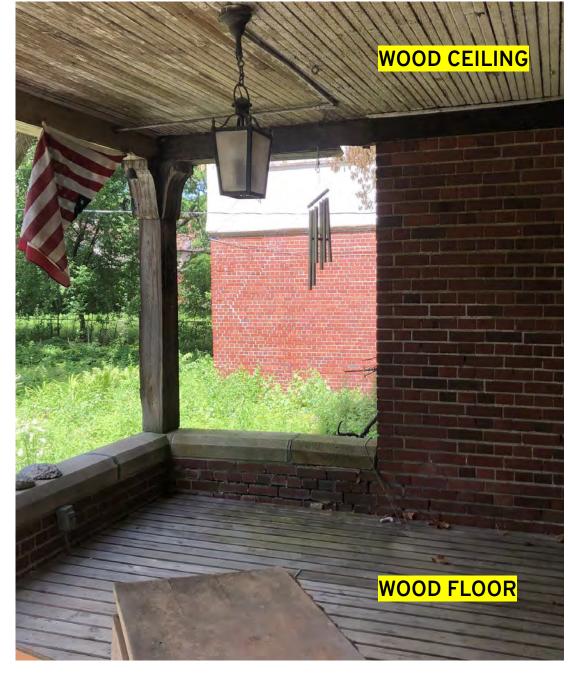


Detailed Photos

Existing Conditions @ Side Porch



EXISTING CONDITIONS - MaterialsSide Porch

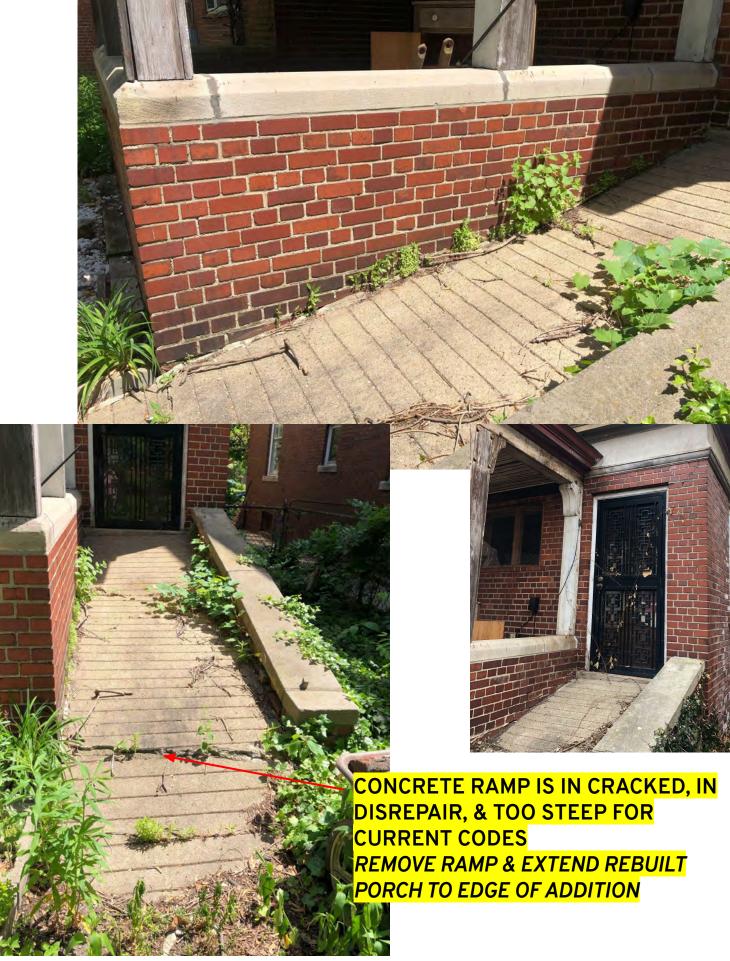


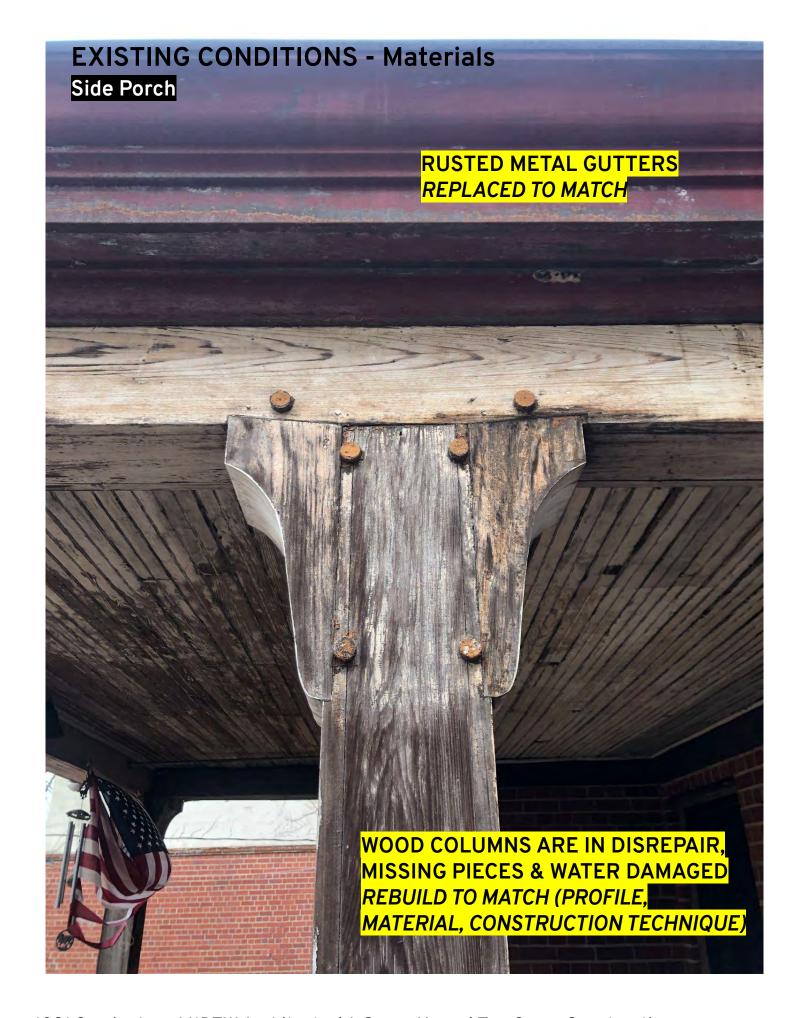


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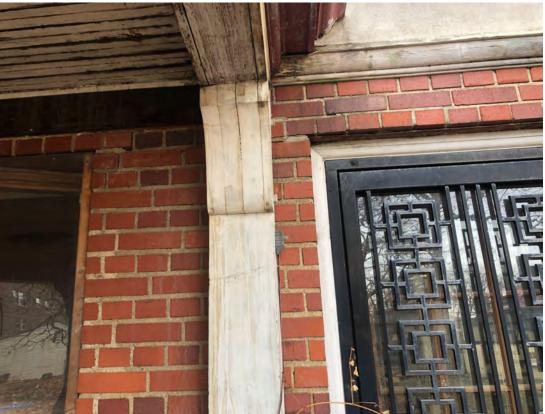






















