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STAFF MEMORANDUM

Meeting Date: August 10, 2021
DATE: July 30, 2021
TO: Auburndale Historic District Commission
FROM: Barbara Kurze, Senior Preservation Planner
SUBJECT: **Additional Review Information**

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide the members of the Auburndale Historic District Commission (Auburndale HDC) with information about the significance of the properties being reviewed and the application process, which may be useful in the review and decision-making process of the Auburndale HDC. Additional information may be presented at the meeting that the Auburndale HDC can take into consideration when discussing a Local Historic District Review application.

Dear Auburndale HDC Members,

The following is additional information for the Local Historic District Review applications that you should have received in your meeting packet.

Applications

107-109 Grove Street – Certificate of Appropriateness

HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE: The circa 1926 Colonial Revival/Craftsman double-house appears to have first been occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Burnham and Mr. and Mrs. William Danaway in 1927.

APPLICATION PROCESS: The commission asked the owners to come back with the proposed location of the condensers; the owners want to install condensers along the left side of the house. The owners also want to add an egress window well and change the open stair well.

MATERIALS PROVIDED:

Site plan
Photographs
Previously approved plans

29 Fern Street – Certificate of Appropriateness

HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE: The circa 1894 Colonial Revival house was built as a two-family. The first owner was William B. Herrick worked at 4 Ashburton Place in Boston. The 1900 U.S. Federal Census shows that he lived in the house with his wife Lucy, sons Olin and William, and daughters Marion and Florence. His occupation is listed as Teachers Agency Assistant Manager.

APPLICATION PROCESS: This review is continued from previous meetings. The owner wants to build rear and side decks with landings with metal accessibility ramps. In the last meeting, commission members agreed that the concept was appropriate and asked the owner to come back once the details of the deck and ramp configurations were worked out. The application has three options for the configuration. Continuation.

MATERIALS PROVIDED:

- Assessors database map
- Plans
- Photographs
- Product information

51 Hancock Street – Certificate of Appropriateness

HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE: The 1914 Craftsman house was built for Albion L. Cummings and his wife Mabel as a two-family. The architect was James Murry at 101 Tremont Street in Boston and the builder was Frank E. Jones at 52 Hillside Avenue in Needham Heights. The garage was built in 1917. Cummings’ occupation is listed as Engineer in the 1920 U.S. Federal Census.

APPLICATION PROCESS: The owners want to install sections of metal fencing to enclose the area behind the garage. The proposed metal Montage fence was previously approved by the commission for 37 and 41 Hancock Street and the location would be minimally visible from the street.

MATERIALS PROVIDED:

- Assessors database map with fence plan sketch
- Photographs
- Product information

Administrative Discussion

Minutes: Review the July meeting draft minutes.