Historic Preservation Board
Public Hearing
October 9, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.
City Hall | Commission Chambers
401 S. Park Ave. | Winter Park, Florida

Agenda Items

1. Call to Order/ Approval of the August 29, 2019 meeting minutes.

2. Public Hearings
   - COR #19-005 Request by Todd & Ashley French to: build 1,711 square feet of additions to the existing 949 square foot home 1285 Richmond Road. The home was built in 1935 and is a previously designated Historic Landmark.
   - Historic Preservation Incentives: Subdivision Code change to allow lot size variances for lot splits when the trade-off for such lot size variances is the designation and preservation of the existing home.

3. New Business
4. Planning Manager’s Report
5. Board Updates & Comments
6. Adjourn

appeals & assistance

"If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he/she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he/she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based." (F.S. 286.0105).

"Persons with disabilities needing assistance to participate in any of these proceedings should contact the City Clerk’s Office (407-599-3277) at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting."
Call to order.

Call to order. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Bob Schwejte, Ed Sabori, Jason Taft, John Skolfield, Tracey Curry, Wade Miller and Drew Henner: Absent: Laura Armstrong. Staff: City Architect, Brooks Weiss; Planning Director, Bronce Stephenson and Recording Secretary, Kim Breland.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion made by John Skolfield, seconded by Tracey Curry, to approve the January 9, 2019 meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously with a 7-0 vote.

Election of Chair and Vice Chair:

Motion made by Bob Schwejte, seconded by Ed Sabori, to nominate Laura Armstrong as Chairman for the Historic Preservation Board. Motion carried unanimously with a 7-0 vote.

Motion made by Ed Sabori, seconded by Jason Taft, to nominate Bob Schwejte as Vice-Chairman for the Historic Preservation Board. Motion carried unanimously with a 7-0 vote.

Action Items:

- COR #19-003 Request by Ian Ogilvie to: Construct a 130 square foot addition to the rear of the existing home at 422 Holt Avenue in the College Quarter Historic district.

Planning Manager Jeff Briggs explained that the item was a Certificate of Review from Ian Ogilvie to construct a 130 square foot addition to the rear of the existing single-family home at 422 Holt Avenue, located within the College Quarter Historic District.

Mr. Briggs stated that the applicant is proposing to build a 130 square foot addition on to the back of the home, which will be of the same architectural style as the original home and then rebuild the deck on to the rear. He provided slides of the home showing the location of the home in the College Quarter showing the back of the home pointing out the deck, which is in need of repair.

Mr. Briggs stated that the addition is 6 ft. 6 inches from the eastern property line and the applicant is requesting a 6-inch variance from the 7-foot side setback requirement. He referenced the photo of the rear of the home noting that portion of the building is already inset leaving it further away from the neighbor than the balance of the house as it goes toward the street.

Mr. Briggs provided elevations of the proposed addition and summarized by stating that the proposed structure met all of the code criteria.

Staff recommended approval of the request.

Applicant Ian Ogilvie, 422 Holt Avenue, Winter Park, FL. addressed the Board. Mr. Ogilvie noted that prior to his purchase of the home in April of 2019; the home had been a rental property for a number of years. He explained that in his talks with neighbors, he was asked if his intent was to rent the home. Mr. Ogilvie explained that his intention is not to rent the property, but to make it his permanent home for the foreseeable future and he is excited to work on restoring the home to its original beauty.
The Board heard public comment from:

Norma English, 411 Holt Avenue, Winter Park, FL. Ms. English welcomed Mr. Ogilvie to the neighborhood and asked questions regarding the side setbacks and wanted to clarify there would be no parking in front of the home.

Nancy Galyean, 746 McIntyre Avenue, Winter Park, FL. Ms. Galyean stated that she was delighted that someone purchased the home who would live in it and take care of it. She expressed concerns regarding a dumpster that has been sitting on the sidewalk since the beginning of June, which has destroyed the sidewalk leaving it unsafe. She asked that the dumpster be removed and asked that the owner replace the sidewalk as soon as possible.

No one else from the public wished to speak. The public hearing was closed.

The Board agreed with Staff’s recommendation. The consensus was that the addition was in keeping with the architectural style and that the variance was deminimus.

