# HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION APRIL 23, 2012 NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT NRD-2012-0036 Old West Austin 1516 W. 30th Street

### PROPOSAL

Demolish a detached garage and construct a rear addition house, add a shed roof to create a front porch, and replace the roof with metal roofing on a c. 1937 house.

# PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS

The existing house is approximately 1,303 sq. ft. and was constructed c. 1937. It is a one story, Minimal Traditional style, with a gable front and wing form. The house is constructed of brick, and has an uncovered concrete slab porch with a low brick wall. The front door has a simple pilaster surround. There are two pairs of windows on the front façade that are 6:6, double-hung with decorative shutters. The existing 18' x 19' detached garage is wood frame, with a hipped roof, exposed rafter tails, and wood doors that swing on hinges.

The applicant proposes to demolish the detached garage and construct a one-story rear wing addition to add a master bedroom suite and workshop. The addition will have siding, composition shingle roof, and multiple, double-hung windows.

The applicant also proposes to construct a shed roof over the existing concrete slab porch. The roof will be supported by wood, square columns. The front windows will be repaired to the extent possible; however, as they are removed and assessed the windows that are beyond repair will be replaced by replica 6:6, double-hung wood windows to match the existing.

The existing gable end at the front is covered with vertical aluminum siding. The applicant proposed to remove the aluminum siding at which time the condition of the material underneath will be assessed for soundness. If there is material that is beyond repair due to moisture infiltration, the applicant proposed to install brick in the gable end as is found on other similar properties in the area.

At this time the applicant proposes to use composition shingles on the new addition and front porch, but may replace this with metal roofing in the coming year and requests review of that change at this time.

The side access brick driveway from the street will remain, although the new addition will not include a vehicular garage.

### STANDARDS FOR REVIEW

The house is listed as contributing to the Old West Austin National Register Historic District. The Old West Austin National Register Historic District has no design guidelines for additions. Applicable general design review guidelines state:

• The distinguishing original qualities or character of a property and its environment shall not be destroyed. Removal or alteration of any historic material or distinctive architectural features should be avoided.

- All properties shall be recognized as products of their own time. Alterations which have no historical basis and which seek to create an earlier appearance shall be discouraged.
- Distinctive stylistic features or examples of skilled craftsmanship that characterize a property shall be treated with sensitivity.
- Contemporary designs for alterations and additions to existing properties are appropriate when such alterations and additions do not destroy significant historic, architectural, or cultural material and are compatible with the size, scale, color, material, and character of the property, neighborhood, or environment.
- Whenever possible, new additions or alterations to structures shall be done in such a manner that if such additions or alterations were to be removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the structure would not be impaired.

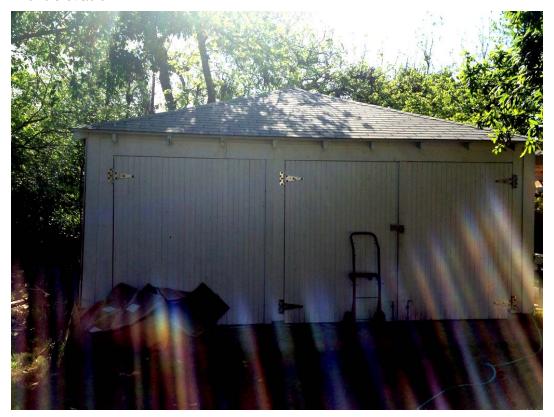
The addition of a roof over the porch changes the façade appearance, however adding this feature is in keeping with the style of other similar properties in District. Other revisions are also appropriate to the general design guidelines, and the rear addition will be minimally visible from the public right-of-way.

# STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Release the building permit based upon the proposed design as submitted.



