HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION

FEBRUARY 22, 2016 APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS C14H-2009-0015 Gardner House

2418 Jarratt Avenue

PROPOSAL

Modification to an addition that was approved by the Commission in 2012.

PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS

The applicant previously obtained the Commission's approval to construct a master suite addition to the side of the house. The applicant has revised the floor plan, and the proposed addition is now smaller. The previous approval had stone veneer as the principal material on the addition, which has a recessed connector to the house and false half timbering in the tympanum of the gable. The applicant is seeking approval for removing the stone veneer and using stucco as the primary exterior material for the addition, and for including false half-timbering in the tympanum of the gable.

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.
- Recognize all buildings, structures, and sites as products of their own time. Do not
 construct alterations which have no historical basis and which seek to create an
 earlier appearance.
- 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

The Committee determined that the stone veneer on the addition is not necessary, and that stucco would be an acceptable materials; the Committee also determined that the false half-timbering the tympanum of the gable is appropriate for the addition.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Approve as proposed with the Committee's recommendations.