Motion made by Ed Sabori, seconded by Tracey Currey to approve the COR request of Ian Ogilvie to construct a 130 square foot addition to the rear of the existing home at 422 Holt Avenue in the College Quarter Historic district.

The motion carried unanimously with a 7-0 vote.

- **HDA #19-002 Request by April Hughes to:** Individually designate the 1952 home at 2230 Howard Drive as a historic landmark within the Lake Forest Park neighborhood.
- **COR #19-002 Request by April Hughes to:** Build 973 square feet of additions to the existing 1,574 square foot one-story masonry home at 2230 Howard Drive.

Mr. Briggs presented the staff report explaining that the item was a two-part request from April Hughes to designate the home at 2230 Howard Drive to the list of Winter Park Historic Properties and for approval to build 973 square foot of additions to the existing 1,574 square foot one-story home at 2230 Howard Drive.

Mr. Briggs stated that the applicant currently lives on Glencoe Road property and discovered the property on 2230 Howard Drive and would like to restore the home to its original Mid-Century Modern architectural style. He stated that the home is typical of the MCM style and may be one of the Sorensen + Fletcher design/built homes, so prevalent in Winter Park in the 1950's and 1960's. He summarized by stating that the scale of the home contributes to the heritage of the architecturally divers neighborhood. Staff recommendation is for approval.

Mr. Briggs moved on to discuss the COR request. He showed photos of the existing home, which is in need of repair. He stated that other residents in the neighborhood have taken the old style of home, modernized it, and showed examples of homes updated with the same style.

Mr. Briggs stated to accomplish restoring the home at 2230 Howard Avenue, the applicant would like to fix up the home and make needed additions. He reviewed the repairs and additions as listed in the staff report and discussed setbacks and the variances requested. Mr. Briggs noted letters of support received by Staff from the neighbors on both sides of the property as well as other neighbors.

Mr. Briggs summarized by stating that Staff is in support of the application for designation, repairs, and additions with variances. Staff recommended approval of the request.

Mr. Briggs answered questions from the Board.

Applicant April Hughes, 1510 Glencoe Road, Winter Park, FL addressed the Board. She noted that her current home is another historically designated home in Winter Park. She explained to Board how she discovered the home on Howard Drive, which she found beautiful and wanted to own and restore to its original splendor. She explained the repairs and additions she wanted to make to the home and reiterated her affection for the home and asked the Board for their consideration with her request.
The Board addressed the applicant and commended her willingness to designate and restore the home. No one from the public wished to speak. The public hearing was closed.

The Board discussed the designation and COR requests and agreed with Staff recommendations.

Motion made by Wade Miller, seconded by John Skolfield for approval to individually designate the 1952 home at 2230 Howard Drive as a historic landmark home within the Lake Forest Park replat.

The motion carried unanimously with a 7-0 vote.

Motion made by Ed Sabori, seconded by Jason Taft for approval to build 970 square feet of additions to the existing 1,544 square foot one-story masonry home at 2230 Howard Drive, zoned R-1A.

The motion carried unanimously with a 7-0 vote.

- COR #19-004 Request by Grady Cooksey to: Build a 1,546 square feet of additions to the existing 1,783 square foot two-story home at 420 Melrose Avenue. The home was built in 1925 and is a previously designated Historic Landmark

Mr. Briggs presented the staff report and explained that the item was a COR request for the property at 420 Melrose Avenue. The home was voluntarily designated on the list of historic places in September of 2018. He explained that the owners have put the home on the market and have a prospective purchaser who is the applicant making the COR request, Grady Cooksey and the offer on the home is contingent upon the approval of the additions being requested for the 1925 home.

Mr. Briggs showed slides of the location of the home and noted that the property is a corner lot. He reviewed the right side setbacks (10ft.) of the home shared with the neighboring home on lots 3 and 4 and the rear setback (25ft.) to the neighbor to the south. He went on to review the additions requested by the applicant and related variance request.

Mr. Briggs then showed renderings of the proposed home with approved additions and variance. He reviewed, in detail, the setbacks for the first story and second story additions and stated the applicant was following code with respect to the terracing of the second story addition. The applicant is segmenting the second further back to be respectful to the neighbors, per code, at the 10 ft. setback for the first story and 25 ft. for the second story.