MATCH EXISTING PROFILES, MATERIALS, AND CONSTRUCTION OF WOOD COLUMNS, ROOF STRUCTURE, CEILING, & GUTTERS





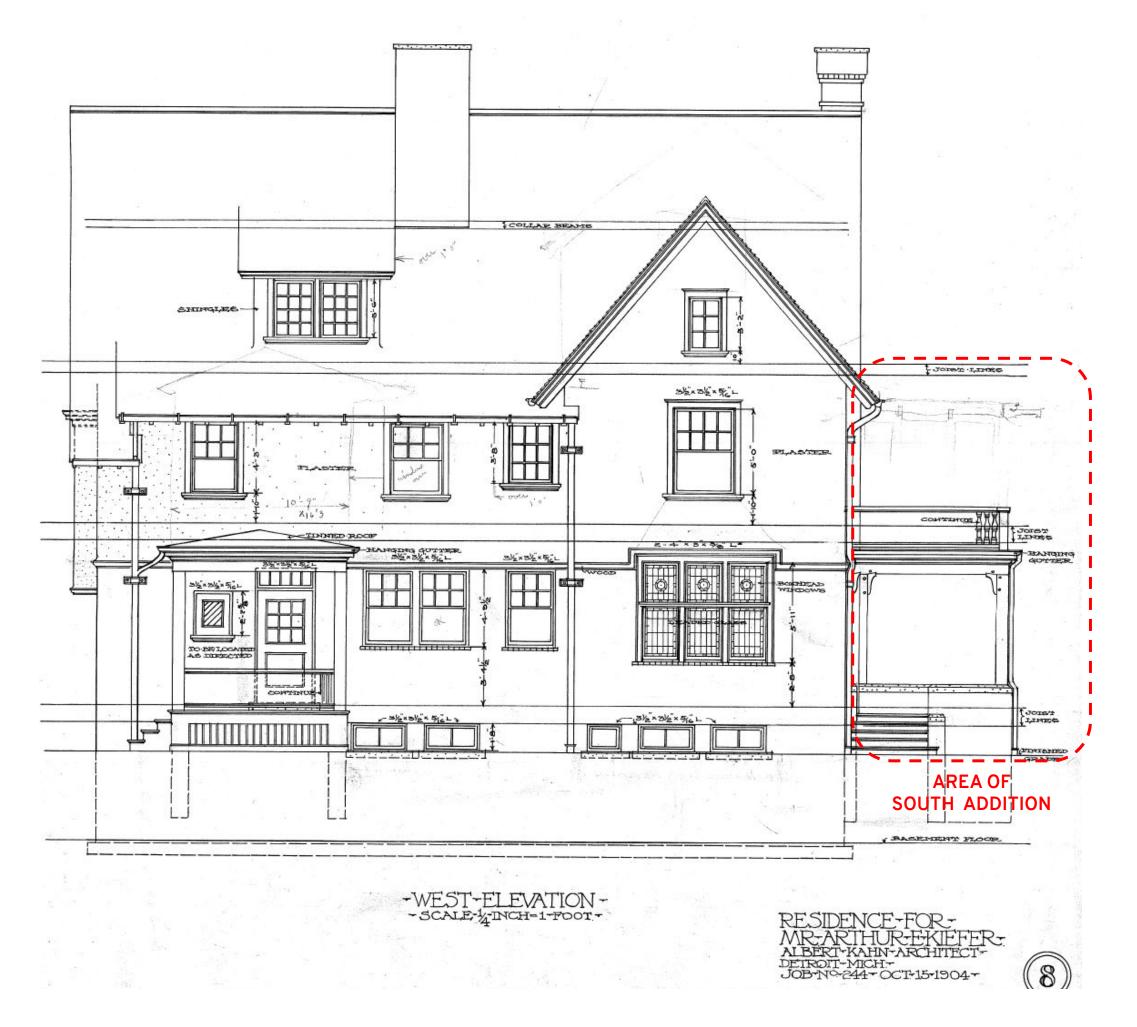
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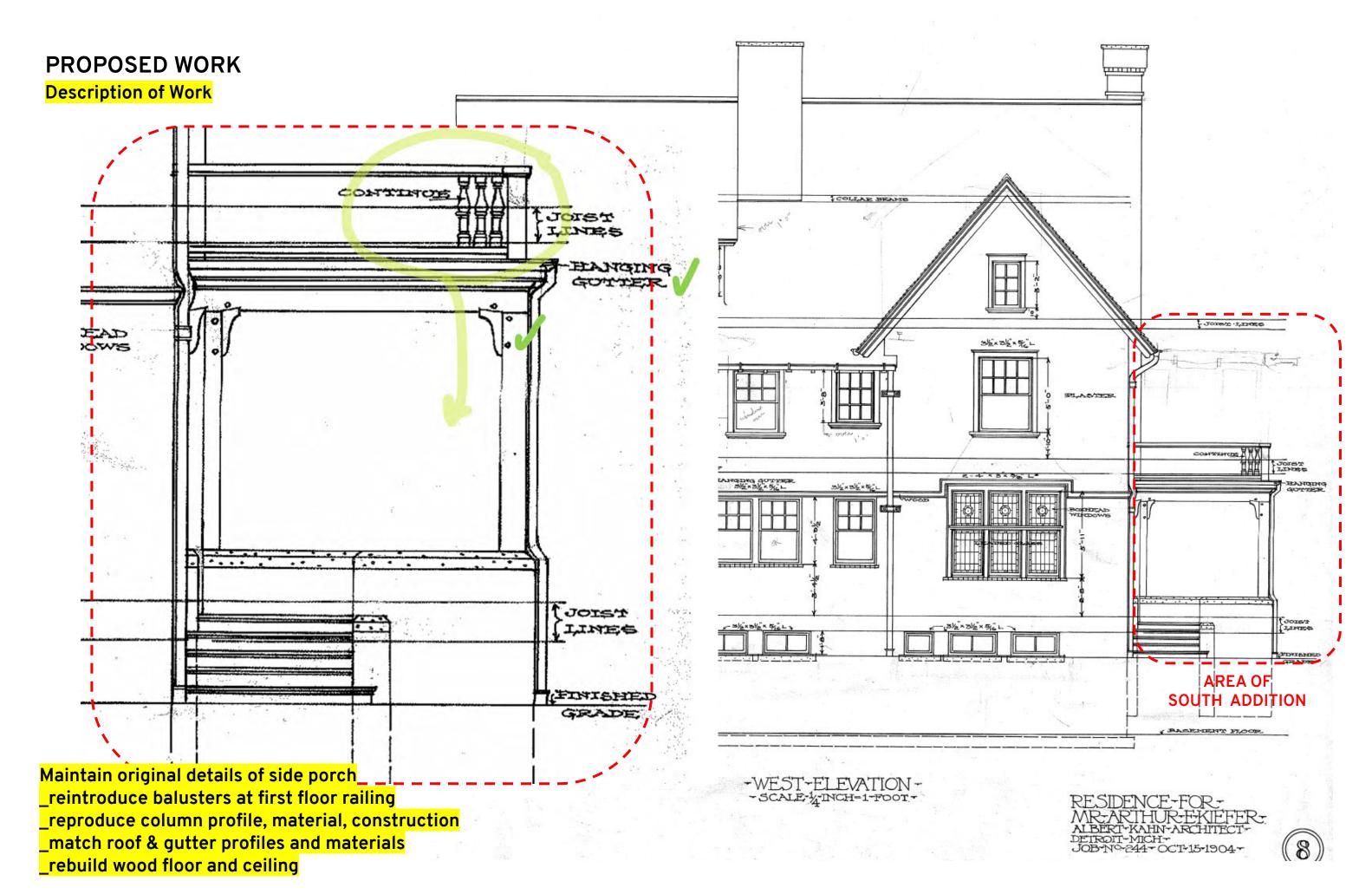
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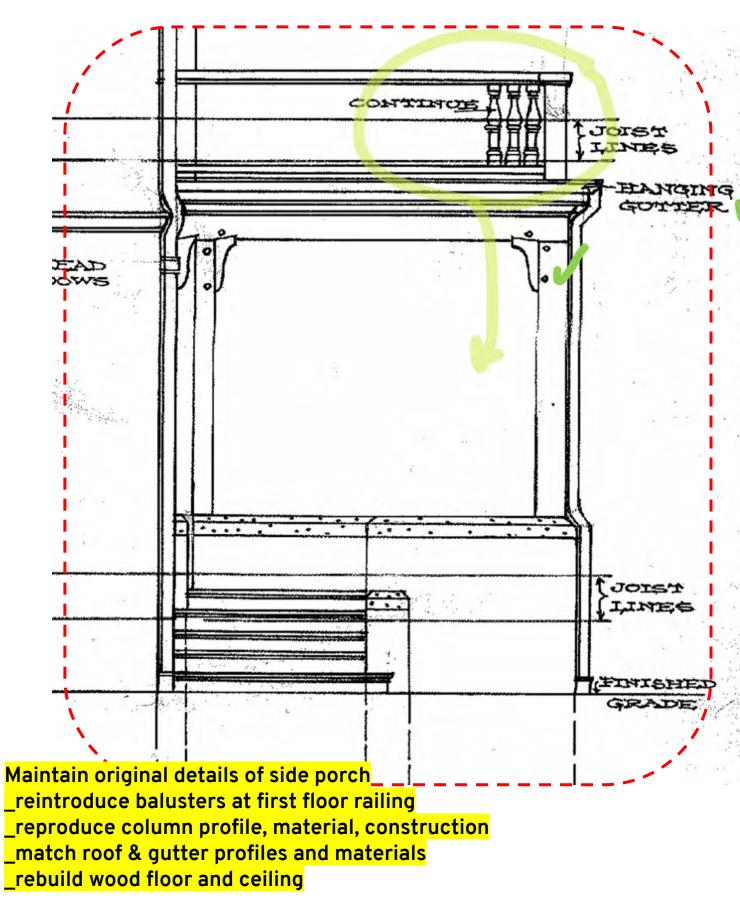
Description of Work

The addition at the south end of the house replaced the existing porch with one that does not provide access to the backyard. There is one exit door from the south addition with a ramp that is damaged and too steep for current building codes.





Description of Work





Detailed Scope of Work

DEMO

- Remove existing porch, partial height masonry walls, and concrete ramp
- Remove existing doors 104, 105, and existing window 12

