ANN ARBOR HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Staff Report

ADDRESS: 342 Mulholland Street, Application Number HDC12-023

DISTRICT: Old West Side Historic District

REPORT DATE: March 1, 2012

REPORT PREPARED BY: Jill Thacher, Historic Preservation Coordinator

REVIEW COMMITTEE DATE: Monday, March 5 for the Thursday, March 8, 2012 HDC

meeting

OWNER APPLICANT

Name: Eric & Letitia Boyd Same

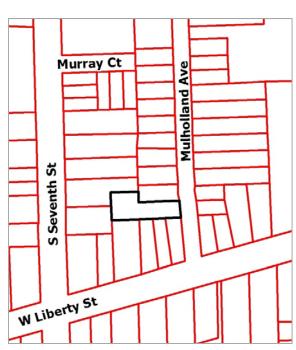
Address: 342 Mulholland Street

Ann Arbor, MI 48103 **Phone:** (734) 272-1284

BACKGROUND: This vernacular one-and-a-half story, front gable house is one of several nearly identical working class homes built on Mulholland during the period 1915 -1920. At the time the street was known as Sixth Street (its name changed in 1928). The house features a front porch with Doric columns and a low hip roof spanning the length of the eastern (front) façade, a textured concrete block foundation, and aluminum siding. The house first appears in the 1916 Polk City Directory and lists Mrs. Marie Schmid, widow of Charles Schmid, as the owner. Mrs. Schmid lived there until 1931, after which the house changed hands multiple times. In 1938, city directories list Edward and Florence Shaw as the occupants, who resided there until at least 1960. Edward worked as a teller at the Ann Arbor Bank.

LOCATION: The site is located on the west side of Mulholland Street, between West Washington Street and West Liberty.

APPLICATION: The applicant seeks HDC approval to add a rectangular shed dormer with clerestory windows on the north (side) elevation to increase the interior headroom in a bathroom. The dormer measures 13 feet 3 inches long and is approximately four feet deep, and would be clad and trimmed in cementitious composite materials. The proposed dormer has three windows that measure 24 inches wide and 18 inches high. The applicant also seeks approval to remove a skylight on the north (side) elevation that is located where the proposed dormer would be located, and a small rectangular window on the north elevation that is below the proposed dormer. Both skylight and



window are non-original and are believed to have been added in the 1950s or 1960s.

APPLICABLE REGULATIONS:

From the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation:

- (9) New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction shall not destroy historic materials that characterize the property. The new work shall be differentiated from the old and shall be compatible with the massing, size, scale, and architectural features to protect the historic integrity of the property and its environment.
- (10) New additions and adjacent or related new construction will be undertaken in such a manner that, if removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the historic property will be unimpaired.

From the Secretary of the Interior's Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings (other SOI Guidelines may also apply):

New Additions

<u>Recommended:</u> Locating the attached exterior addition at the rear or on an inconspicuous side of a historic building; and limiting its size and scale in relationship to the historic building.

Placing a new addition on a non-character-defining elevation and limiting the size and scale in relationship to the historic building.

Designing a new addition in a manner that makes clear what is historic and what is new.

<u>Not Recommended</u>; Designing a new addition so that its size and scale in relation to the historic building are out of proportion, thus diminishing the historic character.

Radically changing a character-defining roof shape or damaging or destroying character-defining roofing material as a result of incompatible design or improper installation techniques.

Windows

<u>Recommended:</u> Designing and installing additional windows on rear or other non-character-defining elevations if required by the new use. New window openings may also be cut into exposed party walls. Such design should be compatible with the overall design of the building, but not duplicate the fenestration pattern and detailing of a character-defining elevation.

<u>Not Recommended:</u> Installing new windows, including frames, sash, and muntin configuration that are incompatible with the building's historic appearance or obscure, damage, or destroy character-defining features.

Removing or radically changing windows which are important in defining the historic character of the building so that, as a result, the character is diminished.

STAFF FINDINGS:

1. The 13' 3" wide dormer is proposed on the north (side) elevation approximately 15' feet

behind the east (front) façade. The dormer roof is located several feet below the ridge height of the current roof, and its size and proportions are consistent and compatible with the rest of the house. It appears that the new dormer will not be highly conspicuous from Mulholland Street due to its location and size. The proximity of neighboring houses and the house's location on a hill also serve to make the proposed dormer less visible from the street. The proposed dormer is located on an elevation that has seen several alterations over the years, including a bay window on the first floor, a small window on the second floor above the bay window, and an addition on the rear elevation that is flush with the original side walls of the house. Because of these previous changes, this elevation's character defining features have been somewhat compromised.

- 2. The proposed dormer and windows are compatible in design with the existing house and its location on a side elevation with low visibility from the street is appropriate. The proposed dormer does not detract from the overall building proportions and design.
- 3. The new construction is differentiated from the original construction, which has aluminum clapboard siding, by the use of Hardie Plank, a cement-fiber material, and the installation of three horizontal rectangular windows. The three windows are small and do not duplicate the configuration of the house's character-defining windows. Also, the proposed roof dormer does not break the eave below it, in contrast to the wall dormer on the south side elevation that is continuous with the side elevation. This differentiates the new addition from the original dormer.
- 4. Removal of the non-original skylight and window is appropriate.
- 5. Staff recommends approval of the proposed dormer and removal of the non-original skylight and window. The proposed work is generally compatible in exterior design, arrangement, texture, material and relationship to the rest of the building and the surrounding area and meets *The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation,* in particular standards 9 and 10, and the guidelines for new additions and windows.