Mr. Briggs pointed out that at the rear of the property there is a one-story frame stucco accessory dwelling that was remodeled from a garage into a habitable space, which is two feet away from the neighbor to the south. The applicant, in an effort to relieve any effect on the neighbor has agreed to remove the structure from the property, in compensation for the garage variance. Mr. Briggs provided aerial photos of the accessory dwelling, showing its proximity to the fence and property line of the neighbor to the south. He showed additional views which pointed out the significant area of the yard area going out toward Richmond Road as well as images of the landscape screening around along then common property.

Mr. Briggs stated Staff was pleased to have the property on the historic designation list and explained that the designation allowed the applicant can apply for variance requests to the Historic Preservation Board. He stated the role of the historic designation is not to be punitive, but to work with the homeowners in terms of their plans and to the extent variances are requested as long when they are reasonable and do not pose hardship on neighbors as to aid historic preservation. He briefly discussed issues related to the opposition to the request of the neighbor to the south, Bernard Martin. He noted that Staff was in support of the applicant's request because the combination of removing the habitable structure from the rear of the line and building a garage that does not make noise and maintaining the landscape screening is sufficient compensation for the variance request.

Staff recommended approval of the request.
Mr. Briggs answered questions from the Board regarding corner lot variances processes lot split process on properties the size of the home at 420 Melrose Avenue.

Applicant Grady Cooksey addressed the Board. He stated that he was trying to make a significant investment with the home, which is in need of improvement. He explained that the home does not have a garage or carport. He stated that when he presented his initial plans for the property to the neighbor, which included a 10ft. setback, the plans were rejected. He then had his architect redraw the plans at a 25 ft. setback, but after reviewing the plans, it was clear that the plans would not work for the structure needed to be built and the investment he was willing to make for the property, which is why he requested a variance. Mr. Cooksey noted that he, his architect and realtor made numerous attempts to talk to Mr. Martin, but their efforts were unsuccessful.

Mr. Cooksey then answered questions from the Board regarding landscape plans and driveway configuration.

The Board heard public comment from:

Bernard Martin, 1230 Richmond Road, Winter Park, FL. Mr. Martin requested additional time to present his concerns to the Board. He stated that he worked with an architect to develop plans that would allow the applicant to build the additions to the home without any variances. He then asked the Board of any members had affiliation with the organizations provided in his presentation handout to which the members stated that none had any affiliation. Board member Ed Sabori stated for the record that he has resided at the property across the street from 420 Melrose for over 30 years.

Mr. Martin then provide a definition of a variance by the 5th District Court of Appeals. He gave a presentation with slides for homes where variances were denied for similar corner lot homes. He went on to discuss in depth, the variances that had been denied for other properties adjacent to his property. Mr. Martin went on, at length to address his concerns related to the proposed garage the applicant would like to build, the existing accessory dwelling and landscape issues. He presented the design he worked on with his architect and reiterated that he felt his design would work on the property without any variances.

Mr. Martin stated that the Commission expressed concerns regarding residents learning their rights related to setback infringements and the discord it could create amongst neighbors. Lastly, he showed photos of his home, which is a signature, cut stone home such as the Gamble Rogers homes, which is double the value of other homes in the area and expressed his opposition to the request.

Sim Seckback, 420 Melrose Avenue, Winter Park, FL. addressed the Board and stated that he agreed to designate his home after being approached by former City of Winter Park Architect Brooks Weiss. He stated that at the time of designation he was assured that the designation would not have an impact on any sale of the home. He stated that he chose to designate his home to prevent it from being torn down, as the tearing down of homes had become a trend in the neighborhood. He addressed the Mr. Martin’s property and stated that he built a privacy fence to screen his view from construction trucks on his property.

Lastly, Mr. Seckback appealed to the Board to approve the applicant’s request to alleviate the issues Mr. Weiss guaranteed he would not have with selling the home.

Laura Finn, PO Box 566, Osteen, FL. Mrs. Finn stated that while she presently lives in Osteen, Florida, she grew up at 420 Melrose Avenue. She asked the Board to approve the variance request to relieve the hardship the owner is experiencing with selling the home.

No one else from the public wished to speak. The public hearing was closed.