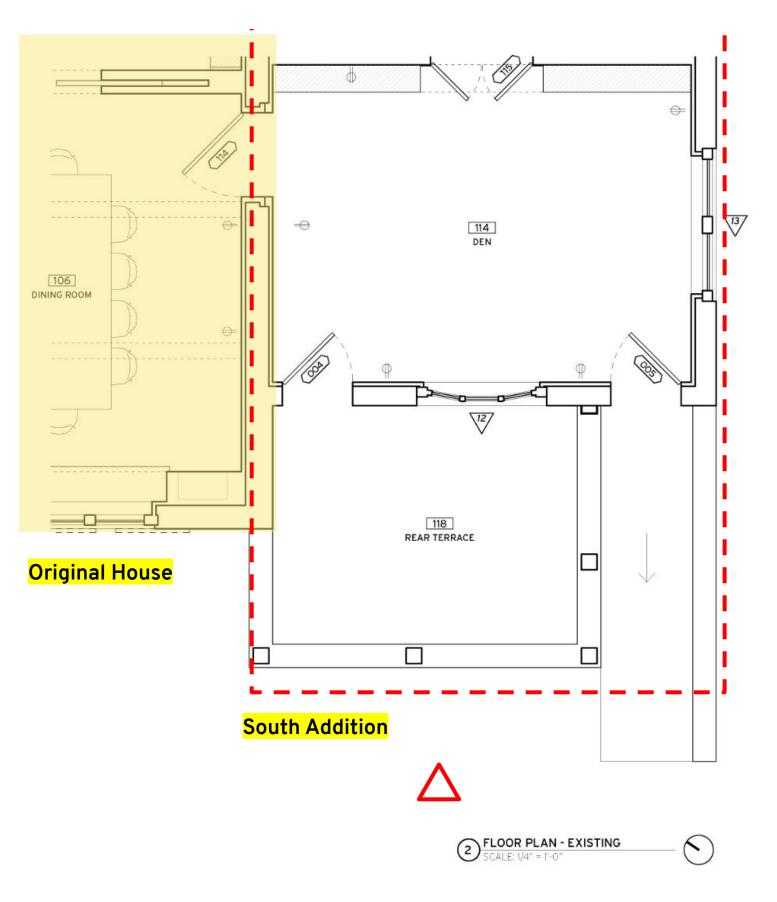
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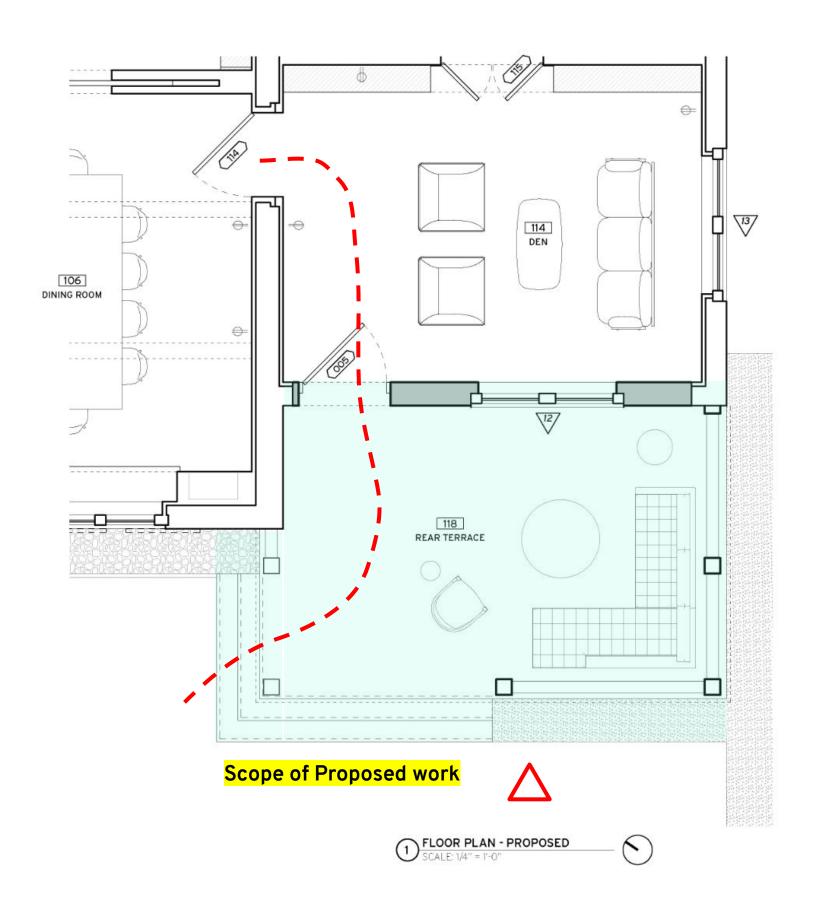
- Enlarge opening for larger door to match original porch door
 - Artisan Renovations to match existing style of original porch door (now located between dining room and den)
- Enlarge opening for larger window to match existing double-hung window 13
 - Artisan Renovations to match existing style
- Paint using Color System D, B:19 Black (to match restored & painted windows in previous HDC application & approval)

PORCH

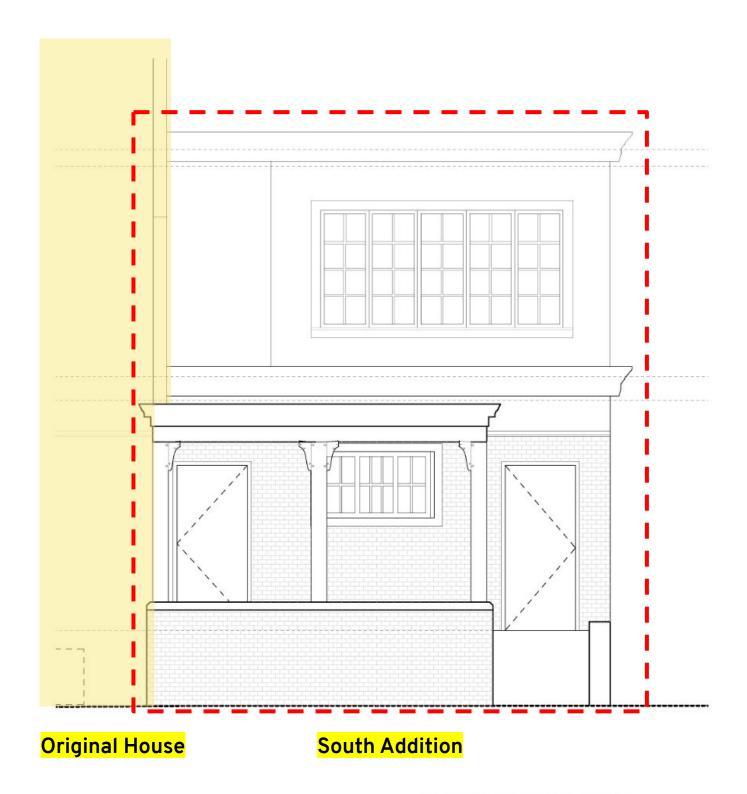
- Build new wood porch, extending the footprint south, to the edge of the addition, and west approximately two feet
- Match profiles, proportions, and materials of existing roof structure including the columns and gutters
- Wood handrail and balusters to match original Albert Kahn drawings, as well as original Kahn side porch at 1424 Iroquios
- Paint using Color System D.
 - C:4 = railings, balusters, wood ceiling and roof structure, columns
 - B:19 = floor, risers and treads, deck structure below floor, lattice

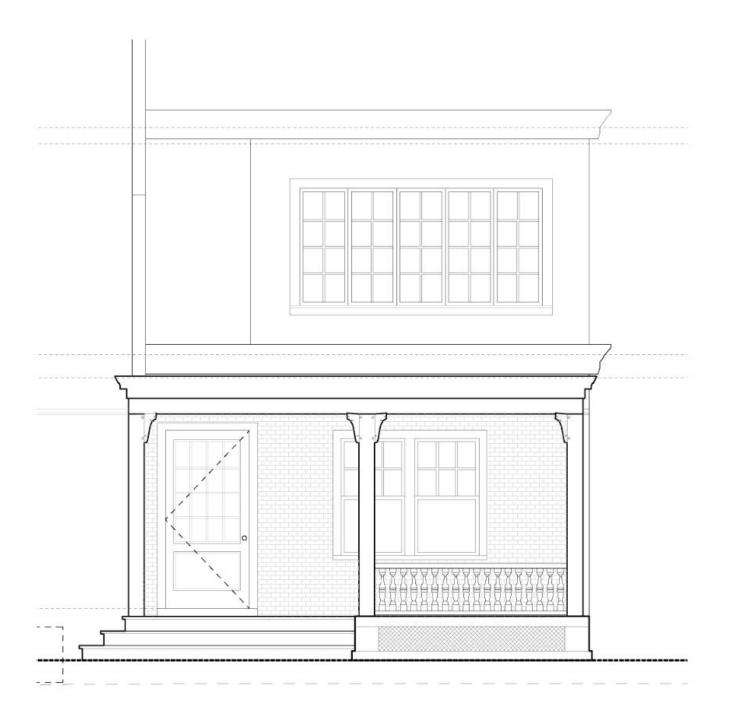
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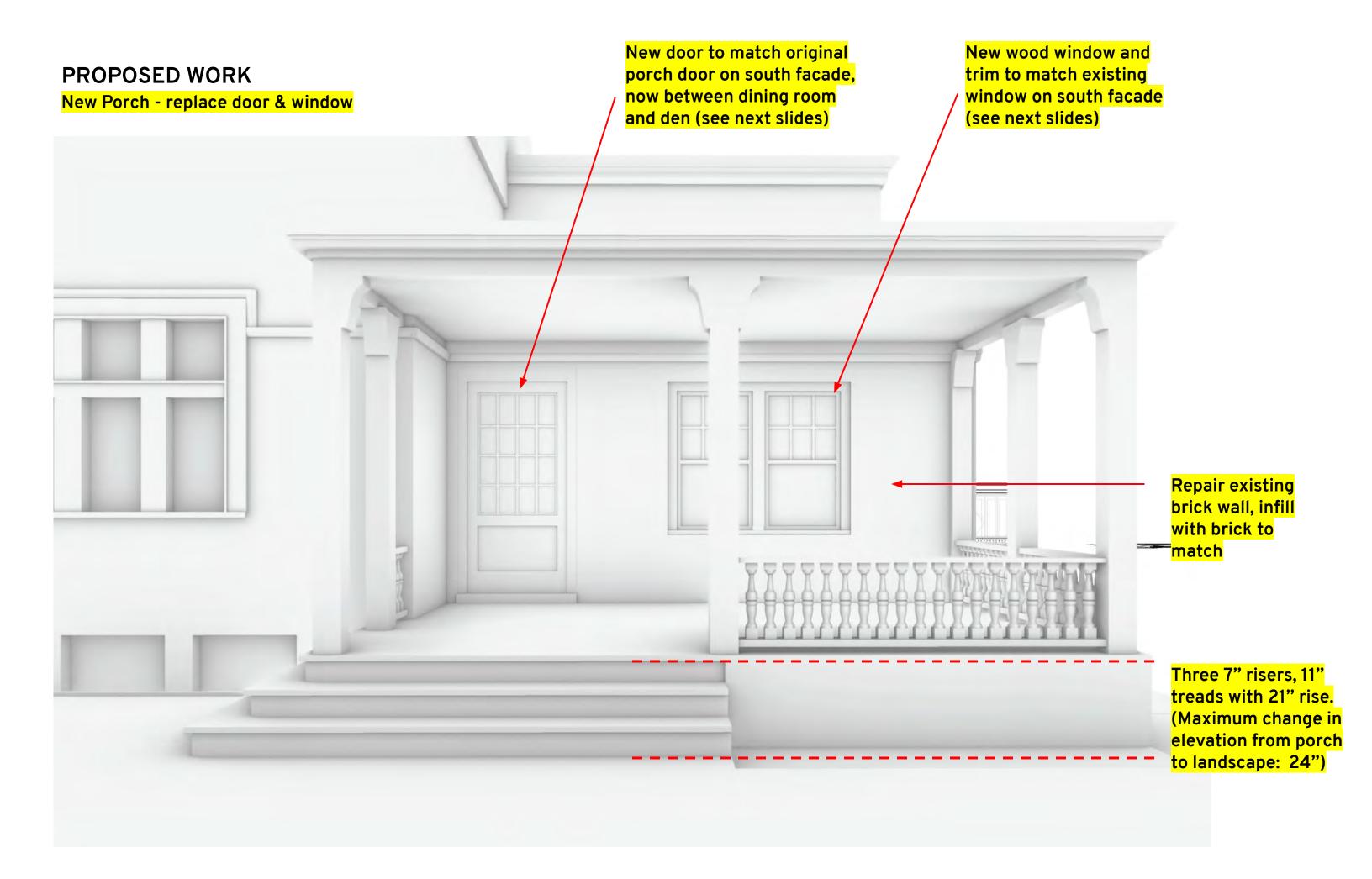
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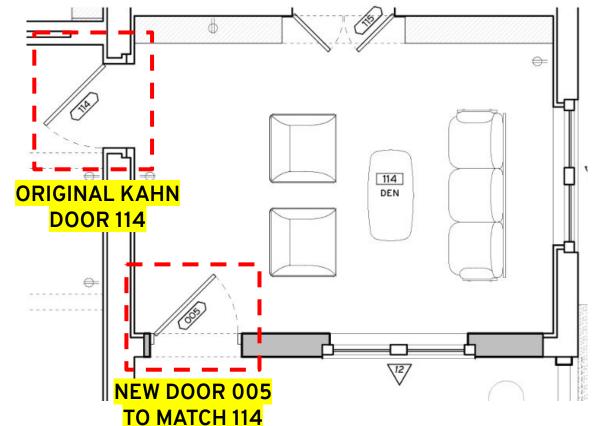


