

# Historic Architectural Review Commission Staff Report for Item 13 

To: Chairman Bryan Green and Historic Architectural Review Commission Members<br>From: Kathleen McDonald, MHP Historic Preservation Planner II<br>Meeting Date: $\quad$ May 25, 2021<br>Applicant: Seth Neal<br>Address: \#324 Virginia Street

## Description of Work:

Renovations to historic house. Elevation and relocation of existing historic house. New accessory structure at rear.

## Site Facts:

The site under review is located at 324 Virginia Street. According to our survey, the frame vernacular structure on this site is historic and contributing to the district, with a year built circa 1912. Sanborn maps show that the structure originally had a L-shaped wrap-around porch, which was partially enclosed sometime between 1948 and 1962. This explains the odd roof form of the house, as well as the non-original elements of the front porch. There are existing non-historic additions at the rear of the historic structure, and the structure on site currently sits in the required front and side setbacks.

The property received a variance from Planning Board for this application. The plans submitted to HARC show revised tree locations, which staff has reviewed with the Urban Forester in order to proceed. The property is currently in the AE 6 flood zone, but proposed FEMA flood maps show the property in zone AE 7.

## Guidelines Cited on Review:

- Guidelines for Windows (page 29-30), specifically guidelines 1, 2 and 3.
- Guidelines for Entrances, Porches and Doors (page 32-33), specifically guidelines 7, 13 and 16.
- Guidelines for Additions and Alterations to Contributing, Non-Contributing and NonHistoric Buildings and Structures (pages 37a-37k), specifically guidelines 1, 6, 11, 13, $14,19,26$ and 30.
- Guidelines for New Construction in the Historic District (pages 38a-38q), specifically 1, $2,6,11,12,13,14,18,22,23$ and 24.
- Guidelines for Outbuildings: Carports, Gazebos, Garages, Sheds, Shelters and Accessory Structures (pages 40-41), specifically guidelines 1, 3 and 9 .


## Staff Analysis:

The Certificate of Appropriateness under review proposes renovations and additions to the historic structure at 324 Virginia Street, which include elevation, relocation, front porch alterations, a new rear porch addition, and change out of fenestration. This application also proposes a new one-story accessory structure at the rear of the property.

The structure at 324 Virginia Street is proposed to be elevated approximately 3-feet-8.5-inches to meet the proposed FEMA flood zone requirements for AE 7. While the house is being raised, the structure would also be shifted on the site in order to bring it into compliance with current zoning setbacks. New foundations would be CMU piers with a stucco finish and wood lattice infill.

Due to the elevation of the house, the front porch would require the addition of railings and a set of steps. New railings are proposed to be wood, and the new set of steps is proposed to be off to the east side of the porch. This application also proposes replacement of the existing porch columns, roofing, and flooring. The existing columns with concrete bases are likely not original to the historic house; they are proposed to be replaced with chamfered wood columns. The existing roofing and flooring are proposed to be replaced with new material to match the existing. The proposed rear porch addition would mimic the front porch in form and materiality.

This application proposes to change out all existing windows on the historic house with 2-over-2 wood impact units. The 4 existing 1-over-1 windows on the front elevation appear in the 1965 photo but are very likely not original to the house, as 1 -over-1 is not a historic configuration. There are 7 existing 6 -over- 6 wood windows on the sides of the house ( 4 on the west and 3 on the east side), which appear to be historic but in very bad condition. Each of the 7 windows has extensive termite damage, missing panes, missing muntins, and missing elements that were at some point inadequately repaired or replaced with caulk, putty, or tape. See separate PDF file for photos of existing window conditions.

The proposed one-story accessory structure would be lower in height than the existing historic house. There is a small open porch proposed on the front elevation of the accessory structure. Materials are proposed to be wood siding, wood impact windows, and 5 v -crimp metal roofing. A wood deck is proposed to connect the new accessory structure to the new rear porch addition on the main house.

## Consistency with Cited Guidelines:

Staff finds the proposal to be consistent with the cited guidelines.
Staff supports the elevation and relocation of the house in order to meet FEMA and zoning requirements. A skirt and/or planter boxes may be used to reduce the visual impact that the
elevation has on the proportions of the historic house. Staff can work with the applicant on this through the permitting process.

Though not historical to the house, the railings and steps proposed for the front porch are a necessity of the house's elevation. By placing the steps off to the side and not in the front, the design is sensitive to the historic look of the front porch. Proposed railings and replacement elements are all historically appropriate materials that do not conflict with the guidelines. The proposed back porch addition is attached to a façade that is not publicly visible and has been previously altered with several non-historic additions. The proposed rear porch is limited in scale to the historic house and utilizes established forms and appropriate materials.

Staff supports the replacement of the 4 windows on the front elevation, as the existing windows are not original to the house. The HARC guidelines for Windows emphasize that historic windows should be repaired "whenever possible" and that "In-kind replacement of deteriorated features is recommended whenever feasible." Staff reviewed photos showing the condition of the 7 historic wood windows that are proposed to be replaced and found the windows to be beyond repair. The extensive termite damage and substandard previous repair work has led to extreme deterioration and loss of historic features. The applicant is proposing to replace all windows on the historic house with 2-over-2 wood impact units, which is appropriate to the guidelines.