Mr. Cooksey responded to Mr. Martin’s proposed design. He reiterated that he had his own architect had created a design in the 25 ft. setback with the desired additions for the home and the additions could not be done. Mr. Cooksey stated that if the variances were denied he would have to end his contract to purchase the property because he would not be able to build. He acknowledged that the burden was not on the Board.
The HPB Board members discussed the requests and variances requested. They noted that the 10 foot setback requested was the same setback enjoyed by the neighboring property that was objecting to the variance. They agreed that the removal of the non-conforming accessory living quarters building that was 2 ft. from the property line was in the best interest of the City. Board members noted the extensive landscape buffer that exists on the common property line which will screened this addition substantially from view of that objecting neighbor. Their unanimous conclusion was that the additions and variance would have no negative affect upon the neighboring property.

Motion made by John Skofield, seconded by Tracey Curry for approval to build a 1,546 square feet of additions to the existing 1,783 square foot, two-story home at 420 Melrose Avenue. The home was built in 1925 and is a previously designated Historic Landmark.

The motion carried unanimously with a 7-0 vote.

Non- Action Items:

a. Planning Director’s Report:

Mr. Skofield asked that the Board consider opportunities as an incentive for designation of historic homes to provide more flexibility regarding lot splits. Planning Manager, Jeff Briggs responded to Mr. Skofield’s input telling the Board that this would be an agenda item when the Board met next on October 9, 2019.

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kim Brelend
Recording Secretary
Historic Preservation Board
Staff Report for October 9, 2019 Meeting

COR #19-005 Request of Todd and Ashley French to: Construct a 1,711 square foot addition to the existing 949 square foot single-family home at 1285 Richmond Road.

Original Home Built: 1935

Home Expansion Description

Todd and Ashley French (owners) are requesting approval to build a two-story addition onto their existing one-story home at 1285 Richmond Road on a property of 7,476 sf in size. The existing home is the original one-story, 949 sf wood frame structure built in 1935. In the rear is a detached one car garage of 180 sf and accessory living space of 497 sf.

The Owners with children need to add onto their 949 sf of living area. They propose to construct a 1,711 sf, two-story addition on the rear side of the existing home. The build out would remain consistent with the style and materials of the original home. They are maintaining the existing roof pitch.

The additions and the existing building areas total 3,327 sf which an FAR of 44% which is 1% greater than the maximum 43% FAR. The owners are seeking a variance for that FAR because all of the overage is within an enclosed attic storage area within the two-story roof pitch.

The side setbacks are 7½ feet to the one story component and 12½ feet to the two-story components. The second story setback for a portion of the two-story addition is proposed at 11.3 feet from the property to the north at 1273 Richmond Road. That is 15 inches closer than Code and thus needs a variance for that setback. All other setbacks meet or exceed Code.

Accessory Living Unit Request

In the rear yard is an existing detached one-story 497 sf guest living quarters attached to the garage. It can be used as a home office, or as living accommodations for family or visitors. One of the benefits of historic designation is the ability to request permission to allow such accessory living space to be a legal rental cottage. As an existing structure there are no impacts on surrounding neighbors from this rental other than one more car on-site for the renter. In order to avoid on-street parking, the HPB has required off-street parking in these circumstances. That can be easily accommodated by putting in a front circular driveway, as shown on their plans. There is more than ample impervious coverage allowance available, as the property will be at 43.2% coverage with the circular drive, when completed and the Code allows up to 50% impervious coverage.
Summary

The proposed structure (excepting the variances) meets all requirements in the Land Development Code and Design Guidelines of for Historic Landmark properties. The plans have been reviewed by George Wiggins, Director of the Building + Permitting Services Department for Winter Park who is in support of the two aforementioned variances. The planning staff supports this request and the variances as there does not appear to be any negative impact from the second floor being 15 inches closer than Code and the added floor area is within the attic within the two-story roof pitch. In addition, letters have been provided from both adjacent neighbors in support of this application. See attached plans and pictures of the project.

Staff recommendation is for approval with one condition:

1. *That the conversion of the detached guest quarters shall require the addition of a front circular driveway in order to provide off-street parking for that accessory unit.*
1285 Richmond Rd. Winter Park
FRONT ELEVATION
9.9.19
1285 Richmond Rd. Winter Park
SIDE ELEVATION

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## SETBACK / COVERAGE WORKSHEET

For Single Family Zoning Districts (R-1A, R-1AA & R-1AAA)

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### IMPERVIOUS LOT COVERAGE

Include bldg footprint, driveways, sidewalks, patios, swimming pools, A/C pads, artificial turf, etc.