POSSIBLE MOTIONS: (Note that the motion is only a suggestion. The Review Committee, consisting of staff and at least two Commissioners, will meet with the applicant on site and then make a recommendation at the meeting.)

I move that the Commission issue a certificate of appropriateness for the application at 342 Mulholland Street, a contributing property in the Old West Side Historic District, to add a shed dormer on the north (side) elevation and remove a non-original window and skylight as proposed. The proposed work is compatible in exterior design, arrangement, texture, material and relationship to the rest of the house and the surrounding area and meets *The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation* and *Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings*, in particular standards 9 and 10 and the guidelines for new additions and windows.

MOTION WORKSHEET:

I move that the Commission	issue a Certificate of	of Appropriateness f	for the work at 342
Mulholland Street in the Old	West Side Historic [District	

Provided the following	condition(S) is (ARE) i	met: 1) STATE CONDITION(s
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The work is generally compatible in size, scale, massing, and materials and meets the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation, standard(S) number(S) (circle all that apply): 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10

ATTACHMENTS: application, drawings, photo











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ANN ARBOR HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION APPLICATION

Section 1: Property Being Reviewed and Ownership Information		
Address of Property: 342 Mulholland, Am Arbor, MI 48103		
Historic District: Old West Side		
Name of Property Owner (If different than the applicant): Eric + Letitra Boyd (Applicant + Property Owner)		
Address of Property Owner: 342 Mulholland, And Abor, MI 48103		
Daytime Phone and E-mail of Property Owner: 734-272-1284 ERICLBOYD		
Signature of Property Owner: Such Boys Date: 2/15/12		
Section 2: Applicant Information		
Name of Applicant: Eric + Letta Boy a		
Address of Applicant: 342 Mulholland, Am Arbor, MI 48103		
Daytime Phone: (734) 272-1284 Fax:()		
E-mail: ERICLBOYD @ AOL. COM		
Applicant's Relationship to Property:ownerarchitectcontactorother		
Signature of applicant:		
Section 3: Building Use (check all that apply)		
Residential Single Family Multiple Family Rental		
Commercial Institutional		
Section 4: Stille-DeRossett-Hale Single State Construction Code Act (This item MUST BE INITIALED for your application to be PROCESSED)		
Public Act 169, Michigan's Local Historic Districts Act, was amended April 2004 to include the following language: " the applicant has certified in the application that the property where the work will be undertaken has, or will have before the proposed completion date, a a fire alarm or smoke alarm complying with the requirements of the Stille-DeRossett-Hale Single State Construction Code Act, 1972 PA 230, MCL 125.1501 to 125.1531." Please initial here:		

Section 5: Description of Proposed Changes (attach additional sheets as necessary)				
Provide a brief summary of proposed changes				
Please see attachment.				
Provide a description of existing conditions.				
Please See attachment				
3. What are the reasons for the proposed changes?				
Please see attachment				
Attach any additional information that will further explain or clarify the proposal, and indicate these attachments here.				
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 Attach photographs of the existing property, including at least one general photo and detailed photos of proposed work area. 				
STAFF USE ONLY				
Date Submitted:	Application toStaff orHDC			
Project No.: HDC	Fee Paid:			
Pre-filing Staff Reviewer & Date:	Date of Public Hearing:			
Application Filing Date:	Action:HDC COAHDC Denial			
Staff signature:	HDC NTP Staff COA			
Comments:				

Draft HDC Application.

Eric and Letitia Boyd 342 Mulholland Street Ann Arbor, MI 48103

1) Provide a brief summary of proposed changes.

The applicants seek to remodel one of the house's upstairs bathrooms to address issues with plumbing, water, and fixtures. This was the original house bathroom, but it was modified decades ago by previous owners. This proposed remodel includes removing a non-original window from a non-original location, removing a non-original skylight, and adding a "rectangular brow shed dormer" with clerestory windows on the north side of the property.

2) Provide a description of existing conditions.

The original house was extended to the west on the first and second floor, probably in the 50s or 60s. We believe that at or around that time, the original back bathroom window was replaced by a second door to a new room, the fixtures were relocated (but the plumbing was not completely redone), a window over the bathtub was introduced, a skylight over the bathtub was introduced, and the house was covered with aluminum siding.

The current owners removed the second door into the original back bathroom during a permitted, interior-only remodel 4 years ago that did not otherwise touch this room.

At the current time, there are drainage issues from both the sink and the tub due to non-yet-replaced galvanized and threaded pipes in the floor. The low window over the tub is not waterproof and easily damaged by attempting to use the shower. There may be water leakage issues due to the window and pipes. The bathroom is not well insulated. The fixtures (toilet, sink, and bathtub) are undersized. The bathtub faucet releases brown water when first turned on. The placement of the shower necessitates a full-grown adult to take a shower with their head in the skylight well.

3) What are the reasons for the proposed change?

