

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
AUGUST 25, 2014
APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS
C14H-1990-0006
Mount Bonnell
3800 Mount Bonnell Road

PROPOSAL

Modify the existing pergola, expand the hardscape with seating; install new fencing.

PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS

The applicant proposes to modify the existing pergola by reducing the number of columns to allow for more unobstructed views from the top of the mountain, to expand the hardscape area with seating in front of the pergola, and to install new fencing at the perimeter of the public areas of the park. At the top of the mountain, the existing metal picket fences will be extended to block unauthorized paths; down the slope of the mountain, new fencing will consist of metal fences with steel posts and horizontal wire rails.

STANDARDS FOR REVIEW

The Commission's Standards for Review of applications for Certificates of Appropriateness include:

- Do not destroy the distinguishing original qualities or character of a building, structure, or site and its environment. Avoid the removal or alteration of any historic material or distinctive architectural features.
- Contemporary design for alterations and additions to existing properties are appropriate when such alterations and additions do not destroy significant historic, architectural, or cultural material and such design is compatible with the size, scale, color, material, and character of the property, neighborhood, or environment.
- Construct new additions or alterations to structures in such a manner that if such addition or alteration were to be removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the structure will be unimpaired.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Not reviewed.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Approve as proposed. The existing pergola is not historic, and removing some of the columns will not have any negative effect on the historic character of the site; likewise for the expansion of the seating area in front of the pergola. The fences will be very unobtrusive and do not detract from the historic character of the site.