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**FLOOR AREA RATIO (F.A.R.)**

For one and two story bldgs (include 1st & 2nd floors, garages/carports, stair areas on both floors, areas on 2nd floors which are open to the 1st floor, and accessory bldgs. EXCLUDE - pool screen enclosure areas and certain open front side & rear porches.

- Lots < 11,600 sf: Use 38% Base FAR or w/ increased side setbacks: 43% Max FAR
- Lots 11,600 sf to 13,600 sf Use 4,500 sf Base area & 5,200 sf Maximum area
- Lots > 13,600 sf Use 33% Base FAR or w/ increased side setbacks: 38% Max FAR

### SCREEN POOL ENCLOSURE

- 8% of lot area

### FRONT YARD LANDSCAPE COVERAGE

Count all landscaped green areas - exclude hard surfaces and all driveway surfaces (pervious & impervious).

- Minimum % Required: 50%

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### NOTES:

1. Windsong & Waterbridge may use these standards, except lot types A, B, & C in Windsong. Provisions on side articulations & accessory bldgs are mandatory.
2. Lot width measured at the front bldg line across lot. The bldg line is located at the required front setback for vacant lots or front bldg wall closest to the street of existing homes. For unusual (pie) shaped lots, an average lot width may be utilized as measured between the front bldg line and the required rear setback line or shall be determined by the Building Director. For a proposed home, determine the front setback as described on page 2.
3. Submerged lands or land across the street shall not be included.
4. Percentage based on the lot area.
5. One story homes with a sloping roof, 12:12 or less, may utilize the maximum F.A.R. and may provide roof dormers, 8 ft. maximum width and 2.5 ft. back from the required setback, occupying 45% of roof area within the same roof plane.
6. Area forming a room behind 2nd floor walls shall be included in the gross floor area.
7. See page 3 on how to achieve maximum F.A.R.
8. Vaulted and cathedral ceiling areas count twice if the height from the floor to the ceiling is 17.5 feet or greater.
9. The area of open front porches and entries may be excluded from the gross floor area subject to a maximum area of 400 square feet. The area within an open or screened rear and/or side porches, lanai, porte cochere or other covered areas may be excluded from the gross floor area up to 500 sf of floor area. On 2nd floor, rear and/or side porches shall have an exterior sides that are 75% open in order to utilize up to 300 sf of the total 500 sf excluded gross floor area.
10. Any area not already used in the permitted floor area ratio (FAR) may be added to this 8% for additional screened pool enclosure area.

11. These columns only apply to existing homes.
September 7, 2019

City of Winter Park
Historical Preservation Board
401 South Park Ave
Winter Park, FL 32789

Historical Preservation Board,

I am writing in regards to the property located at 1285 Richmond Road, Winter Park, FL. The property is owned by Todd and Ashley French. They are interested in adding onto the house, which would involve adding more ground floor space in the back, as well as 2nd floor space above the added-on ground floor. From my point of view, I really like this idea. The current floor space is quite small, and some additional space will make it more appealing and more useful; that the French family include 3 children would make the extra space quite functional.

Todd and Ashley are very caring, devoted people who are wonderful neighbors. I am very confident that if approved, the construction would be tasteful, and respectful of the neighborhood. Thus, I can wholeheartedly, and without reservation, support their plan. I sincerely hope that you will agree. If I can be of any assistance in this matter, please contact me.

Respectfully,

[Signature]

Eb Blakely
1295 Richmond Road
Winter Park, FL
City of Winter Park  
Historical Preservation Board  
c/o Jeff Briggs  
401 South Park Avenue  
Winter Park, Florida 32789

Historical Preservation Board:

The property located at 1285 Richmond Road, just south of and adjacent to my property, is owned by Todd and Ashley French. Todd and Ashley are interested in undertaking a home improvement project which consists of adding on a second story to their home along with extending the space in the back of the house. Please note that regarding this second story addition, I support the variance allowing the second floor setback from our shared property line to be 11.3 feet rather than the required 12.5 feet. This addition would increase the square footage of the house and, ultimately, provide more living space for their family of five.