The goals for the proposed change are to:

- a) Replace the plumbing from the sink and the bathtub so that the drains work properly and the water is not brown and any lead pipe and solder is removed.
- b) Reconfigure the tub to allow an adult to shower in non-cramped conditions and upgrade the other fixtures to standard sizes.

- c) Address the problem of an unshielded non-original painted wood window placement directly in the path of water during every shower.
- d) Address the placement of lights and outlets.
- e) Investigate and address the quality of the roof connection between the original house and the addition.

4) Attach any additional information that will further explain or clarify the proposal, and indicate these attachments here.

As currently configured, the bathroom is 6 foot x 8 foot, with 3 undersized fixtures, one non-original window directly over the tub, and a sloping roof with a skylight over a 6 foot x 3 foot section.

We propose to add headroom over the 6 foot x 3 foot section by adding a "rectangular brow shed dormer" and then reconfiguring the fixtures. The shed dormer would be extended to include part of the hallway at the top of the stairs so that it looks symmetrical over the non-original kitchen bay window. The shed dormer would have clerestory windows that would let in light, but maintain privacy and be above the waterspray area in the shower.

The shed dormer would look different from a "typical shed dormer" on Mulholland Street (such as seen on the south side of our house) by making it a "rectangular brow shed dormer" (essentially like a pop-up trap door in the roof, rather than a dormer that connects with the north wall of the house). It would also be different from a "typical shed dormer" in that it would be longer (extending into the hallway) and have clerestory windows (which would look natural from the outside due to the continuation of the roof line across the dormer). The clerestory windows would also maintain visual privacy (in both directions) with the neighboring house to the north. The small amount of siding on the shed dormer would be hardiplank lap siding sized to match typical houses on the street and likely original to the house. The original window at the top of the stairs in the hallway would remain untouched.

It should be noted that the sloped ceiling height over our shower is about 6 inches lower than the ceiling height over the shower in other houses like ours on Mulholland. Our house is 2 feet wider than 338 Mulholland, for example. As you might then guess and as turns out to be true, the house has a 10/12 pitched roof, whereas 338 Mulholland has a 12/12 pitched roof. As such, over the course of 3 feet, you'd expect to lose about 6 inches. When we compare the measurement in our house versus 338 Mulholland, 29 inches out from the wall, we see a 5 inch difference. This makes a significant difference on headroom.

These changes are detailed in the attached plans.

5. Attach photographs of the existing property, including at least one general photo and detailed photos of the proposed work area.

Information herein deemed reliable but not guaranteed REAL ESTATE SUMMARY SHEET 02/13/2012 01:57 PM

Parcel: 8109-09-29-306-012

Owner's Name: BOYD ERIC & LETITIA

Property Address: 342 MULHOLLAND AV

Map #:

Cur. Class: 401 Gov. Unit: 09 City of Ann Arbor School: 81010 Ann Arbor Prev. Class: 401 Neighborhood: 0103 103 R4C Huron St & West Park Area

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Description: Mailing Address: LOT 8 MURRAYS ADDITION ALSO PRT OF W 342 MULHOLLAND AV SEC 29 DESC AS COM SW COR MURRAYS Ann Arbor MI 48103

ADDITION TH S 74 DEG 22 MIN 00 SEC W 67.95 FT TH N 02 DEG 11 MIN 00 SEC W

136.09 FT FOR POB TH CONT N 02 DEG 11 MIN 00 SEC W 61.91 FT TH N 87 DEG 49 MIN 00 SEC E 66.09 FT TH S 02 DEG 11 MIN 00 SEC E 57.69 FT TH S 84 DEG 09 MIN 30 SEC W 66.22 FT TO POB

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Most Recent Permit Information Permit BLDG09-1175 on 08/03/2009 for \$1,500 category RES ADD/ALTER.

Physical Property Characteristics

2011 S.E.V.: 136,200 Taxable: 136,200 Lot Dimen: Acreage: 0.15 2010 S.E.V.: 139,900 Taxable: 137,319 Land Value: 107,666 Frontage: 40.0 Zoning: R2A Average Depth: 160.0 PRE: 100.000% Land Impr. Value:

Improvement Data

of Residential Buildings: 1

of Ag. Buildings: 0

Year Built: 1913

Est. TCV:

Occupancy: Single Family

Class: C +5

of Commercial Buildings: 0

Style: 2 STORY, C-BC Exterior: Brick/Siding % Good (Physical): 67

Type: Desc: Class:

Heating System: Forced Heat & Cool

Quality: 0 Remodeled: 0

Electric - Amps Service: 0 # of Bedrooms: 4

Built: Overall Building Height: 0

Full Baths: 1 Half Baths: 1

Floor Area:

