DeKalb County Historic Preservation Commission

Monday, April 15th, 2024- 6:00 P.M.

Staff Report

<u>Regular Agenda</u>

L. 1201 Springdale Road, Warner McConaughey. Demolish greenhouses, construct a new garage, modify driveway, install wooden fencing, and construct a back deck. **1246967**

Built in 1925 – Greenhouses in 1970 (18 054 04 005)

This property is located in Druid Hills Character Area #1 and in the Druid Hills National Register Historic District.

<u>Summary</u>

The applicant proposes the following work:

- 1. Remove two (2) nonhistoric greenhouses. One greenhouse is located in the Northeastern corner of the property, towards the rear property line, and the other is located between the Southern property line and the house. Both greenhouses are nonhistoric, constructed in the 1970's, and are in poor condition.
- 2. Remove planting beds, pond, retaining wall, and walkways in the backyard. These landscaping elements are located at the rear of the property behind the house and not visible from the road. New grass and mulch will be installed to replace the removed landscaping elements.
- 3. Build a new 25'x26' two-story garage and accessory dwelling unit. The garage/ADU will be constructed 5' below the grade of the finished floor of the main house, which measure 26' in height from the finished first floor to the roofline. The lower level of the structure will serve as the garage and the second story will serve as the dwelling unit. The structure will be constructed as a two-car garage on the lower level with two sets of carriage style overhead electric doors garage doors front façade and a brick veneer around the first level to match the house. The second story will be constructed as a high-pitched side-gable roof with a largegable dormer on the front facade and a shed dormer on the back facade. The gables of the roof and dormer will be constructed with 1x6 fiber cement window trim, hardipanel siding with 1x6 fiber cement trim, and brackets to match the house. A set of four (4) casement windows will be installed in the gable on the front facade; two (2) 3x3 panel casement windows in the center with a smaller 2x2 panel casement window on either side. A series of four (4) 3x3 panel casement windows will be installed on the rear shed dormer. A set of 6-over-1 double-hung will be installed in the right-side gable and a single 6-over-1 double hung window will be installed on the lower level between two exterior doors. A single 6-over-1 double hung window will be installed in the left-side gable. The roof will be constructed with fiberglass-asphalt shingle and exposed rafter tails and eave detail to match the house.
- 4. Extend turnaround for garage and repair portions of the driveway as needed. The driveway apron will be repaired with concrete to match the current material. The existing concrete parking apron at the rear of the porte-cochere will be removed and replaced with a new parking apron. The existing concrete apron that will be removed measures 1050 square feet and the proposed concrete apron will measure 1027 square feet. The new concrete parking apron will begin approximately 11'-6" closer to the street than the existing and the new parking apron will be approximately 34'-9" wide x 24'-0" deep.

- 5. Install 6' wooden fencing along back of property and along southern property line to the front corner of house. This fencing will be an extension of the current 6' wood fencing that is located at the back of the property.
- 6. Install 4' black metal fencing and gate from the northern property line to the corner of house. The metal fencing and gate will be either power coated alumni or wrought iron fencing. The gate will be electric and located at the rear of the existing Porte Cochere, separating the front of the driveway from the rear portion that connects to the parking apron and garage.
- 7. Build 21'x10' deck on the rear of house. The deck, stairs, and railing will be constructed with pressure treated wood and the basement patio located at the base of the deck stairs will be aggregate concrete. The railing will measure 3' in height. The existing stairs will not be removed, and the proposed deck will be constructed over the historic stairs. A step stone pathway will be installed between the proposed deck and the proposed garage and ADU.

Recommendation

Approve. The proposed changes do not appear to have a substantial adverse effect on the property or the district. This application appears to meet the guidelines and the staff recommends approval.

Relevant Guidelines

- 5.0 Design Review Objective (p45) When making a material change to a structure that is in view from a public right-ofway, a higher standard is required to ensure that design changes are compatible with the architectural style of the structure and retain character-defining features. When a proposed material change to a structure is <u>not in view from</u> <u>the public-right-way</u>, the Preservation Commission may review the project with a less strict standard so as to allow the owner more flexibility. Such changes, however, shall not have a substantial adverse effect on the overall architectural character of the structure.
- 6.1.3 Entrances and Porches (p53) <u>Guideline</u> Original porches and steps should be retained. Repair of porches should not result in the removal of original materials (such as balusters, columns, hand rails, brackets, and roof detailing) unless they are seriously deteriorated. If replacement materials must be introduced, the new should match the old in design, color, texture, and, where possible, materials. Replacement of missing features should be substantiated, if possible, by documentary and physical evidence.
- *6.3 Accessory Buildings* (p59) <u>Guideline</u> Garages, garage apartments, and other accessory buildings that have historic or architectural significance should be preserved as significant site elements. Rehabilitation treatments should follow the design guidelines provided in Section 6.1.1 Building Elements and Details. For construction of new accessory buildings see Section 7.0 Additions and New Construction.
- 7.0 Additions & New Construction Preserving Form & Layout The Druid Hills Local Historic District continues to change and evolve over time. For this area to meet contemporary needs, additions are built, uses change, and new buildings are constructed. The challenge is not to prevent change but to ensure that, when it does inevitably happen, it is compatible with the historic character of the area.