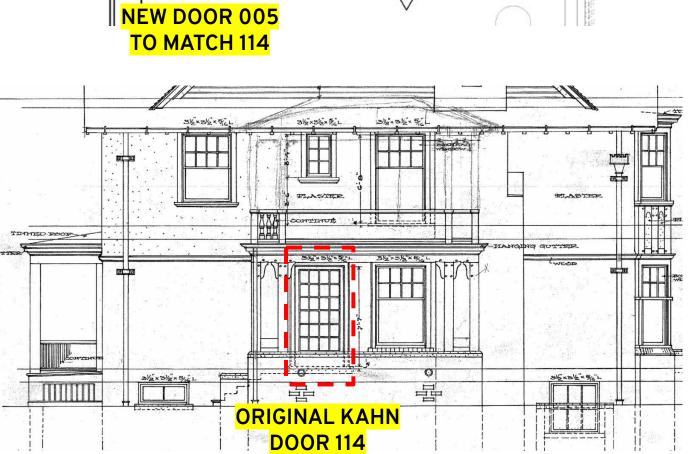






New Porch - replace door & window







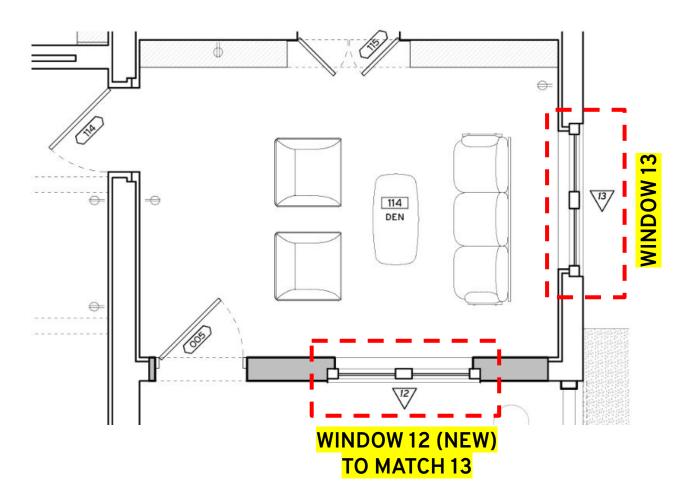




(current door between dining & den)



New Porch - replace door & window







New Door to Backyard rtisan Renovations LLC

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1091 Seminole "New" D.H. Window Specifications

- 6 over 1
- 1-3/4" x 2" top rails and stiles
- 1-3/8" x 2" mtg. rails
- 1-3/4" x 3" bottom rails
- 1/8" restoration glass to be used
- hardware (locks, lifts, pulleys and sash chain) will be solid brash replicas of the originals
- cup adjusters to be used on "inner stop"
- finish to be chosen as per homeowner request

Project 1091 SEMINOLE Date 16 Nov. 2020 Signature Tolling

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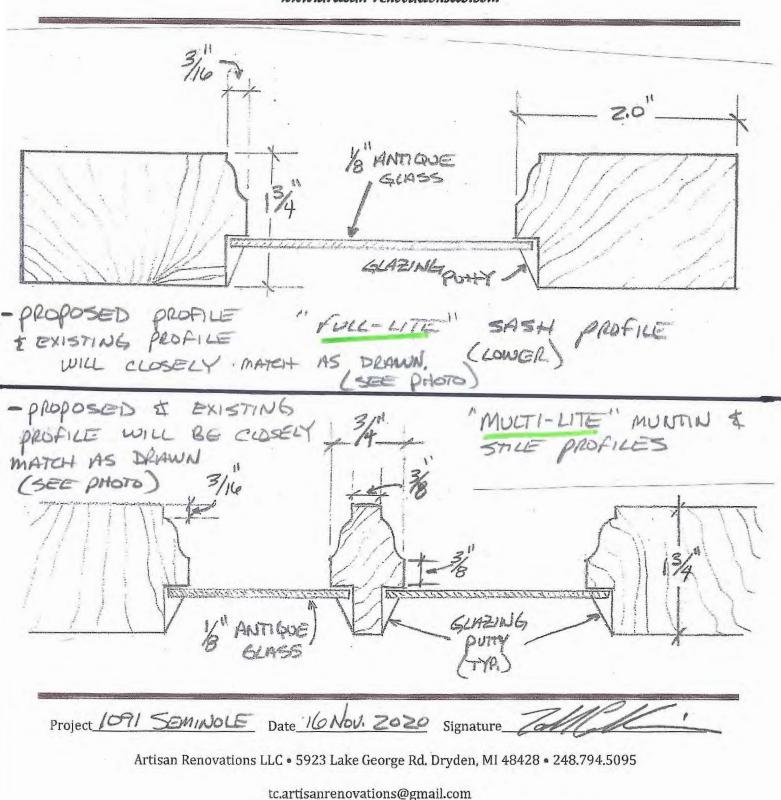
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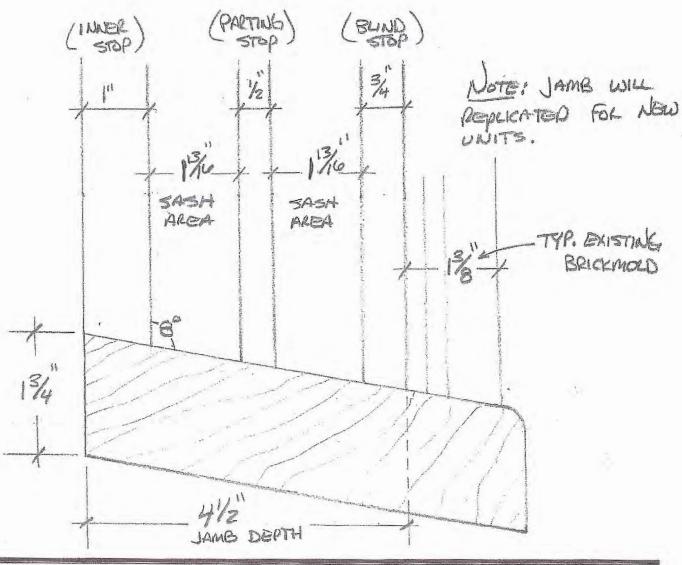




