

Appellant's statement:

Materials, and size are not befitting of a historical structure, in addition, the increase in size encroaches on both lot limit size restrictions and our lot. Also, construction/ demolition started well before a permit for construction or zoning was ever applied for. We were not noticed, and this construction has created a hardship for my family. We simply ask that applicants follow the rules that are established for all owners of a historic home. We believe that the home should be returned to it's original intention of a carriage house, and not have any deck, and feel that this is a prime opportunity for the existing owners to return the structure to it's original intent. An expanded deck is truly antithetical to the original intent of this beautiful and historic structure and should be denied. Also, if allowed to proceed, cable railings, and an expanded footprint on an already cramped lot, (a fact that has been decried many times by the homeowners in other filings re our zoning permit application) are not conducive to a historic presentation of the home, and is unbecoming of the neighborhood.

I would ask that the neighbors seriously consider not having a deck, as it's not reflective of the historic nature of their structure. Carriage houses don't have decks, and this is an excellent opportunity to return the structure to it's historic presentation. Also, I would ask the city to seek to cease the ongoing construction as it was begun without permits, and is clearly in violation of both zoning and building ordinances.