

AGENDA
ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD
October 16, 2006 – 3:00 P.M.
Mayor's Pre-Council Chamber – Mobile Government Plaza
205 Government Street

A. CALL TO ORDER – Chair

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of Minutes
3. Approval of Mid-Month Requests Approved by Staff

B. MID-MONTH APPROVALS

1. **Applicant's Name:** Read Roofing and Contracting
Property Address: 1320 Dauphin Street
Date of Approval: September 11, 2006

Install new three tab shingled roof. Weathered Wood in color.

2. **Applicant's Name:** F.S. Land Company, LLC
Property Address: 1255 Springhill Avenue
Date of Approval: September 12, 2006

Build 8 x 10 pad for dumpster and relocate dumpster from 1257 Springhill Avenue to end of driveway. Construct a section of 6 ft. wood privacy fencing on the east property line and install two wood gates of the same design across east and west driveways.

3. **Applicant's Name:** Vivian Ash
Property Address: 1108 Selma Street
Date of Approval: September 13, 2006

Repaint house in the following Sherwin Williams color scheme:
Body: Gallery Green
Trim: Billiard Green
Door: White

4. **Applicant's Name:** Vivian Ash
Property Address: 1106 Selma Street
Date of Approval: September 13, 2006

Repaint house in the following Sherwin Williams color scheme:
Body: Pewter Tankard
Trim: White
Shutters: Billiard Green

5. **Applicant's Name:** Mrs. Farley
Property Address: 255 Dexter Avenue
Date of Approval: September 13, 2006

Replace rotten wood as necessary on rear of building with new materials matching existing in profile, dimension and material. Paint new materials to match existing color scheme.

6. **Applicant's Name:** Amanda Bray
Property Address: 962 Dauphin Street
Date of Approval: September 13, 2006

Replace rotten wood as necessary with new materials to match existing in profile, dimension and material. Prime to paint. Paint house: colors to be submitted at a later date.

7. **Applicant's Name:** Barbara Giddens
Property Address: 200 S. Dearborn Street
Date of Approval: September 13, 2006

This CoA replaces approval for fence repairs granted on 01-13-06. Fence will be located as constructed approximately 12 inches behind sidewalk. Approval is in compliance with side setback approval granted 09-11-06 by BOA.

8. **Applicant's Name:** Dharam S. Pannu
Property Address: 907 Elmira Street
Date of Approval: September 15, 2006

Install 12 x 12 shed in rear yard. Siding to be Hardiplank. Roof to be gabled with asphalt shingles. Design supplied by MHDC.

9. **Applicant's Name:** Ralph Reynolds Roofing
Property Address: 60 St. Francis Street
Date of Approval: September 15, 2006

Install new built up bitumen flat roof to match existing in profile and dimension.

10. **Applicant's Name:** J.O. Hermann
Property Address: 59 S. Catherine Street
Date of Approval: September 15, 2006

Repair rear porch with new materials to match existing in profile and dimension; paint new materials to match existing color scheme.

11. **Applicant's Name:** O.C. Wiggins Construction
Property Address: 208 Lanier Avenue
Date of Approval: September 15, 2006

Remove deteriorated gutter. Install new fascia board leaving extended rafters exposed.

12. **Applicant's Name:** Stewart Contracting Company
Property Address: 182 St. Francis Street
Date of Approval: September 15, 2006

Clean and prep building. Paint rusted areas black to match existing color scheme. (Unpainted brick to remain unpainted.)

13. **Applicant's Name:** Gary and Patricia Collie
Property Address: 10 Oakland Terrace
Date of Approval: September 15, 2006

Replace rotten wood as necessary to match existing in profile, dimension and material. Paint house in the following color scheme:
Body: Valspar Jekyll Sans Souci Green
Trim: Valspar Woodlawn Lace
Porch: Valspar Deep River Green
Shutters: Valspar Crabapple Wine

14. **Applicant's Name:** Richard Brown/Hastings Reid
Property Address: 1225 Selma Street
Date of Approval: September 19, 2006

Repair existing 6 inch dog eared privacy fence to match existing.

15. **Applicant's Name:** P.M. Gardner Construction Co.
Property Address: 103 S. Ann Street
Date of Approval: September 19, 2006

Replace rotten wood as necessary with new materials to match existing in profile, dimension and material. Paint new materials to match existing color scheme. Repair roof with shingles and materials to match existing in color, profile and dimension.