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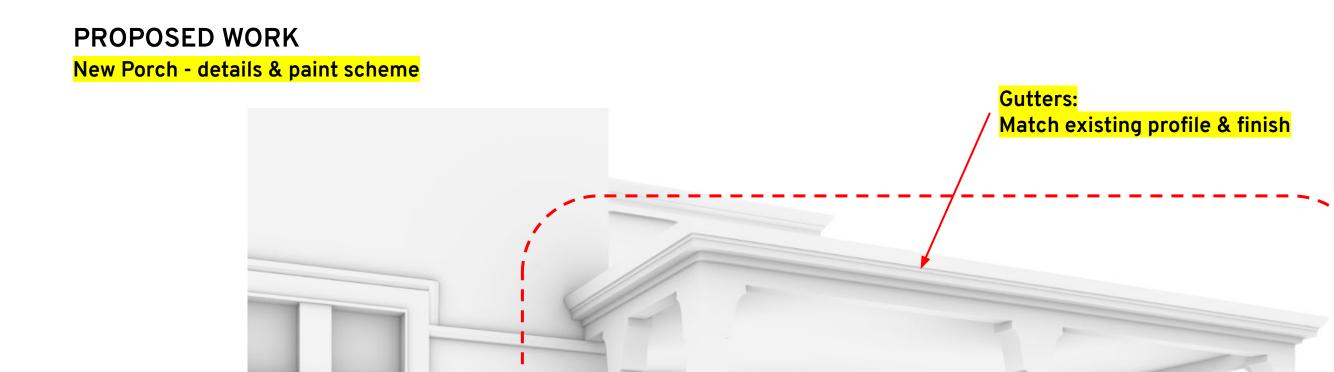
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C4: yellowish white Wood Ceiling Wood Columns Wood Balusters Wood Handrail

Brick to match existing, natural finish, not painted

B19: black
 Wood Stair treads &
 risers
 Wood Lattice

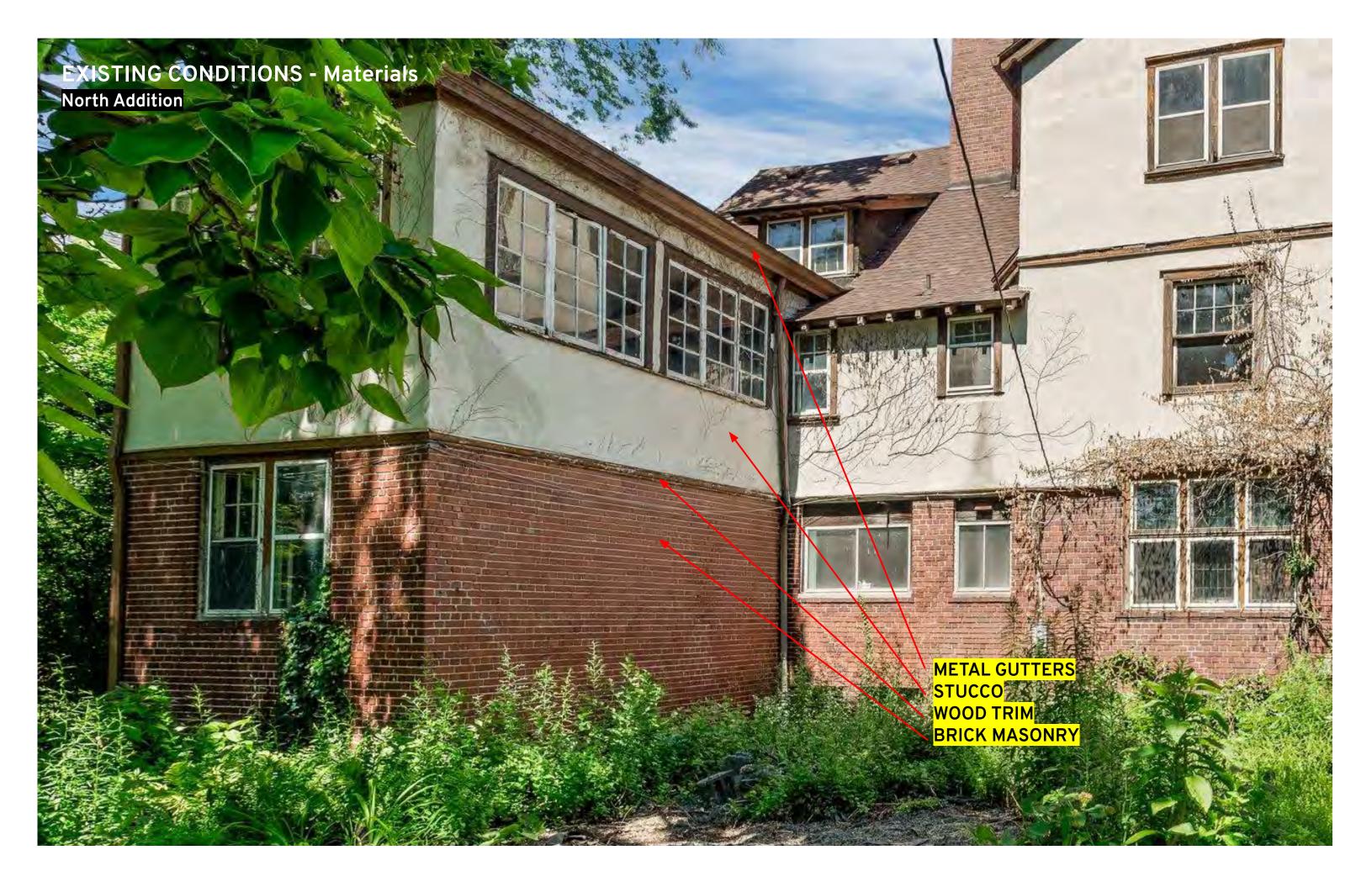
Wood Lattice
Wood Floor

Original Albert Kahn side porch at 1424 Iroquois Street

Detailed Photos

Existing Conditions @ North Addition





EXISTING CONDITIONS

North Addition



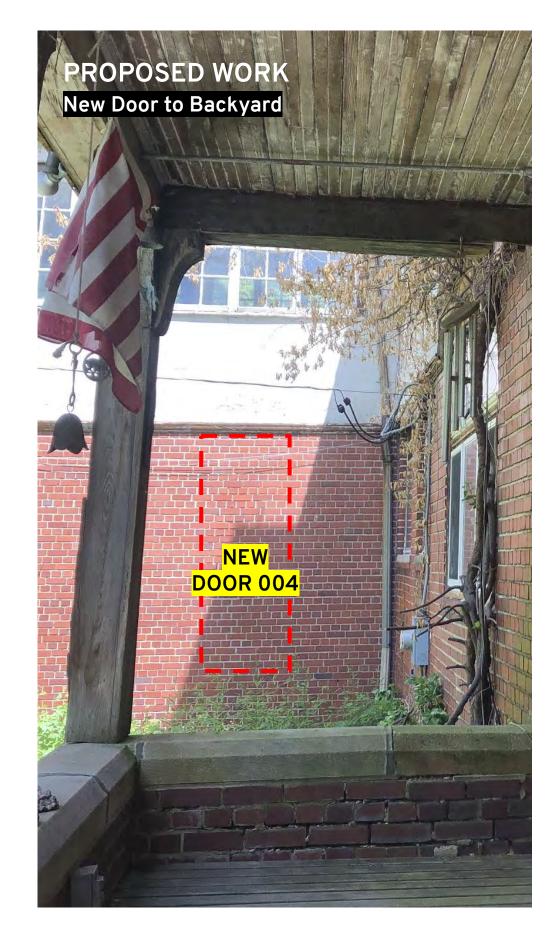
Proposed Work

New Door to Backyard

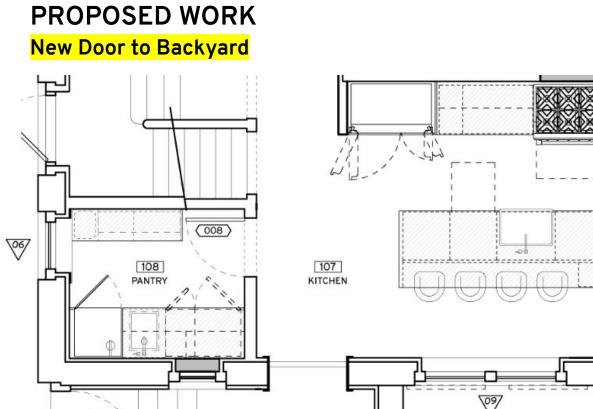
Description of Work

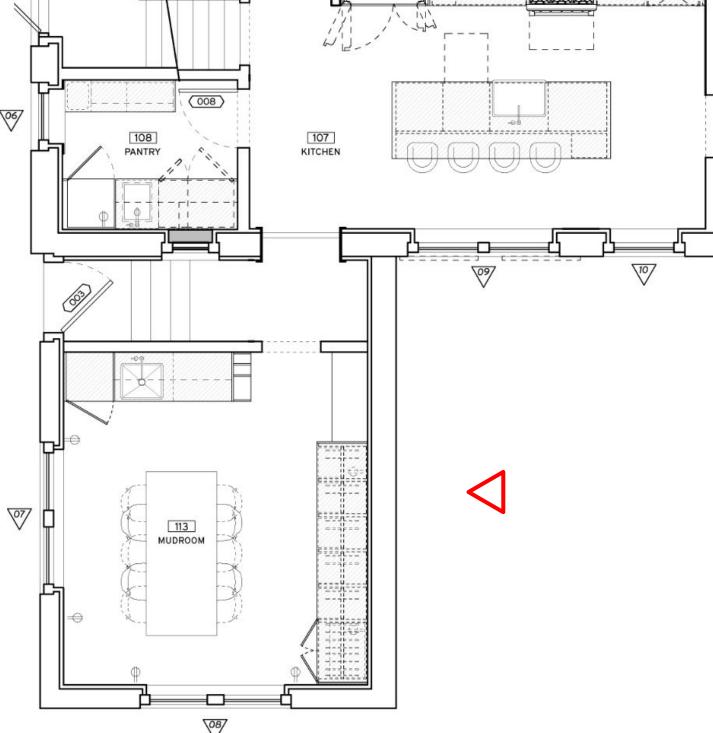
The addition connected at the north end of the house covered up this original door, and with it, access to the backyard from the kitchen.