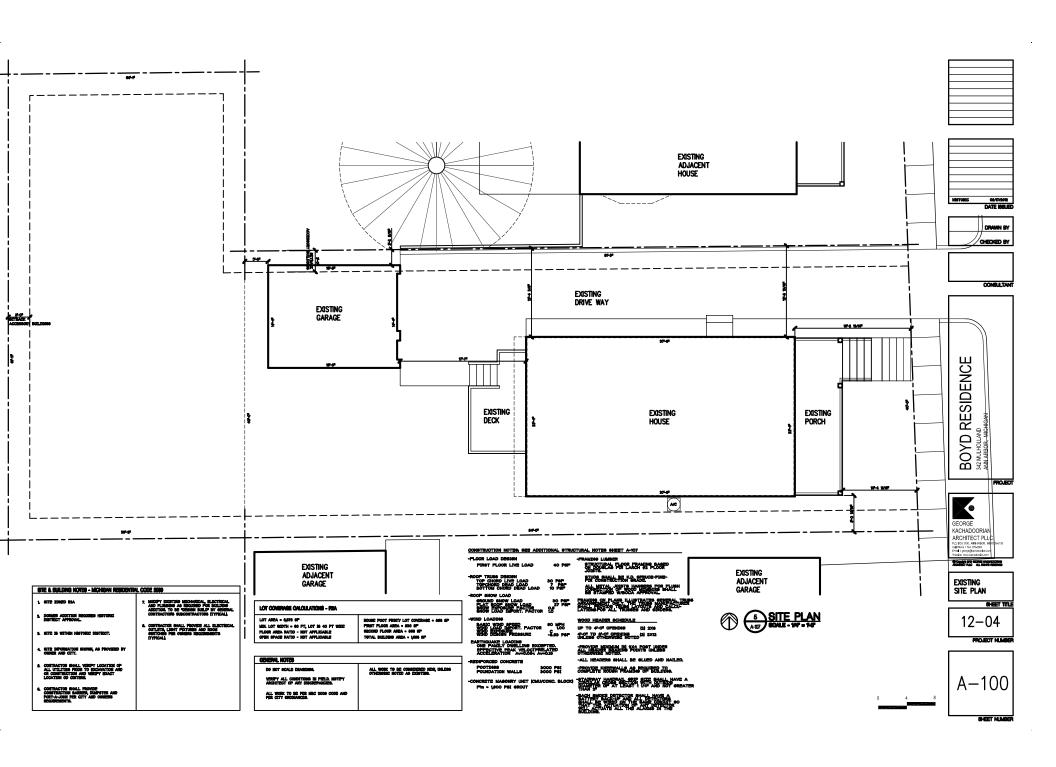
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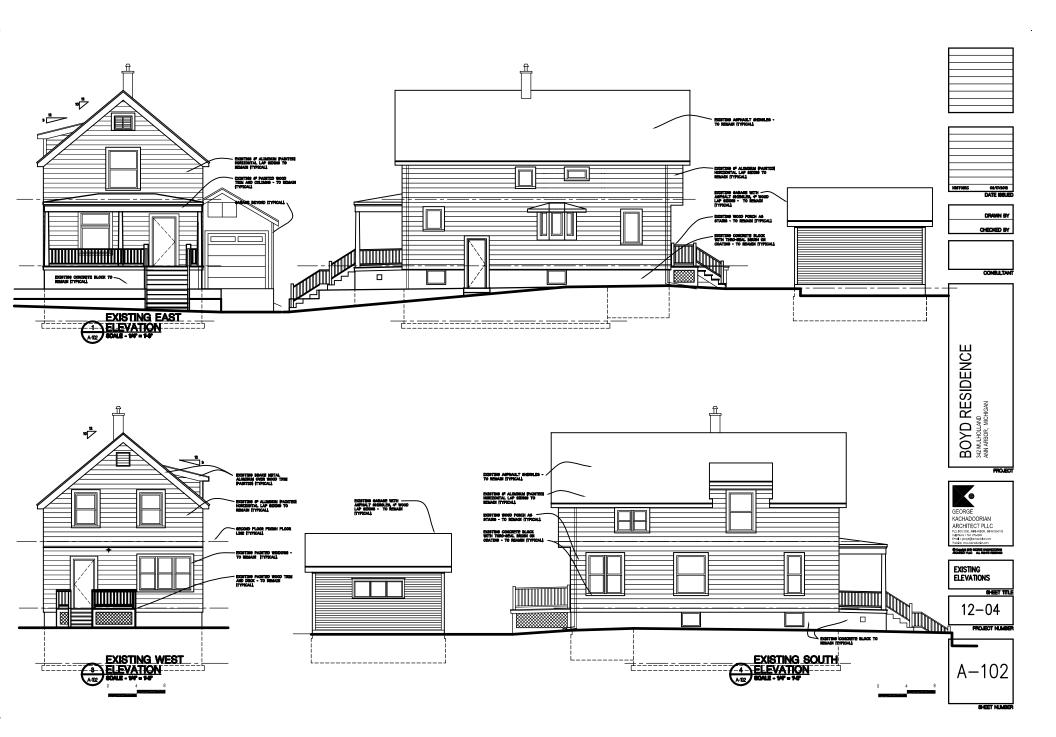
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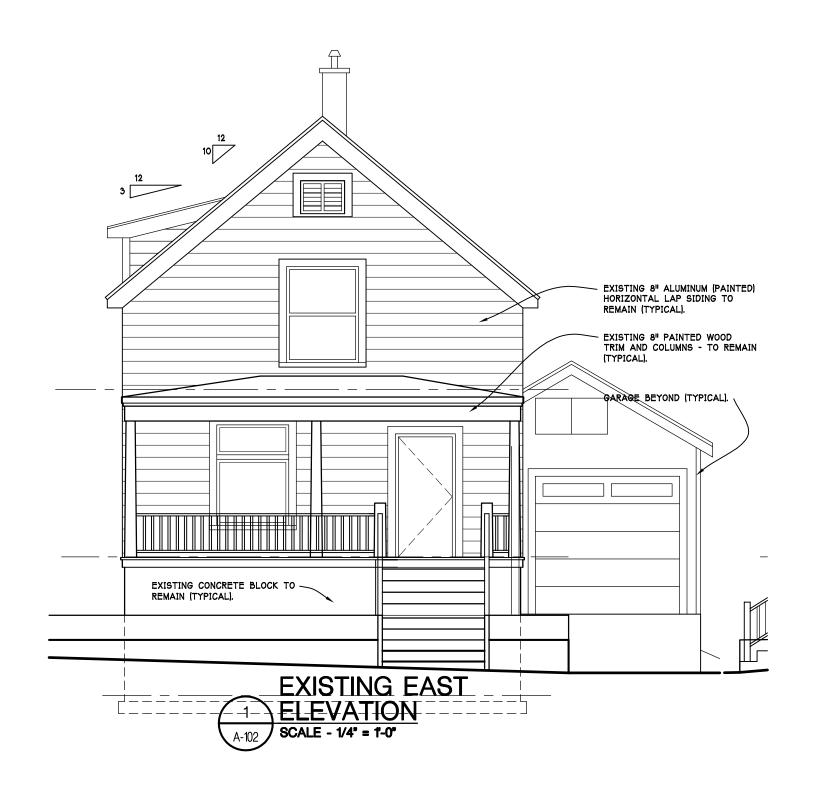