16. **Applicant's Name:** Timothy Ellzey
Property Address: 5 N. Jackson Street
Date of Approval: September 20, 2006

Accent paint around entrance door as per submitted colors.

17. **Applicant's Name:** Steven Byrd Construction
Property Address: 805 Church Street
Date of Approval: September 20, 2006

Demolish metal warehouse at rear of lot; remove deteriorated sections of concrete and block foundation.

18. **Applicant's Name:** Thomas Roofing
Property Address: Fort Conde, 150 S. Royal Street
Date of Approval: September 20, 2006

Replace broken roof tiles where needed matching existing in shape and color.

19. **Applicant's Name:** Papa John's Pizza/Victor Sign Company
Property Address: 1500 Government Street
Date of Approval: September 21, 2006

Install aluminum halo-illuminated channel letters with red painted faces. Sign to be 22.13 sq. ft. and placed in sign band per the submitted drawings.

20. **Applicant's Name:** Kelly Beeker/Diversified Roofing
Property Address: 1207 Government Street
Date of Approval: September 21, 2006

Install new roof using 30 year dimensional shingles. Weathered Wood in color.

21. **Applicant's Name:** Off Dauph
Property Address: 5 N. Jackson Street/300 Dauphin Street
Date of Approval: September 22, 2006

Install 12 sq. ft. of logo signage on inner surface of glass. Install three light fixtures on window surface as per submitted plans.

22. **Applicant's Name:** Kenneth Palmertree
Property Address: 1111 Old Shell Road
Date of Approval: September 22, 2006

Add front porch detailing to include: column, railing, wood stairs and stair rail per MHDC drawings.

23. **Applicant's Name:** Three Georges
Property Address: 226 Dauphin Street
Date of Approval: September 25, 2006

Repair west wall. Cover with stucco and paint to match existing colors.

- 24. Applicant's Name:** Kevin Chambers
Property Address: 1054 Palmetto Street
Date of Approval: September 25, 2006

Replace rotten wood as necessary with new wood to match existing in dimension and profile; repaint house white with Bellingrath Green trim.

C. NOTICES OF VIOLATION and MUNICIPAL OFFENSE TICKETS

No NoVs or MoTs were written during this time period.

D. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. 105-06-CA** 219 Dauphin Street
Applicant: Archdiocese of Mobile/Dan Merker
Nature of Request: Build privacy fence to enclose rear parking lot.
- 2. 106-06-CA** 311 Marine Street
Applicant: Oakleigh Venture Revolving Fund/Douglas Kearley, architect
Nature of Request: Remove rear addition and construct new addition. Remove chain link fence. Install Bahamian limestone driveway. Repaint house in same gray and white colors.
- 3. 107-06-CA** 753 St. Francis Street
Applicant: St. Francis Place, LLC/Charles K. Breland
Nature of Request: Build suspended deck on existing third floor roof area and add handrails.
- 4. 108-06-CA** 1150 Old Shell Road
Applicant: Ryan J. Stuckas
Nature of Request: Build 24' x 20' gabled addition on rear of house with details to match existing house.
- 5. 109-06-CA** 256 S. Cedar Street
Applicant: Warren V. Carmichael
Nature of Request: Enclose rear patio sunroom.
- 6. 110-06-CA** 1200 Dauphin Street
Applicant: Jarrod White
Nature of Request: Install garage doors on garage apartment at rear of property.

7. **111-06-CA** 301 Conti Street
Applicant: Centre for the Living Arts, Mobile/Mathes Brierre,
architects
Nature of Request: Add new entrance to front of building. Add rooftop terrace
with guard rail. Reclad third floor brick and concrete
exterior wall with glass and metal panels. Replace service
doors. Replace second floor windows. Repair or replace
elements of building as needed. New signage.
8. **112-06-CA** 601 Conti Street
Applicant: MDI Media Group Inc./AAA Iron Works
Nature of Request: 252 linear feet of 4' aluminum fence with black powder
coat finish.