Front elevation



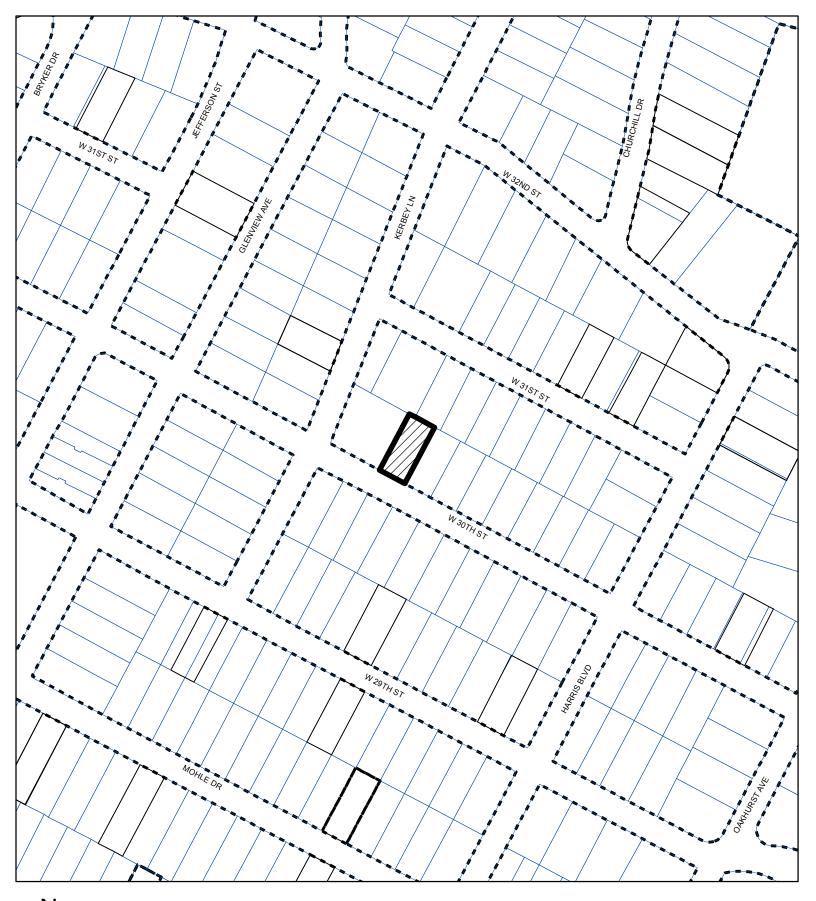
Detached garage







Houses of similar design and construction period in neighborhood

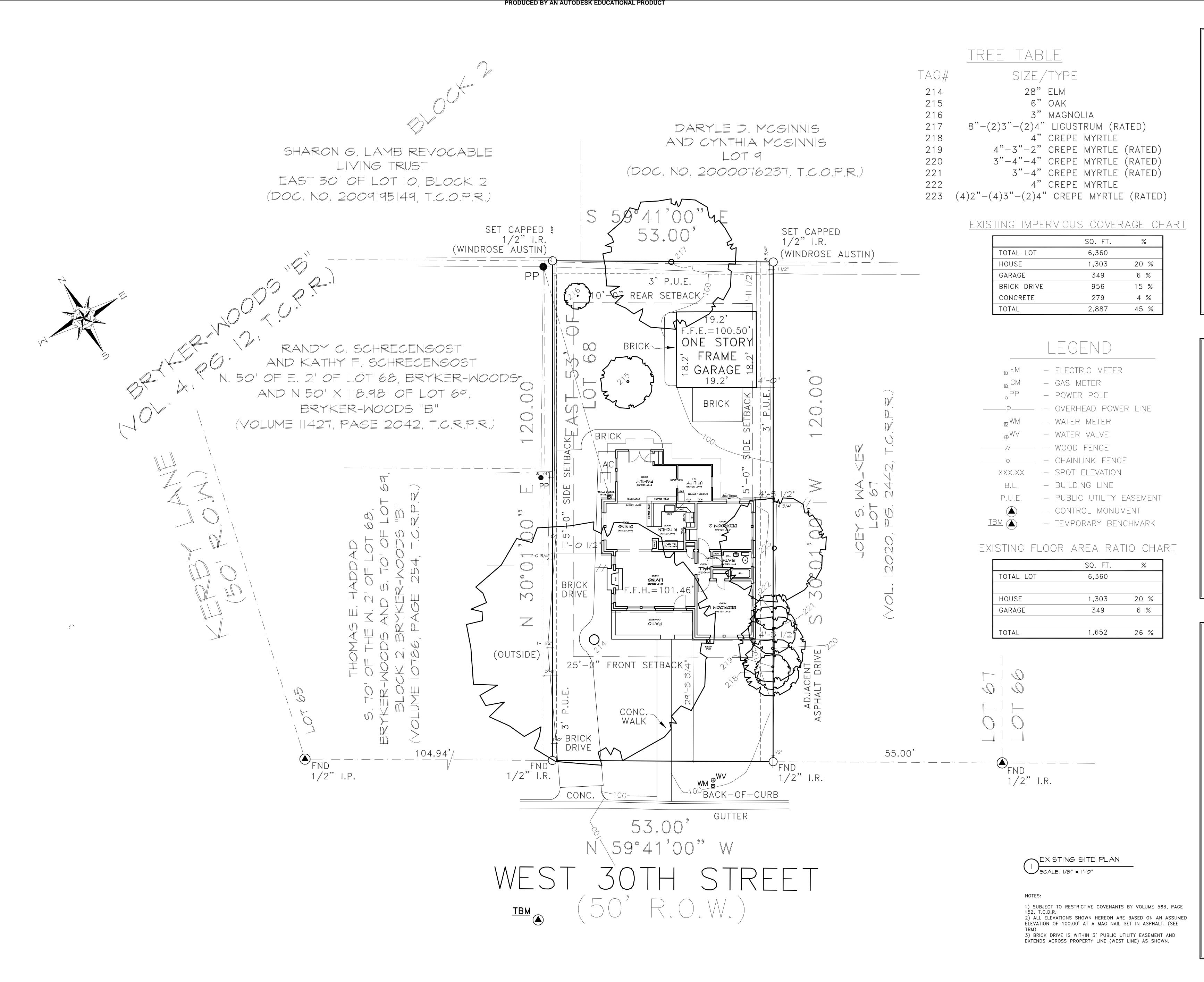