My husband has lived in this neighborhood for about 12 years; I, myself, have lived here for six years. In the few years that we have been neighbors with the French family, they have proved to be wonderful and considerate people. I have no doubt that in the creation of their plans, they have ensured to retain the charming and historic character of the Virginia Heights neighborhood. As an individual and as a community, it’s encouraging to see neighbors who are so committed to the betterment of their home and neighborhood that they are willing to put in the time and resources required to make such improvements. I support Todd and Ashley in their endeavor and am more than happy to be of assistance in any way that I can.

Warm regards,  
Karoline Kniel Staker  

1273 Richmond Road  
Winter Park, Florida 32789
Certificate of Review Application
1285 Richmond Road Winter Park 32789

1. Building address
   Todd and Ashley French 1285 Richmond Road Winter Park 32789 (646) 732-6151
   Owner's name(s) Address Telephone
   Applicant's name (if different from above) Address Telephone

2. Please indicate the work you propose to undertake:
   ___ Minor alteration ___ New construction ___ Addition ___ Demolition ___ Rehabilitation
   ___ Variance request (additional information required) ___ Other: ____________________________

3. Proposed project narrative: (attach additional page if necessary)
   We request a two-story addition to our existing one-story home. We seek to expand our 829 square foot
   bungalow into a family home that will include additional living space, bedrooms, and baths.

4. The following supplementary information shall be provided as applicable to describe the proposal:
   ___ Site plan ___ Floor plan(s) ___ Elevations(s) ___ Photo(s) ___ Survey
   ___ Material and product information ___ Setback/Coverage worksheet REQUIRED
   Other: ___ Letters of support from immediate neighbors ________________________

5. I, ____________________________, Todd French, as owner of the property described above, do hereby authorize the filing of this application on my behalf.

[Signature]
9-17-19
Owner's Signature Date

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1. Describe variance request:

   The second story setback for a portion of the two-story addition is proposed at 11.3 feet, rather than the required 12.5 feet, to the property to the north at 1273 Richmond Road.

2. What are the special conditions and circumstances peculiar to the land, building(s), and structure(s), involved especially as they are established by the historic character of the afore mentioned?

   Our home is a 1926 Craftsman-style bungalow. We are proposing a second story that is in keeping with the style and character of our current home and fits in with many other similarly dated homes in Virginia Heights. The original facade of the home will be maintained and important historic details will be retained, like prairie style windows and doors, and eaves bracing. We will also reclaim two windows from the rear of the house to use on the facade of the home, so all front facing windows will be original to the 1926 home.

3. Describe the requirements, from the Land Development Code upon which this request is based.

   The setback for the rear addition is required to be 12.5 feet, but currently stands at 11.3 feet from our northern neighbor.

4. Describe how the requested variance may be appropriate to achieve the design review standards for historic preservation.

   In order to maintain the original character of the structure, we have chosen a setback that keeps the addition out of line-of-sight from the street, but also achieves the size and structure of home we need for our family.

5. Complete the setback and coverage calculations on the appropriate form and include with this application.

   File this form with your completed Certificate of Review application.
Historic Preservation Board
Staff Report for October 9, 2019 Meeting

Historic Preservation Incentives: Subdivision Code amendment to allow the preservation of historic homes as an incentive for lot split variances.

Historic Preservation Incentives
The City has adopted incentives to encourage owners to designate their historic structures. One important incentive is the variance authority of the Historic Preservation Board (HPB). Another incentive is the authority of HPB to allow rental status to accessory living structures (cottages or garage apts.)

The City also incentivizes waivers of fees for undergrounding of electric, reduced building permit fees, and $25,000 matching rehab grants.

Proposed Subdivision Code Incentive
The City routinely fields subdivision or lot split requests. They almost all involve the tear down of the existing home for two new homes. Often the requests include variances for lot sizes that do not meet the R-1A or R-1AA lot size standards.

In some cases there may be the opportunity to use the preservation of the existing home as an incentive to qualify for the lot size variance on the remaining land. Technically lot size variances are supposed to have “special conditions and circumstances” to qualify for such lot size variances. The proposed Subdivision Code amendment would provide that the designation and preservation of the existing home to be such a “special condition and circumstance”. It would require the recommendation by HPB that the building was a worthy candidate for preservation.

Staff will discuss three cases on 1541 Westchester Avenue, 250 Glenridge Way and 1554 Harris Circle where this incentive could be utilized on properties now under consideration for lot splits.

