

CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS STAFF REPORT

TO: Historical Affairs and Landmark Review Board (HALRB)
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SUBJECT: CoA 21-19, 2200 North Nelson Street, Maywood Local Historic District

Background Information

The dwelling at 2200 North Nelson Street was constructed before 1914 and is listed as a contributing resource in the *Maywood National Register Nomination*. The description is as follows:

The two-bay-wide, wood-frame dwelling rests on a solid parged foundation with a raised basement and an L-shaped footprint. It is clad in aluminum siding and has a front-gable roof sheathed in asphalt shingles. It has a one-story, two-bay, wood-frame front porch on square turned posts and one-over-one vinyl-sash replacement windows. Window and door surrounds are unmitered and unmolded with a projecting sill. Other notable features include a boxed aluminum cornice, a diamond-light in the garret story gable end, and a single-cell addition to the rear elevation, supported on two Tuscan columns.

The HALRB approved the relocation of a 4'x10' shed at this property in 2016.

Proposal

The applicant is requesting to remove approximately 120 s.f. of existing black chain link fence and two chain link gates along the street frontage of the property and replace it with 120 s.f. of aluminum vertical picket fence and two matching gates. The owners applied for an Administrative Certificate of Appropriateness (ACoA) for a wooden picket fence in July 2021; however, they decided that the property site, which is set beneath the road, would be severely obstructed by a wooden picket fence thereby reducing the street view from the house and the view of the historic property from the right-of-way. Therefore, the applicant is asking for a fence that matches the neighbor's aluminum fence at 2158 North Oakland Street.

DRC Review

The Design Review Committee (DRC) heard this application at its September 1, 2021, virtual meeting. The committee recommended that if precedent for previously approved metal fences in Maywood was found, the project could be placed on the consent agenda for the September 15, 2021, HALRB hearing, and if not, it should be placed on the discussion agenda.

Recommendation

The Historic Preservation staff recommends approval of the subject application. The fence the applicant is matching at 2158 North Oakland was approved by HALRB in 2006 (CoA 06-32). A similar picket design metal fence was approved at 3610 21st Avenue North in 1995 (CoA 95-26). Although metal is not listed as a fence material that can be approved by staff via an ACoA as per Appendix G of the *Maywood Design Guidelines*, metal is an appropriate material for the neighborhood per the *Design Guidelines* and was considered for use in ornamental fences in the previous iteration of the *Design Guidelines*. Additionally, there are iron fences at 3313 22nd Street North and 2837 23rd Road North and a metal barrier at 3301 21st Avenue North, as well as an iron fence at the Maywood mini-park.