The proposed one-story accessory structure is compatible with the size, scale, material, and character of the historic house and the surrounding structures. Scale, forms, massing, rhythm, and proportions of the proposed accessory structure conform to HARC guidelines for New Construction, as well as HARC guidelines for Outbuildings.

If the Commission seeks to approve this application, staff would propose two conditions. First, that the applicant work with staff to minimize the visual impact of the elevation of the house on the streetscape - that is, how the proportion of the raised foundation reads when viewed from Virginia Street. Second, that this approval is conditional to approval by the Tree Commission for removals/relocations outlined in the site plan.

## HARC MAJOR PROJECTS CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

$\$ 400$ Non-refundable base application fee - other fees may be applicable


City of Key West
1300 WHITE STREET
KEY WEST, FLORIDA 33040

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A PRE-APPLICATION MEETING WITH HARC STAFF IS REQUIRED PRIOR TO SUBMITTAL

ADDRESS OF PROPOSED PROJECT: name on deed:

OWNER'S MAILING ADDRESS:

APPLICANT NAME:
APPLICANT'S ADDRESS:

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE:


ANY PERSON THAT MAKES CHANGES TO AN APPROVED CERTIFICATE OFAPPROPRIATENESS MUST SUBMIT A NEW APPLICATION. FLORIDA STATUTE 837.06: WHOEVER KNOWINGLY MAKES A FALSE STATEMENT IN WRITING AND WITH THE INTENT TO MISLEAD A PUBLIC SERVANT IN THE PERFORMANCE OF HIS OR HER OFFICIAL DUTY SHALL BE GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR OF THE SECOND DEGREE PUNISHABLE PER SECTION 775.082 OR 775.083. THE APPLICANT FURTHER HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGES THAT THE SCOPE OF WORK AS DESCRIBED IN THE APPLICATION SHALL BE THE SCOPE OF WORK THAT IS CONTEMPLATED BY THE APPLICANT AND THE CITY. THE APPLICANT FURTHER STIPULATES THAT SHOULD FURTHER ACTION BE TAKEN BY THE CITY FOR EXCEEDING THE SCOPE OF THE DESCRIPTION OF WORK, AS DESCRIBED HEREIN, AND IF THERE IS CONFLICTING INFORMATION BETWEEN THE DESCRIPTION OF WORK AND THE SUBMITTED PLANS, THE AFOREMENTIONED DESCRIPTION OF WORK SHALL BE CONTROLLING.

PROJECT INCLUDES: REPLACEMENT OF WINDOWS \& RELOCATION OF A STRUCTURE \& ELEVATION OF A STRUCTURE \& PROJECT INVOLVES A CONTRIBUTING STRUCTURE: YES $\qquad$ NO $\qquad$ INVOLVES A HISTORIC STRUCTURE: YES \& NO $\qquad$ PROJECT INVOLVES A STRUCTURE THAT IS INDIVIDUALLY LISTED ON THE NATIONAL REGISTER: YES $\qquad$ NO $\qquad$

DETAILED PROJECT DESCRIPTION INCLUDING MATERIALS, HEIGHT, DIMENSIONS, SQUARE FOOTAGE, LOCATION, ETC.


| APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED IN PERSON WITH HARD COPIES BY 3PM ON THE SCHEDULED DEADLINE PLEASE SEND AN ELECTRONIC COPY OF ALL DOCUMENTS TO HARC@CITYOFKEYWEST-FL.GOV |  |
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| ACCESSORY STRUCTURE(S): Y/BS, GOEST MOUSE |  |
| PAVERS: - | FENCES:Y Y S , wood -CMU WOLL AT LSAL + EX.CMU |
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| DECKS: YES, WRLKWM PAINTING: <br> SEB SAB TLAN  |  |
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| SITE (INCLUDING GRADING, FILL, TREES, ETC): | POOLS (INCLUDING EQUIPMENT): NO |
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| ACCESSORY EQUIPMENT (GAS, AIC. VENTS, ETC.): | OTHER: |
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THIS APPLICATION MAY BE REVIEWED BY PLANNING DEPARTMENT STAFF.

## HARC Certificate of Appropriateness: Demolition Appendix

| HARC COA \# | INITIAL \& DATE |
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| ZONING DISTRICT <br> $H M D R$ | BLDG PERMIT \# |

ADDRESS OF PROPOSED PROJECT: PROPERTY OWNER'S NAME: APPLICANT NAME:

## City of Key West

1300 WHITE STREET
KEY WEST, FLORIDA 33040



## CRITERIA FOR DEMOLITION OF CONTRIBUTING OR HISTORIC STRUCTURES:

Before any Certificate of Appropriateness may be issued for a demolition request, the Historic Architectural Review Commission must find that the following requirements are met (please review and comment on each criterion that applies);
(1) If the subject of the application is a contributing or historic building or structure, then it should not be demolished unless its condition is irrevocably compromised by extreme deterioration or it does not meet any of the following criteria:
(a) The existing condition of the building or structure is irrevocably compromised by extreme deterioration.