Summary
This proposed ordinance would be another incentive to encourage historic designations. The text only says that such an offer to designate “may” be considered as a “special condition and circumstance”. It in no way compels the City Commission to approve the lot split.

The staff presentation at the HPB meeting will discuss these types of opportunities in more detail.

Staff recommendation is for approval.
ORDINANCE NO. ____________

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WINTER PARK, FLORIDA AMENDING ARTICLE VI SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS OF CHAPTER 58 OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE SUBSECTION 58-376 CONCERNING SUBDIVISIONS AND LOT SPLITS; TO ALLOW CONSIDERATION OF THE DESIGNATION AND PRESERVATION OF HISTORIC HOMES AND/OR HISTORIC SPECIMEN LIVE OAK TREES AS SPECIAL CONDITIONS AND CIRCUMSTANCES FOR LOT SIZE VARIANCES SUBJECT TO THE NORMAL PUBLIC NOTICE AND PUBLIC HEARING PROCESS.

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Winter Park (the "City") recognizes that the preservation of historic homes and historic specimen live oak trees can be considered as special conditions and circumstances in the review of subdivision and lot split requests; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes that the Planning and Zoning Board and/or the City Commission desires that such factors be allowed to be considered as trade-offs in the consideration of variances for lot sizes when reviewing subdivision; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes that the Planning and Zoning Board and/or the City Commission recognizes that such factors are only one part of the consideration of variances and the offer to preserve and protect historic homes and historic specimen live oak trees and such offers do not entitle anyone to the approval of variances requested for lots sizes.

WHEREAS, in accordance with section 163.3174, Florida Statutes, and section 58-372 of the City Code of Ordinances, the City’s local planning agency, which is the designated planning and zoning board, has reviewed and made recommendations as to the amendments set forth herein;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE CITY OF WINTER PARK, FLORIDA:

SECTION I: RECITALS. The above recitals are true and correct, are adopted and incorporated herein, and constitute the legislative findings of the City Commission of the City of Winter Park.

SECTION II: Portions of Chapter 58, Land Development Code, Article VI, Subdivision and Lot Consolidation Regulations, are hereby amended to read as shown below, and words with single underlined type shall constitute additions to the original text and strike through shall constitute deletions to the original text.

SECTION III: Chapter 58, Land Development Code, Article VI, Subdivision and Lot Consolidation Regulations, Section 58-376 is hereby amended to create a new paragraph in 58-376 (f) and to renumber paragraph 58-376 (f) Appeals to paragraph 58-376 (g). as shown below:

Sec. 58-376. – Variances and appeals from subdivision regulations.
(f) Historic homes and live oak trees. In the consideration of subdivision and lot split requests, the Planning and Zoning Board and the City Commission may consider the preservation and protection of historic homes and/or the preservation and protection of historic live oak trees as special conditions and circumstances to be determining factors related to the approval of variances for lot sizes for subdivisions or lot splits. In considering the preservation of an existing home the Historic Preservation Board shall first make a recommendation that the home is recommended for inclusion on the Winter Park Register of Historic Places and such listing and inclusion shall be required as a condition of approval for any such subdivision or lot split request. In consideration of the preservation of historic live oak trees, any such approval shall require the dedication of a tree preservation easement to the City for implementation of such an approval.

SECTION IV: INCONSISTENCY. If any Ordinances or parts of Ordinances are in conflict herewith, this Ordinance shall control to the extent of the conflict.

SECTION V: SEVERABILITY. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, provision, or word of this Ordinance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, then such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not be held to invalidate or impair the validity, force, or effect of any other remaining provisions of this Ordinance.

SECTION VI: CODIFICATION. Sections II through VIII of this Ordinance shall be codified and made a part of the City of Winter Park Land Development Code, and the sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered or re- lettered to accomplish this intention. The word “Ordinance” may be changed to “Section,” “Article,” or other appropriate word. The City Clerk is given liberal authority to ensure proper codification of this Ordinance, including the right to correct scrivener’s errors.

SECTION VII: This Ordinance shall become effective immediately following approval by the City Commission at its second reading.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Commission of the City of Winter Park, Florida, held in City Hall, Winter Park, on this _____ day of __________, 2019.

City of Winter Park

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Steven M. Leary, Mayor

Attest: ______________________
City Clerk
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