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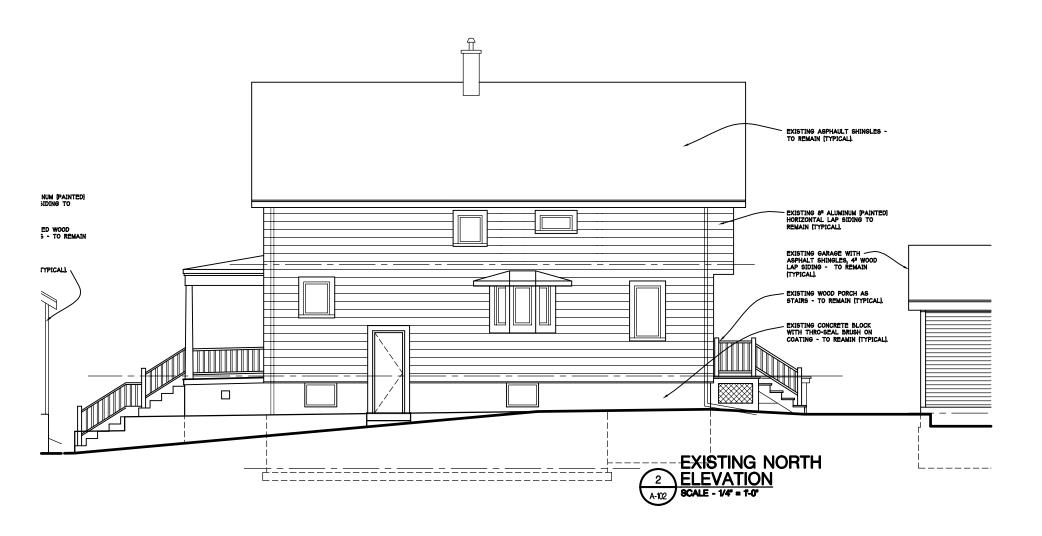
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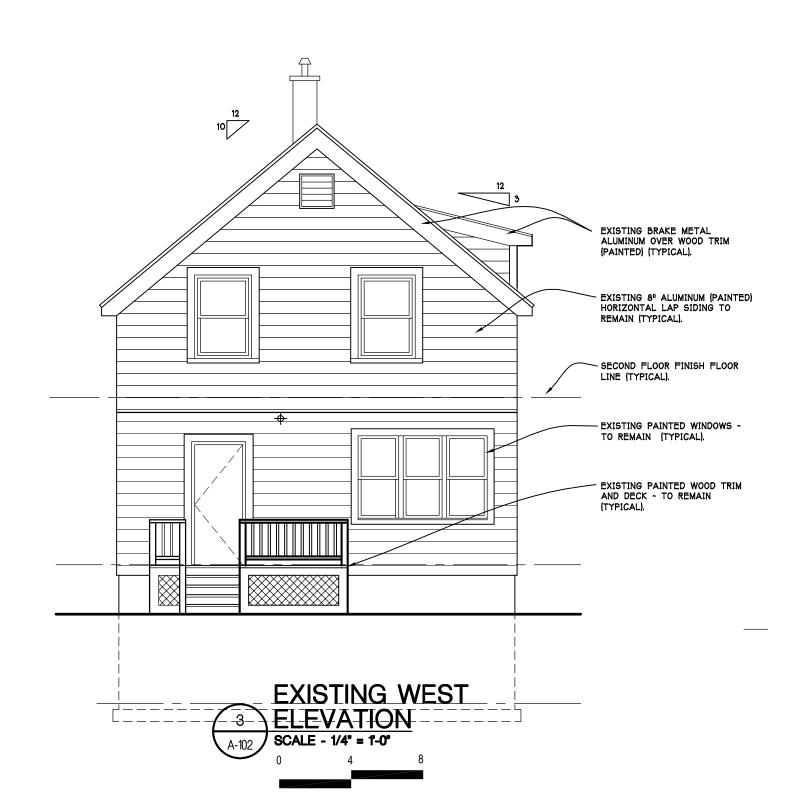