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(2) Or explain how the building or structure meets the criteria below:
(a) Embodies no distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction of aesthetic or historic significance in the city and is not a significant and distinguishable building entity whose components may lack individual distinction.

Nothing in this application is intended to alter the authority of the Building Official to condemn for demolition dangerous buildings, as provided in Section 102-218 of the Land Development Regulations and Chapter 14 of the Code of Ordinances.

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| (b) Is not specifically associated with events that have made a significant contribution to local, state, or national history. |
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| (c) Has no significant character, interest, or value as part fo the development, heritage, or cultural characteristics of the city, |
| state or nation, and is not associated with the life of a person significant in the past. |
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| (d) Is not the site of a historic event with significant effect upon society. |
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| (e) Does not exemplify the cultural, political, economic, social, or historic heritage of the city. |
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| (i) Has not yielded, and is not likely to yield, information important in history. |
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## CRITERIA FOR DEMOLITION OF NON-CONTRIBUTING OR NON-HISTORIC STRUCTURES:

The following criteria will also be reviewed by the Historic Architectural Review Commission for proposed demolitions. The Commission shall not issue a Certificate of Appropriateness that would result in the following conditions (please review and comment on each criterion that applies);
(1) Removing buildings or structures that are important in defining the overall historic character of a district or neighborhood so that the character is diminished.

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(2) Removing historic buildings or structures and thus destroying the historic relationship between buildings or structures and open space.



1912 Sanborn with the property at 324 (316) Virginia Street indicated in red.


1926 Sanborn with the property at 324 (316) Virginia Street indicated in red.


1948 Sanborn with the property at 324 (316) Virginia Street indicated in red.


1962 Sanborn with the property at 324 Virginia Street indicated in red.


Historic photo from 1965 showing 324 Virginia Street.





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The Historic Architectural Review Commission will hold a public meeting at 5:00 p.m., May 25, 2021 at City Hall, 1300 White Street, Key West, Florida. In order to view the live feed of the meeting, you can tune in to Comcast channel 77, AT\&T Uverse channel 99, or type this link into your browser: http://keywestcity.granicus.com/MediaPlayer If you wish to participate virtually, please contact HARC staff at 305-809-3973. The purpose of the hearing will be to consider a request for:

## \#324 VIRGINIA STREET

## Applicant -Seth Neal Application \#H2021-0021

If you wish to see the application or have any questions, you may visit the Planning Department during regular office hours at 1300 White Street, call 305-809-3973 or visit our website at www.cityofkeywest-fl.gov.

## MARC POSTING AFFIDAVIT

## STATE OF FLORIDA: COUNTY OF MONROE:

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, personally appeared EVAN Amado , who, first being duly sworn, on oath, depose and says that the following statements are true and correct to the best of his/her knowledge and belief:

1. That a legal notice for Public Notice of Hearing of the Historic Architectural Review Commission (HARC) was placed on the following address:


This legal notices) contained an area of at least $8.5^{\prime \prime} \times 11^{\prime \prime}$.
The property was posted to notice a public hearing before the Key West Historic Architectural Review Commission to be held on $\qquad$ $25^{\text {th }}$ 2021.

The legal notices) is/are clearly visible from the public street adjacent to the property.

The Certificate of Appropriateness number for this legal notice is $\qquad$ .
2. A photograph of that legal notice posted in the property is attached hereto.


The forgoing instrument was acknowledged before me on this $\qquad$ $19^{44}$ day of May , 2021.
By (Print name of Affiant) Evan D. A nato
personally known to me or has produced FLDL $553520488 / 640$ as identification and who did take an oath.

NOTARY PUBLIC,
Sign Name:


Notary Public - State of Florida (seal)
My Commission Expires: $8 / 20 / 23$


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## Disclaimer

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Owner
LYKINSLEASINGLLC
601 Glasgow Ln
Valuation

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| + MarketImprovement Value |  | \$65.810 | \$40,789 | \$41.738 | \$42,687 |
| + MarketMisc Value |  | \$874 | \$874 | \$874 | \$874 |
| + MarketLandValue |  | \$417.935 | \$445,317 | \$445,317 | \$445.317 |
| = Just Market Value |  | \$484,619 | \$486,980 | \$487,929 | \$488,878 |
| = Total Assessed Value |  | \$387,967 | \$352,697 | \$320,634 | \$291,486 |
| - School Exempt Value |  | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| = School Taxable Value |  | \$484,619 | \$486,980 | \$487,929 | \$488,878 |
| Land |  |  |  |  |  |
| Land Use | Number of Units |  | Unit Type | Frontage | Depth |
| RESIDENTIAL DRY (010D) | 3,313.00 |  | Square Foot | 0 | 0 |



## View Tax Info

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Sketches (click to enlarge)


Photos



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No data available for the following modules: Commercial Euildings, Mobile Home Buildings, Exemptions, Permits.

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