E. OTHER BUSINESS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

F. ADJOURNMENT

APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS
STAFF COMMENTS

105-06-CA: 219 Dauphin Street
Applicant: Archdiocese of Mobile/Dan Merker
Received: 09/25/06 (+45 Days: 11/09/06)
Meeting: 10/16/06

INTRODUCTION TO THE APPLICATION

Historic District: Lower Dauphin Street
Classification: Contributing
Zoning: B-4
Project: Install privacy fence to enclose rear parking lot.

BUILDING HISTORY

This two-story brick commercial building with a full-width glass storefront on the first floor is owned by the Archdiocese of Mobile. It was built circa 1940 and has been home to a number of businesses, including a Woolworth's and several nightclubs. It is currently the Soul Kitchen Music Hall.

STANDARD OF REVIEW

Section 9 of the Historic Preservation Ordinance states that "the Board shall not approve any application proposing a Material Change in Appearance unless it finds that the proposed change...will not materially impair the architectural or historic value of the building, the buildings on adjacent sites or in the immediate vicinity, or the general visual character of the historic district..."

STAFF REPORT

1. New Privacy Fence to Enclose Parking Lot
 - A. Currently, the building has a rear parking lot open to Conti Street.
 - B. The Design Review Guidelines state that fences "...should compliment the building and not detract from it. Design, scale, placement and materials should be considered along with their relationship to the Historic Districts."
 - C. Retain the 6' wood privacy fence partially enclosing the rear parking lot, leaving openings for traffic to enter and exit.
 - D. Generally, wood privacy fences are considered residential in character and open metal fences are more typical of commercial areas.
 - E. Conti Street is becoming an important pedestrian street in the downtown area, particularly with the Arts Alive event, the location of the Saenger Box Office and the popularity of Café 219 with its proposed expansion.
 - F. The fence is out of character with the district and the masonry building.

RECOMMENDATION

It is necessary to note that the privacy fence has already been built; however, MHDC has received numerous complaints about it. In its current form, the fence does not follow the typical open work metal type of design and materials of the Lower Dauphin Street Historic District. Staff believes the fence as built impairs the historic integrity of the district and recommends denial of this application.

1. APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

STAFF COMMENTS

106-06-CA: 311 Marine Street
Applicant: Oakleigh Venture Revolving Fund/Douglas Kearley, architect
Received: 09/25/06 (+45 Days: 11/09/06)
Meeting: 10/16/06

INTRODUCTION TO THE APPLICATION

Historic District: Oakleigh Garden
Classification: Contributing
Zoning: R-1
Project: Remove rear addition and construct new addition. Remove chain link fence and install 6' wood fence. Install Bahamian limestone driveway. House to be repainted same gray and white color scheme.

BUILDING HISTORY

This one-story frame shotgun residence was built circa 1900.

STANDARD OF REVIEW

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STAFF REPORT

1. Remove Rear Addition and Construct New Addition
 - A. Currently, this residence has a small one-room addition on the back that was built some time after the original building.
 - B. The Design Review Guidelines state that "new additions...shall not destroy historic materials that characterize the property. The new work shall be...compatible with the massing, size, scale and architectural features to protect the historic integrity of the property and its environment."
 - C. The existing frame room with shed roof will be removed.
 - D. A gabled frame addition on brick piers with wood lattice infill will be placed at the rear of the house that mimics the design of the existing house.
 - E. Siding will match existing.
 - F. Door and Window sizes, placement and materials will match existing.
 - G. There will be a rear porch with wood steps leading to the ground and a chamfered center wood column to match existing columns on the front porch.
2. Remove Chain Link Fence and Install 6' Wood Privacy Fence
 - A. Currently, this residence has a non-historic chain link fence surrounding the rear of the property from the front porch. There is a small section of 6' wood privacy fence on the right side of the property. The lot is approximately 40' x 130' and the rear property line abuts a parking lot.
 - B. The Design Review Guidelines state that fences "...should compliment the building and not detract from it. Design, scale, placement and materials should be considered along with their relationship to the Historic Districts."
 - C. The proposed wood fence will be 6' tall and complete the wood privacy fence already in place on the right hand side of the property.
 - D. Wood will be pressure treated.