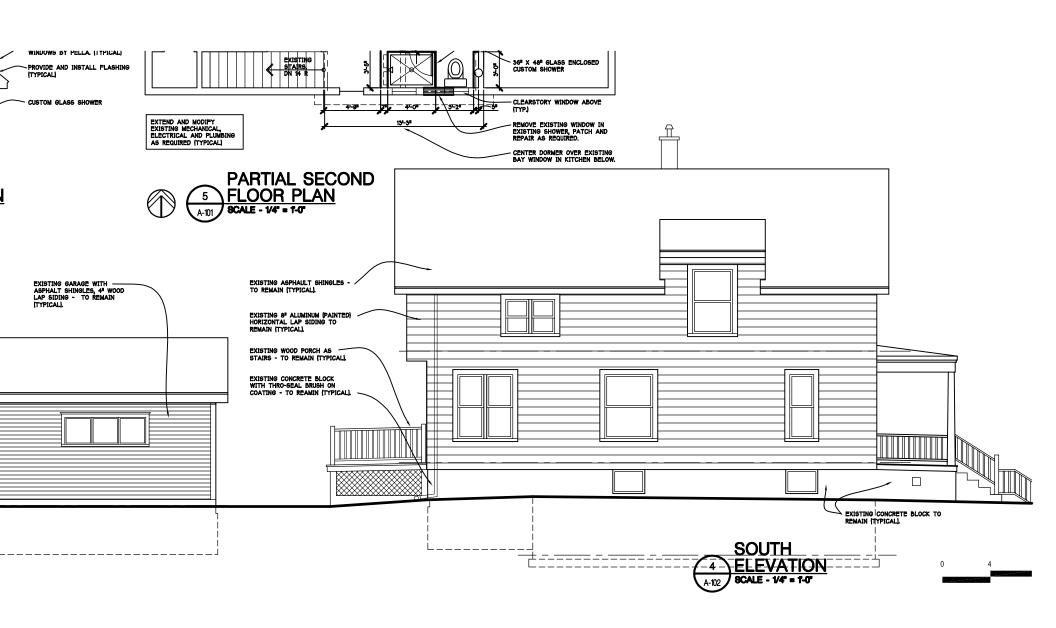


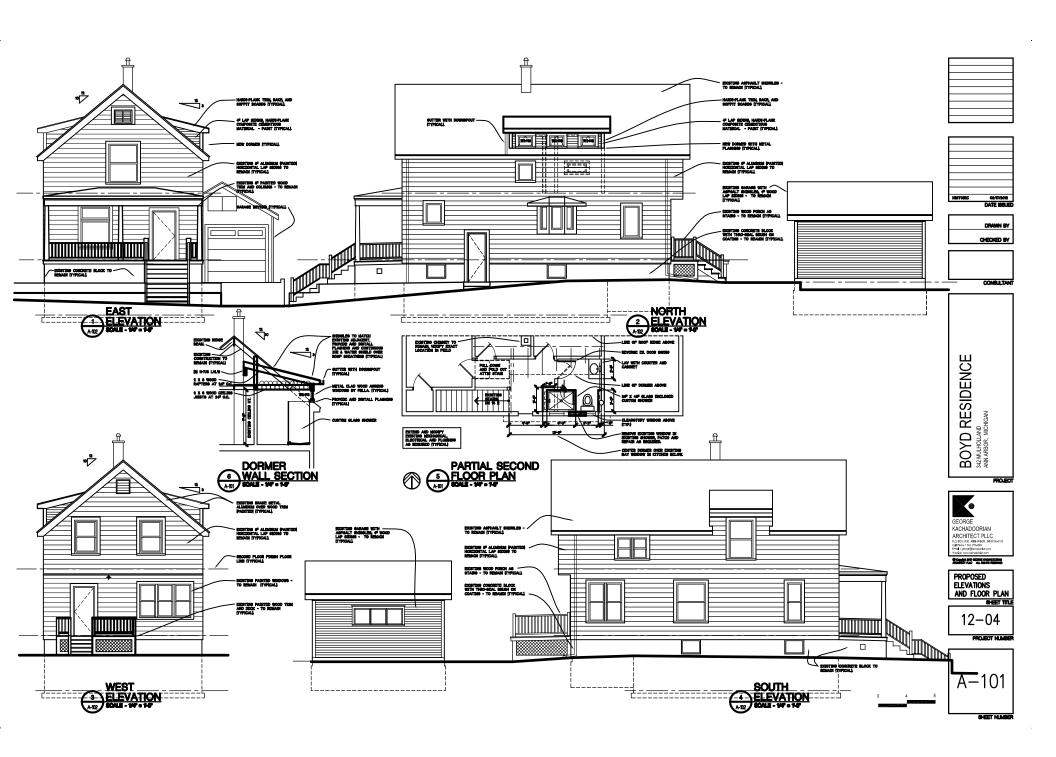


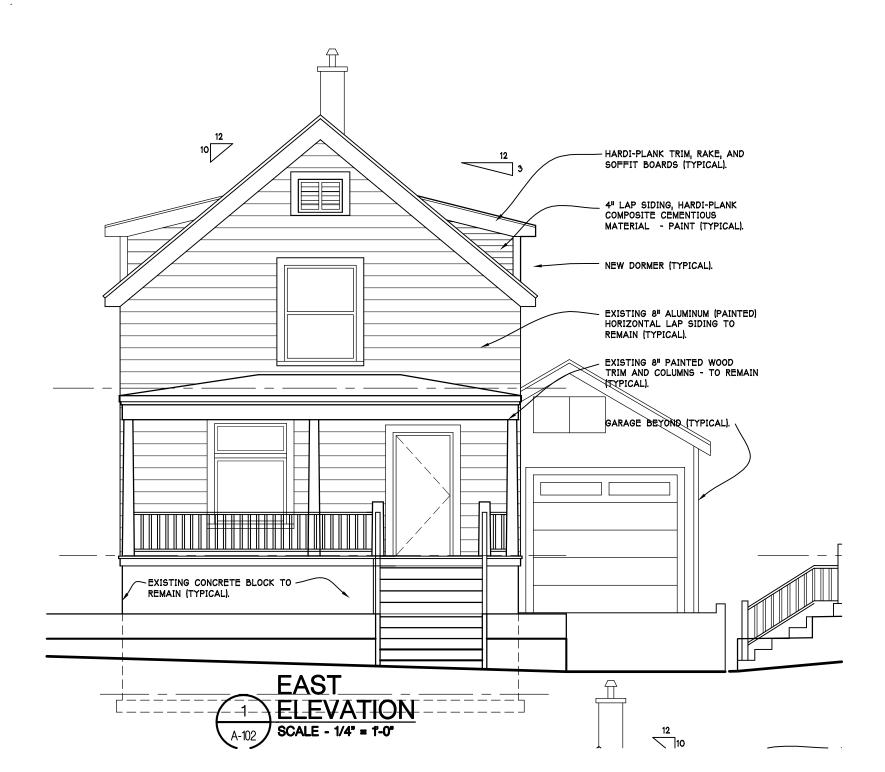


