

Sec. 230.065. - General guidelines for historic contributing resources.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, the property shall be used for its historic purpose, or for a similar purpose that will not alter street access, landscape design, entrance(s), height, footprint, fenestration, or massing.

Response: The proposed project will not result in a change of use, so this criteria met.

(b) Historic materials, finishes, and distinctive features shall, when possible, be preserved and repaired according to historic preservation methods.

Response: No historic material will be impacted by the proposed alterations to the security fence.

(c) Distinctive stylistic features or examples of skilled craftsmanship significance shall be treated with sensitivity.

Response: The proposal to convert the existing non-historic metal picket fence to a privacy fence by replacing the open picket panels with solid panels will not impact stylistic features or examples of craftsmanship, so this criteria is met.

(d) Historic or original features shall be restored or reconstructed only when supported by physical or photographic evidence.

Response: No historic or original features are being restored or reconstructed, therefore this criterion does not apply.

(e) Changes that have taken place to a historic resource over the course of time are evidence of the history and development of a historic resource and its environment, and should be recognized and respected. These changes may have acquired historic significance in their own right, and this significance should be recognized and respected.

Response: The proposed alteration is being applied to a non-historic feature that has not yet gained historic significance in its own right, therefore this criterion is met.

(f) Additions and alterations to a historic resource shall be designed and constructed to minimize changes to the historic resource.

Response: The proposed replacement of fence panels does not change any historic materials. It does impact the visual character of the site. However it is not a significant change. The conversion to a privacy fence is consistent with district historic character, since privacy fences are commonplace. Additionally, existing vegetation at the property perimeter screens much of the fence from view from the exterior. The

change is an immediate security need that cannot reasonably be accomplished through methods that have less visual impact.

(g) Additions and alterations shall be constructed with the least possible loss of historic materials and so that significant features are not obscured, damaged, or destroyed.

Response: The proposed alteration will not cause loss of any historic materials. The existing fence is free-standing and is not affixed to any historic building or feature. The replacement of the fence panels to create privacy and security do obscure portions of secondary facades of the Mahonia Hall building. However, the installation will not obscure visibility of the primary facades or formal landscape. The existing fencing in those areas that contain the most significant historic features will be retained. Additionally, vegetation screens much of the area proposed for alteration, minimizing visual changes from the exterior resulting from the proposed project. Finally, although the proposed alteration will not reduce the height of the fence, the primary building, Mahonia Hall, is taller than the typical house in the district and is located on higher ground than the fence location. These conditions allow retention of substantial visibility of the house form from the exterior, despite the proposed alterations. The upper portion of walls, roofline, and general shape of the house will continue to remain visible from the exterior.

(h) Structural deficiencies in a historic resource shall be corrected without visually changing the composition, design, texture or other visual qualities.

Response: The proposed project will not impact any historic structural system, so this criteria is met.

(i) Excavation or re-grading shall not be allowed adjacent to or within the site of a historic resource which could cause the foundation to settle, shift, or fail, or have a similar effect on adjacent historic resources.

Response: No excavation or re-grading will occur as a result of the proposed project, so this criteria is met.