- E. There will be a 5' gate extending from the left side of the house to the property line. It will be set back 25' from the curb. Unlike the current chain link gate, which sits flush with the front porch, the new gates will be set back from the front porch.
- F. Fences of this type are common throughout historic districts.
- 3. Install Bahamian Limestone Driveway
 - A. Currently, this residence has a driveway on the left hand side of the property.
 - B. The Design Review Guidelines state that "modern paving materials are acceptable in the historic district."
 - C. Driveway will be 4" thick Bahamian Limestone and maintain the proportions of existing.
- 4. Repaint House
 - A. Rear addition will be painted existing gray and white color scheme.
 - B. Existing section of house will be repainted as necessary.

RECOMMENDATION

The proposed improvements are typical and common updates of historic properties. Staff feels that these improvements will not negatively impact the integrity of the building or the district and recommends approval of the application as submitted.

APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS
STAFF COMMENTS

107-06-CA: 753 St. Francis Street
Applicant: St. Francis Place LLC/Charles K. Breland
Received: 09/25/06 (+45 Days: 11/09/06)
Meeting: 10/16/06

INTRODUCTION TO THE APPLICATION

Historic District: Lower Dauphin Street
Classification: Contributing
Zoning: R-3
Project: Build a suspended deck on the existing roof area on the third floor and add handrails.

BUILDING HISTORY

This multiple-story masonry building with Baroque-style architectural elements was built in 1908 as the Convent of Mercy. The building served as such until 1973, when it was sold to the Empress Chandelier Company as a showroom. It stood vacant from 1978 until 2000, when it was renovated into condominiums. The former convent now operates as St. Francis Place.

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STAFF REPORT

1. Build Suspended Deck and Add Handrails
 - A. Currently, the area of the building where the proposed deck will be located is a roof. The deck alteration is part of the ongoing renovation of the convent.
 - B. The Design Review Guidelines state that “new additions...shall not destroy historic materials that characterize the property. The new work shall be...compatible with the massing, size, scale and architectural features to protect the historic integrity of the property and its environment.”
 - C. Build a floating deck on top of the existing third-floor roof made of galvanized steel channels.
 - D. Build up existing parapets with 2’ of stucco on CMU anchored to coping and topped with a precast copper cap.
 - E. Add powder-coated metal handrails around balcony with hardware to match existing metal rails throughout building.

RECOMMENDATION

MHDC has an easement on the property. Staff feels that while the addition of handrails and 2’ of height on each parapet will alter the front façade significantly, the alteration will finish, rather than detract from, the building. Additionally, the impact of the proposed improvements on the façade will be dependant upon the angle at which they are viewed. They will “not destroy historic materials that characterize the property,” but are of a style and material that can be found throughout the property. Furthermore, the deck portion of the proposed improvements will not be seen from the street. Staff recommends approval of the application as submitted.

APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS
STAFF COMMENTS

108-06-CA: 1150 Old Shell Road
Applicant: Ryan J. Stuckas
Received: 09/25/06 (+45 Days: 11/09/06)
Meeting: 10/16/06

INTRODUCTION TO THE APPLICATION

Historic District: Old Dauphin Way
Classification: Contributing
Zoning: R-1
Project: Demolish previous lean-to addition at rear of house and build a new 24' x 20' rear addition. It will have a gabled roof and asphalt shingles to match existing roof. Windows and exterior details will be matched to existing house. Some elements will be salvaged from demolition to incorporate into new addition. Paint exterior to match existing.

BUILDING HISTORY

This is a one-story frame bungalow residence built in 1925.

STANDARD OF REVIEW

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STAFF REPORT

1. Remove Rear Addition and Construct New Addition
 - A. Currently, this residence has a full-width shed roof addition with a deck on the back that was built some time after the original building.
 - B. The Design Review Guidelines state that "new additions...shall not destroy historic materials that characterize the property. The new work shall be...compatible with the massing, size, scale and architectural features to protect the historic integrity of the property and its environment."
 - C. Remove existing rear addition.
 - D. Construct a gabled frame 24' x 20' addition on block piers at the rear of the house that mimics the design of the existing house.
 - E. Match new roof shingles to existing asphalt 3tab weathered wood.
 - F. Match new siding to existing with either smooth Hardi lap siding if approved or 6" pine lap siding.
 - G. Use salvaged wood windows. Match door and window sizes, placement and materials to existing.
 - H. Place a single-light door on the right side of the rear elevation with wood steps leading to the ground.
 - I. Add a 4' shed wood awning with exposed rafters to addition.
 - J. Paint exterior to match existing.