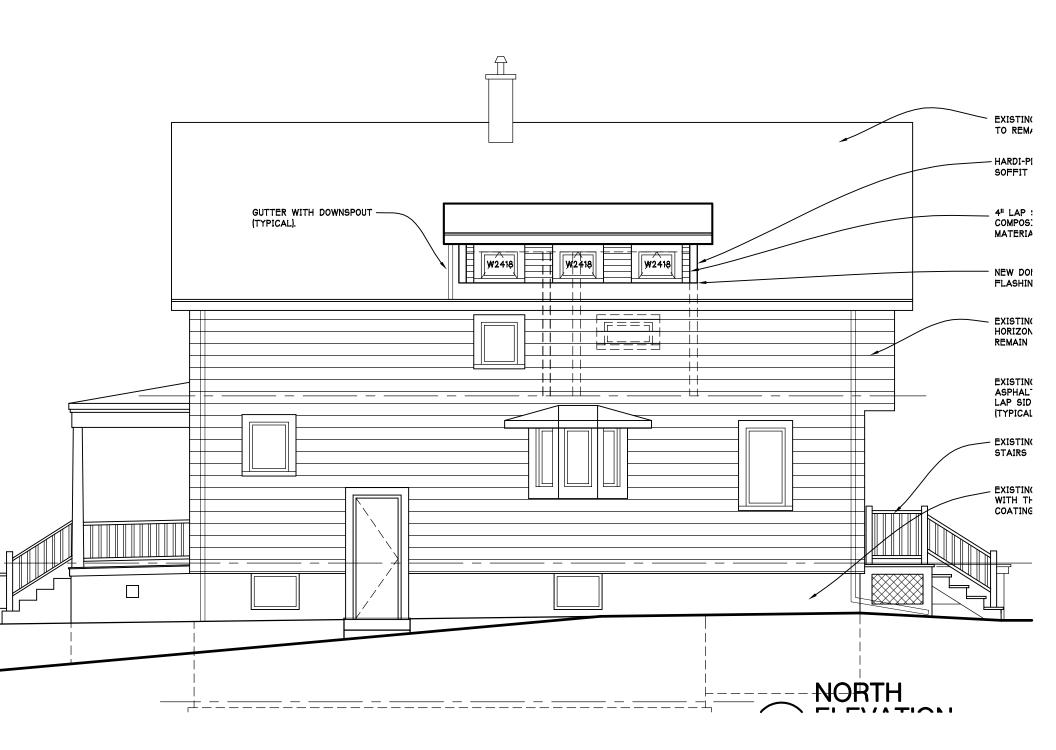


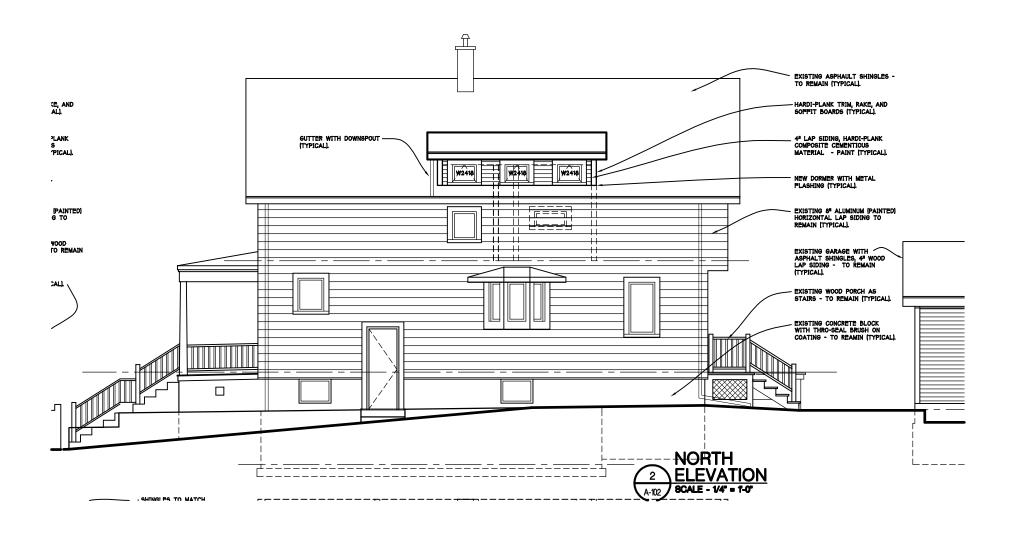


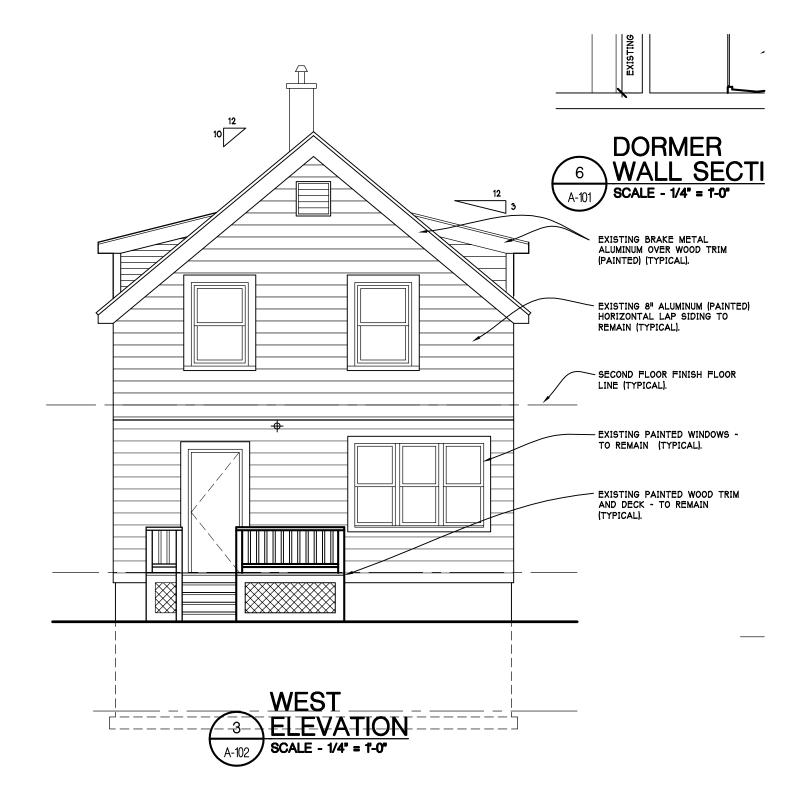