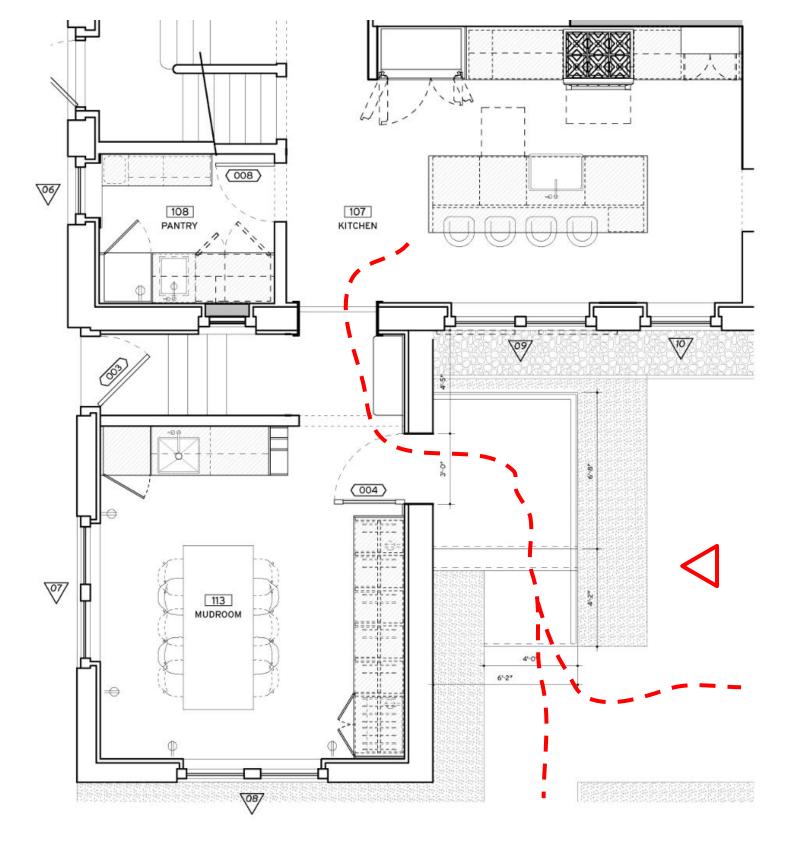








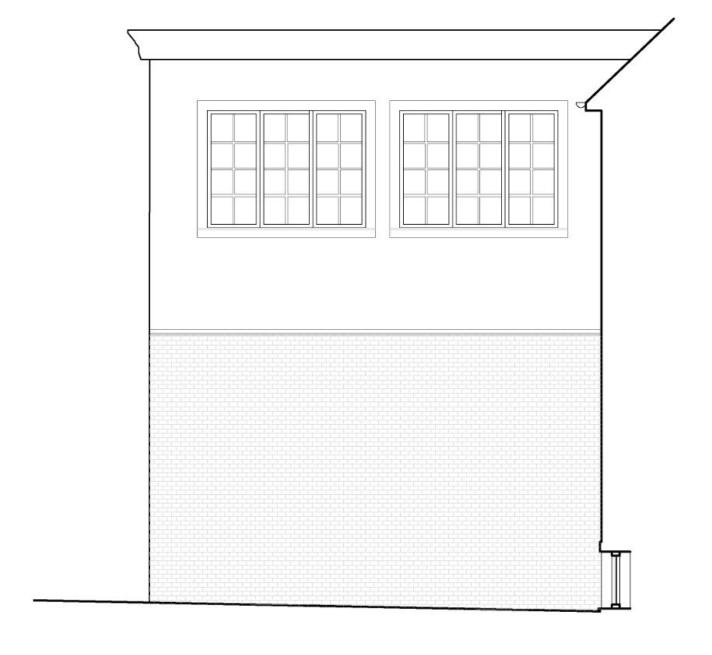


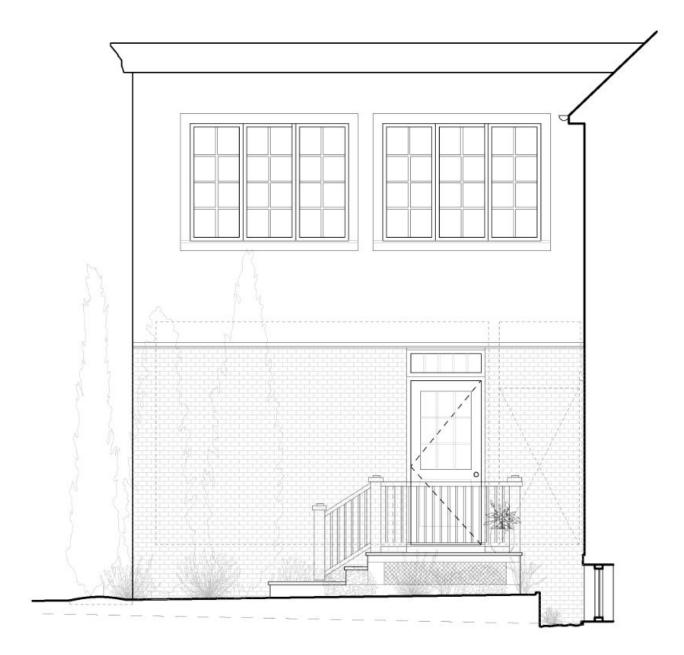






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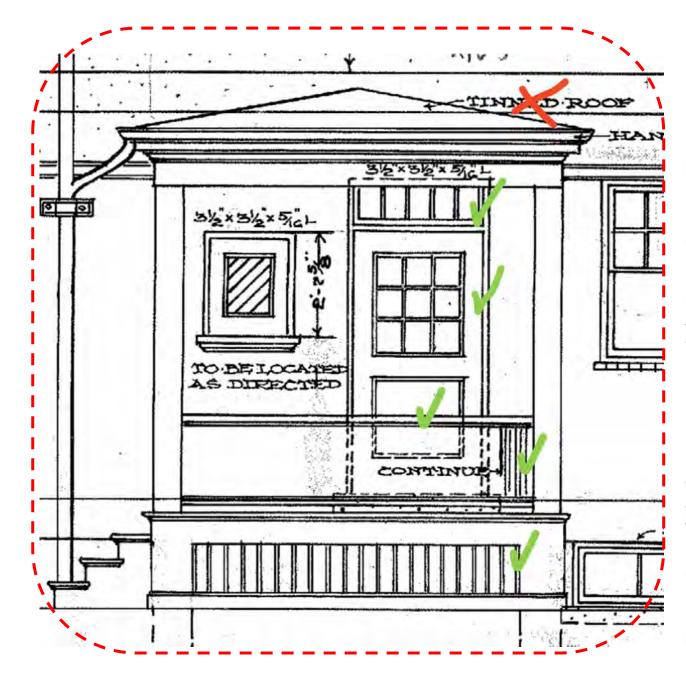


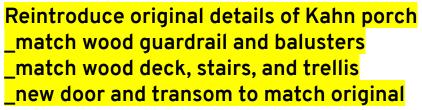


EXTERIOR ELEVATION - EXISTING SCALE: NTS



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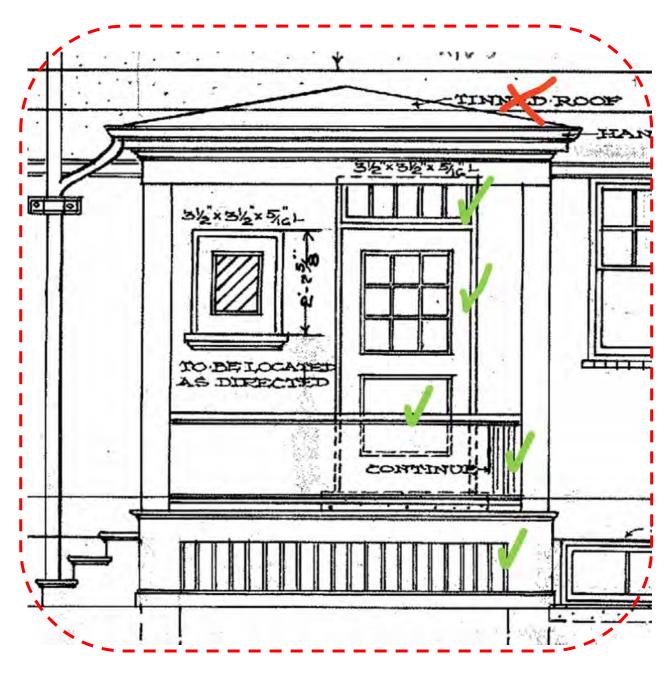