RECOMMENDATION

The proposed improvements are typical and common updates of historic properties. Staff feels that these improvements will not negatively impact the integrity of the building or the district and recommends approval of the application as submitted.

APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS
STAFF COMMENTS

109-06-CA: 256 S. Cedar Street
Applicant: Warren V. Carmichael
Received: 10/02/06 (+45 Days: 11/16/06)
Meeting: 10/16/06

INTRODUCTION TO THE APPLICATION

Historic District: Church Street East
Classification: Non-Contributing
Zoning: R-1
Project: Enclose rear patio sunroom.

BUILDING HISTORY

This is a two-story brick residence built in 1999.

STANDARD OF REVIEW

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STAFF REPORT

1. Enclose Sunroom
 - A. This owner received previous approval for footings and slab on 06-27-05.
 - B. This is a non-contributing building in the historic district.
 - C. Brick in rear circular patio sunroom with brick and stone, leaving large openings for windows.
 - D. Enclose openings with Pella multi-light windows.

RECOMMENDATION

It is necessary to note that the sunroom has already been partially enclosed. Based on the information contained in the application, as well as the building being non-contributing to the historic district, the proposed work does not impair the historic integrity of the district. Staff recommends approval of the application as submitted.

APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS
STAFF COMMENTS

110-06-CA: 1200 Dauphin Street
Applicant: Jarrod White
Received: 10/03/06 (+45 Days: 11/17/06)
Meeting: 10/16/06

INTRODUCTION TO THE APPLICATION

Historic District: Old Dauphin Way
Classification: Contributing
Zoning: R-1
Project: Install four metal Series 281 garage doors on openings of garage apartment.

BUILDING HISTORY

This two-story frame garage apartment sits at the rear of the 1200 Dauphin Street property. The residence at 1200 Dauphin Street was built in 1894; however, the garage apartment appears to have been built later.

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STAFF REPORT

1. Install New Garage Doors
 - A. Currently, this garage apartment belongs to 1200 Dauphin Street. There are four large chamfered garage door bays on the first floor spaced at even intervals on either side of the center door. Items stored within these bays are visible from the street. Garage doors are the norm for buildings of any age, and having open bays creates visual clutter.
 - B. The Design Review Guidelines state that “wood or metal garage doors should be simple in design and compatible with the main building.”
 - C. Enclose garage bays with metal Series 281 doors. They will be 8’ wide on the west side and 7’ wide on the east side to fit in openings and will have a simple panel design. The chamfered bays will need to be squared to fit the doors.
 - D. Paint doors same color as building – Behr Canyon View.

RECOMMENDATION

The garage apartment building, though large and visible from the street, sits at the rear of the property. Also, the design and materials are compatible with the Design Review Guidelines. Staff feels that these improvements will not negatively impact the integrity of the building or the district and recommends approval of the application as submitted.

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STAFF COMMENTS

111-06-CA: 301 Conti Street
Applicant: Centre for the Living Arts/Mathes Brierre Architects
Received: 10/03/06 (+45 Days: 11/17/06)
Meeting: 10/16/06

INTRODUCTION TO THE APPLICATION

Historic District: Church Street East
Classification: Non-Contributing
Zoning: B-4
Project: New glass front entrance. Storefront windows and metal panels replacing existing concrete panels and windows on third floor. New rooftop terrace. Aluminum side-by-side single pane windows replacing existing awning windows on second floor. Clean and repair brick and cast stone façades as necessary. Replace old signs with new signs at entrances.

BUILDING HISTORY

This two-story brick building with a partial brick third story and clerestory faces Cathedral Square. It was originally the rear warehouse facility for the Mobile Press Register located on Government Street. It is currently being used as an art gallery, Space 301.