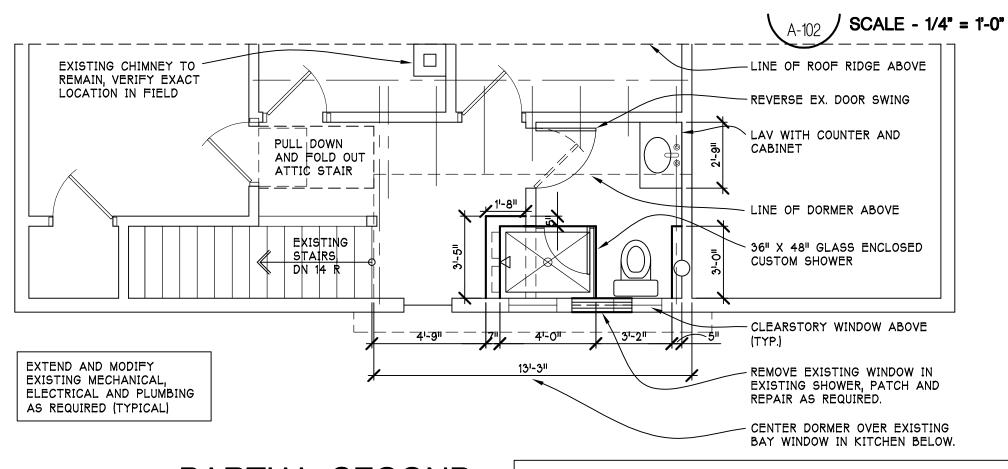














PARTIAL SECOND FLOOR PLAN SCALE - 1/4" = 1'-0"