-WEST-ELEVATION --SCALE-1/2-INCH-1-FOOT-



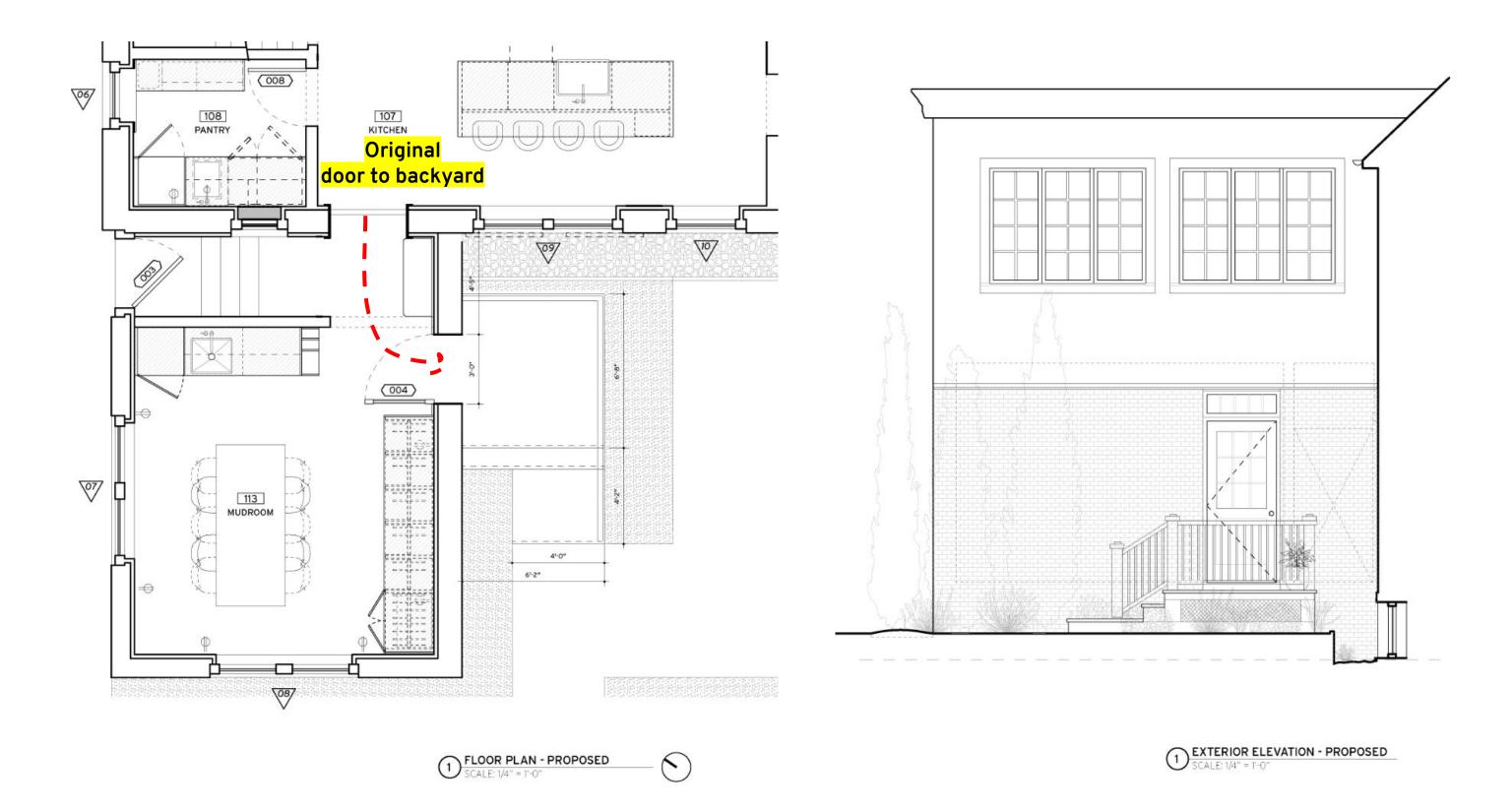
PROPOSED WORK New Door to Backyard

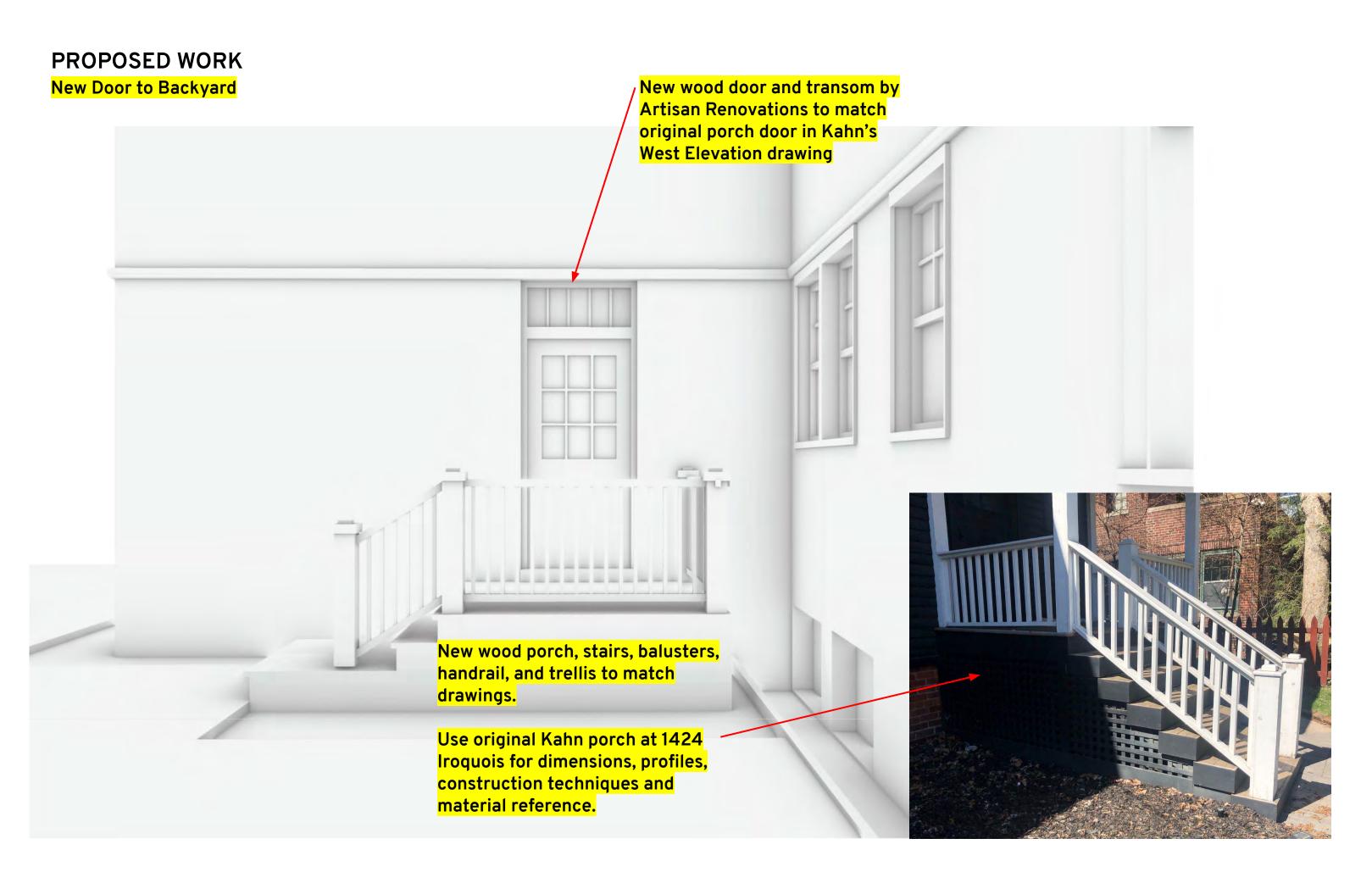


Reintroduce original details of Kahn porch _match wood guardrail and balusters _match wood deck, stairs, and trellis _new door and transom to match original



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1091 Seminole "New" D.H. Window Specifications

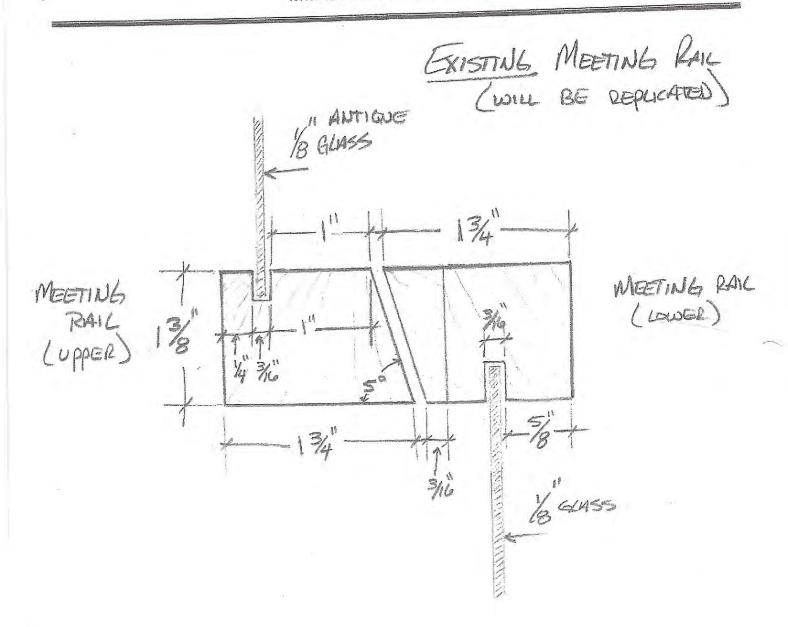
- 6 over 1
- 1-3/4" x 2" top rails and stiles
- 1-3/8" x 2" mtg. rails
- 1-3/4" x 3" bottom rails
- 1/8" restoration glass to be used
- hardware (locks, lifts, pulleys and sash chain) will be solid brash replicas of the originals
- cup adjusters to be used on "inner stop"
- finish to be chosen as per homeowner request