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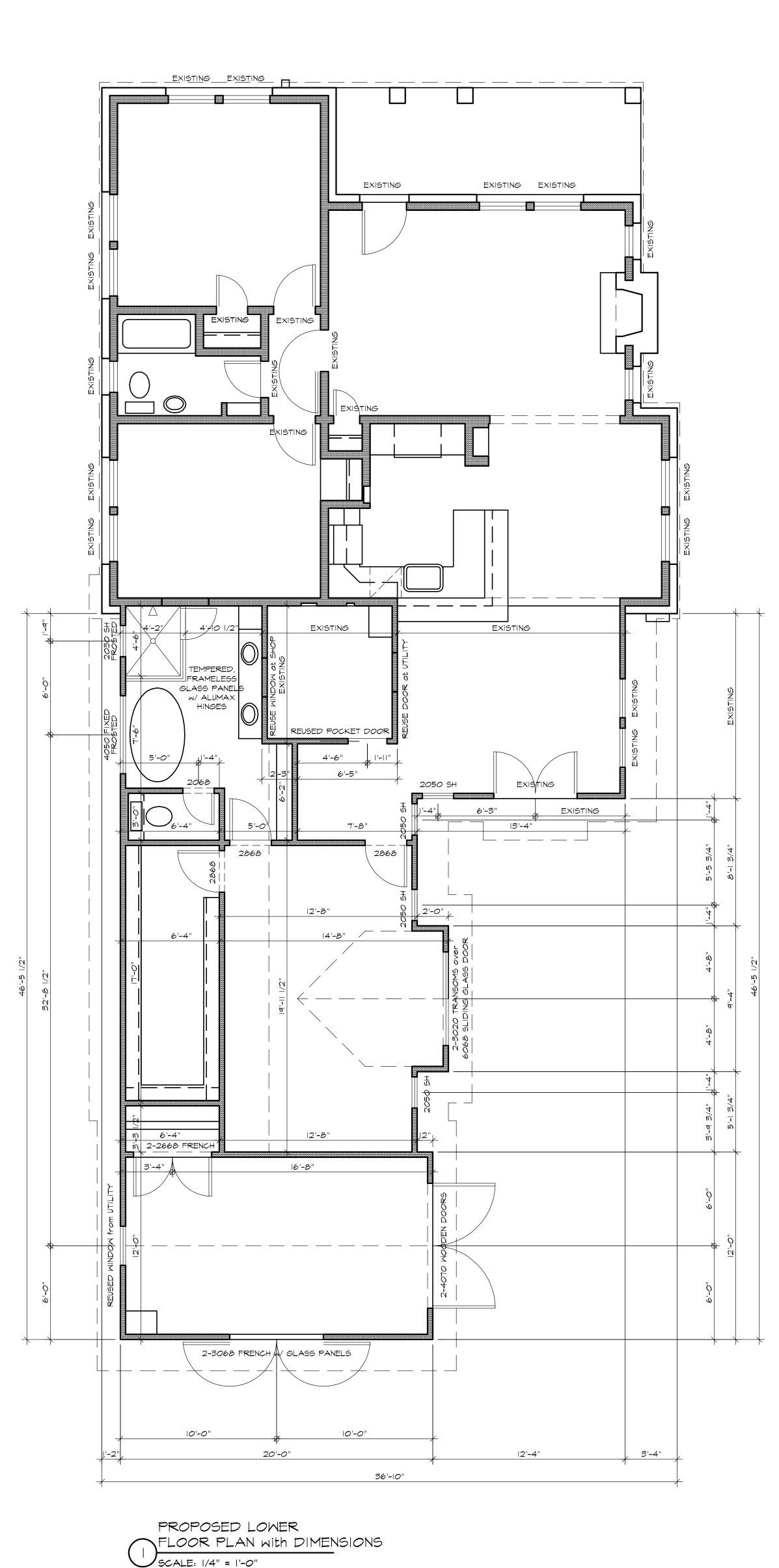
SIDE ELEVATION

SCALE: 1/4" = 1'-0"

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