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STAFF REPORT

1. New Glass Front Entrance on North Elevation
 - A. Currently, the building’s entrance is located on the west side of the north elevation. It is cast stone with a tall canvas awning above it. There are no windows on the first floor. The second floor windows are aluminum awning type in a regular fenestration pattern set in cast stone, which extends along the east elevation.
 - B. Remove canvas awning from existing entrance, clean and repair metal canopy as needed.
 - C. Replace metal sign at existing entrance with new corner cast stone tile to match existing cast stone façade.
 - D. Create new entrance just east of center of north elevation, removing part of wall to form a new 10’11” x 14’2½” x 13’10” glass entryway with glass doors.
 - E. Install decorative slate in new entryway extending to curb.
 - F. Add 2½ story (31’1”) glass inverted awning curtain wall above entrance, removing wall section to the interior.
 - G. Replace existing aluminum awning windows on second floor (north and east elevations) with side-by-side single light aluminum windows in existing openings.
2. Third Floor Alterations
 - A. Currently, the third floor façade consists of concrete panels with aluminum sash one-over-one windows in a regular fenestration pattern along the north and east elevations. The north and west elevations of the third story are flush with the first two levels. The east elevation of the building is stepped.

- B. Replace existing concrete panels and aluminum sash windows with 7'1³/₄" composite metal panels, 9'9¹/₂" glass curtain wall and glass fin glazing system.
 - C. Add new outdoor terrace on east side of building consisting of roof pavers above waterproofing/paver system on new concrete slab.
 - D. Add new stainless steel cable guard rail around terrace.
3. Signage
- A. Add lettering at new north elevation entrance made of individual stainless steel letters to be surface mounted on the existing walls. Bottom of sign will be 5'4" from ground level and 2' from entrance. Top of sign will be 8' from ground level. The total area is 10.56 square feet.
 - B. Add lettering at west elevation entrance made of individual stainless steel letters to be surface mounted on the existing walls. Bottom of sign will be 4'4⁷/₈" from ground level and sit within the entryway. Top of sign will be 7'7⁷/₈" from ground level. The total area is 13.45 square feet.
4. Other
- A. Clean and repair or replace brick and cast stone as needed.
 - B. Clean and repair or replace exterior light fixtures and downspouts as needed.
 - C. Drawings show new metal louver vents at north and east elevations. Not in application.
 - D. Drawings show new insulated service doors to replace existing overhead coiling doors at north and east elevations. Not in application.
 - E. Drawings show new terracotta tile wall system at entrance on west elevation. Not in application.
 - F. Drawings show sidewalk improvements and light pole relocations that will need to be addressed by Right-of-Way.

RECOMMENDATION

Based on the information contained in the application, as well as the building being non-contributing to the historic district, the proposed work does not impair the historic integrity of the district. Furthermore, the addition of the rooftop terrace and the new entrance on the north elevation will create visual interest which does not currently exist along this part of the street. Staff recommends approval for all items in parts 1-3 and 4A&B. Upon clarification of finishes, staff would recommend approval of items 4C&D. Staff recommends more information be provided for item 4E. Staff recommends approval of item 4F; however, Right-of-Way has final approval.

APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS
STAFF COMMENTS

112-06-CA: 601 Government Street
Applicant: MDI Media Group Inc./AAA Iron Works
Received: 10/06/06 (+45 Days: 11/20/06)
Meeting: 10/16/06

INTRODUCTION TO THE APPLICATION

Historic District: Church Street East
Classification: Non-Contributing
Zoning: B-4
Project: Install 252 linear feet of 4' tall aluminum fence with black powder coat finish around property.

BUILDING HISTORY

This one-story brick on masonry commercial building with large multi-light bay windows was built in 1976. It has been home to a number of businesses, including an antique shop and a printing/copy center. It is owned by MDI Media Group Inc., but is currently vacant.

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STAFF REPORT

1. New Aluminum Fence to Enclose Property
 - A. Currently, the building has a parking lot facing Warren Street to the east.
 - B. The Design Review Guidelines state that fences "...should compliment the building and not detract from it. Design, scale, placement and materials should be considered along with their relationship to the Historic Districts."
 - C. Retain the 4' aluminum fence that surrounds the property, leaving openings for traffic on the Warren Street side.
 - D. Generally, open metal fences are typical of commercial areas.
 - E. The powder coat finish will allow the fence to appear like iron, following the Guidelines statement that aluminum fences are appropriate, but should "appear to be iron."
 - F. The fence is not out of character with the district and the masonry building.

RECOMMENDATION

It is necessary to note that the fence has already been partially built. In its current form, the fence follows the typical open work metal type of design and materials appropriate for the downtown commercial areas. Based on the information contained in the application, as well as the building being non-contributing to the historic district, the proposed work does not impair the historic integrity of the district. Staff recommends approval of this application as submitted.