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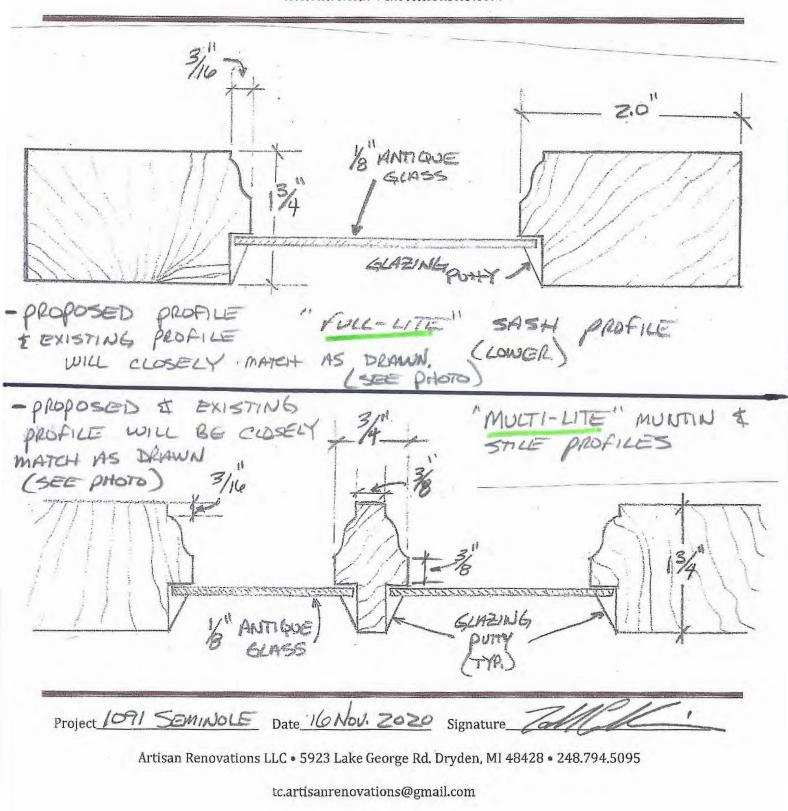
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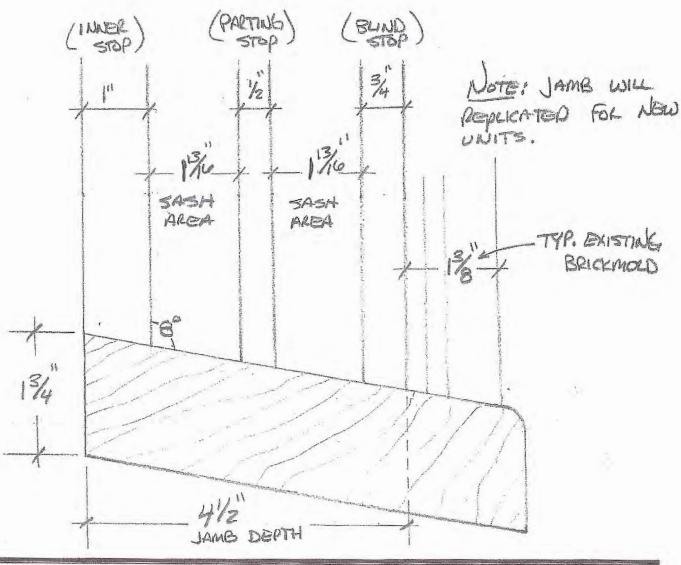




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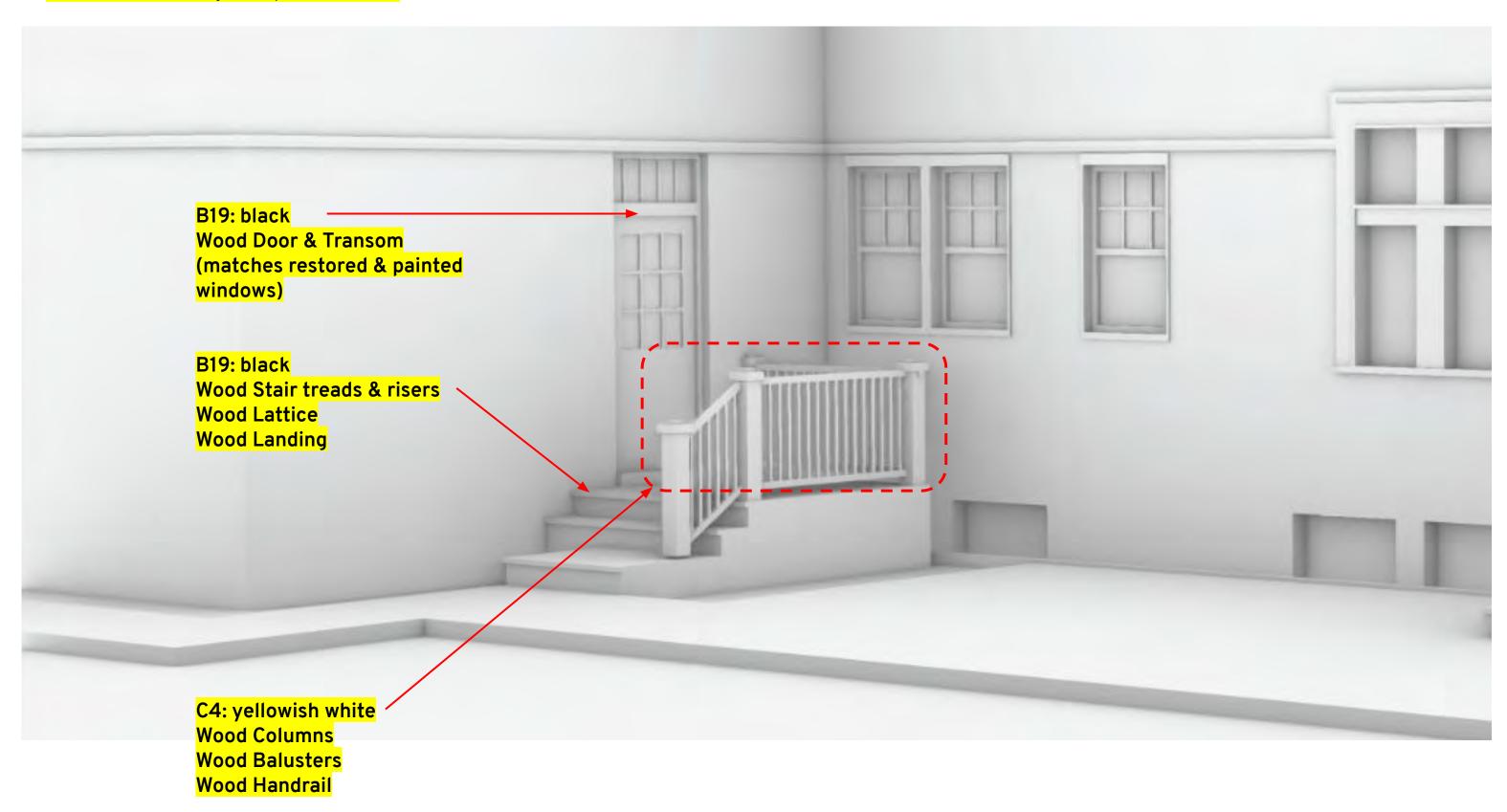


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New Door to Backyard - paint scheme



New Door to Backyard - Detailed Scope of Work

ADD DOOR IN SOUTH FACADE OF NORTH ADDITION

- Demo existing brick masonry wall for rough opening
- Add new wood door to match original house drawings
 - Artisan Renovations to source or build
 - Paint door and transom frame to match restored windows (part of previous HDC application & approval) using Color System D, B:19 black
- Door trim to match existing openings in masonry wall

STAIRS & LANDING

- Use original West Elevation drawing as well as original Kahn-designed porch at 1424 Iroquios for guidance on dimensions, profiles, construction techniques, and finishes.
- Paint wood stairs, landing, and lattice using Color System D, B:19 black
- Paint wood handrail & balusters using Color System D,
 C:4 yellowish white

FOR REFERENCE ONLY COA FOR APP. #20-6967 - NOT FOR CURRENT APPLICATION

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12/8/2020

CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

Alex Rhea & Kyle Smitley 1091 Seminole Dearborn MI, 48124

RE: Application Number 20-6967; 1091 Seminole; Indian Village Historic District

Dear Alex:

Pursuant to Section 5(10) of the Michigan Local Historic District Act, as amended, being MCL 399.205(10), MSA 5-3407(5)(10); Sections. 21-2-57 and 21-2-73 of the 2019 Detroit City Code; Detroit Historic District Commission Resolution 97-01 (adopted August 13, 1997); Detroit Historic District Commission Resolution 97-02 (adopted October 8, 1997); and Detroit Historic District Commission Resolution 98-01 (adopted February 11, 1998), the staff of the Detroit Historic District Commission has reviewed the above-referenced application for building permit and hereby issues a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA), which is effective as of December 8, 2020.

Staff finds the following proposed work meets the defined elements of design for the historic district and the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation and guidelines for rehabilitating historic buildings (36 CFR Part 67).

Assorted General Rehab - Home

- Gutters and downspouts: Repair existing gutters and downspouts
 - Paint B:19, Black
- Window Restoration: Repair and restore existing windows as proposed
 - Paint B:19, Black
- Window Replacement: Replace (3) non-historic windows at rear with new, as proposed by Artisan Renovations
- Stucco, Trim and siding: Repair existing wood trim, replace trim to match existing where deteriorated beyond repair
 - Paint Stucco C-4: Yellowish White, Half-timbering and trim B:19, Black
 - Replace cedar singles to match existing (as needed)
- Brick Masonry: Tuck-pointing as needed
 - Mortar color and profile to match existing
- *Doors:* Repair existing wood door and replace metal door with custom wood door, as proposed.
- Remove ivy around home as needed and security light

Please retain this Certificate of Appropriateness for your files. You should now proceed to the City of Detroit Buildings Safety and Engineering Department to obtain a building permit. The Detroit Historic District Commission's approval and issuance of a Certificate of Appropriateness does not waive the applicant's responsibility to comply with any other applicable ordinances or statutes. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at cagneyb@detroitmi.gov.

For the Commission:

Brendan Cagney

Detroit Historic District Commission Staff