A new building is compatible with its historic setting when it borrows design characteristics and materials from adjacent buildings and integrates them into a modern expression. Before undertaking new development, be it a new building or changes or additions to existing buildings, take time to evaluate what makes the property and the neighborhood distinctive. Evaluate what type of impact the new development will have on the property and neighborhood. Decide how the development can best be designed to complement the property and area.

The underlying guideline for new construction and additions is to consider one's neighbors and nearby structures and reinforce the existing historic character through sensitive, compatible design.

Note that many of these guidelines refer to new development or new construction but are equally applicable to additions to existing buildings.

- *9.4 Enclosures and Walls* (p90) <u>Guideline</u> Fences and walls should not be built in front yard spaces and are strongly discouraged from corner lot side yard spaces. Retaining walls should only be used in situations where topography requires their use.
- *9.4 Enclosures and Walls* (p90) <u>Recommendation</u> Fences are appropriate in rear yard spaces. Rear yard fences should be coordinated with existing county codes. Suggested materials include wood and chain link. Vinyl- covered chain link fencing, typically in bronze, brown, or black, assist in making fences less obtrusive. Vines are suggested to "soften" the appearance of metal chain link fencing. If wood fencing is used, the paint color and design should be compatible with the architecture of the adjacent residence. Fence heights can range from 4' to 6' depending on the reason for the enclosure.
- 9.5 Parking (p90) <u>Guideline</u> Parking should be addressed in a manner that does not distract from the overall character of the district. Parking to serve private residential lots should be accommodated on-site, when at all possible, using the pathway of original drives and parking. Front yard parking should not be allowed unless it is a public safety issue. When front yard parking is necessary, it should be added in a manner that does not destroy the unbroken landscaped character of the front yard spaces in Druid Hills. Rear yard spaces should be considered for expansion of parking areas.
- *9.5 Parking* (p90) <u>Recommendation</u> It is preferable to expand an existing driveway for parking rather than to add a separate parking pad, since the result is usually less paved surface. Plant materials can be added around parking spaces to visually buffer the parking from the street.
- *9.5 Parking* (p90) <u>Recommendation</u> In surfacing new parking areas, the use of impervious paving materials is discouraged. The intent is to limit the amount of run-off within the district's watershed. Consideration should be given to the use of porous materials that allow water penetration and preserve the open character of the landscape.
- *Accessory Buildings* (p91) <u>Guideline</u> New accessory buildings, such as garages and storage houses, are to be located in rear yard spaces and visually buffered from adjacent property owners and the public right-of-way. Accessory buildings that complement the architecture of the adjacent residence do not require the same level of buffering and may remain more visible within the local district. If the new building will be visible from the street, it should respect the established setbacks and orientations of the historic buildings in the area.



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Owner(s) Telephone Number:

Approximate age or date of construction of the primary structure on the property and any secondary structures affected by this project:

Nature of work (check all that apply):

New construction Demolition Addition Moving a building Other building changes New accessory building A Landscaping Fence/Wall Other environmental changes Sign installation or replacement Other Other

Description of Work: dangeon dilapidated greenhouses Levnove and. One-Story pond WOMS 90 and near Exen app around tun 100 an Contine replace ponto appon. nelesson ndino existing wooden fince along back of property and along South property to first eldge of hense. Build Zi'klo' grilling back offback of house. This form must be completed in its entirety before the Planning Department accepts it. The form must be accompanied by supporting documents (plans, material, color samples, photos, etc.). Provide eight (8) collated sets of the application form and all supporting documentation. If plans/drawings are included, provide eight (8) collated sets on paper no larger than 11" x 17" and three (3) additional sets at scale. All documents submitted in hard copy must also be submitted in digital form (.pdf format). All relevant items from the application checklist must be addressed. An application which lacks any of the required attachments shall be determined incomplete and will not be accepted.

Signature of Applicant/Date

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DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & SUSTAINABILITY

Authorization of a Second Party to Apply for a Certificate of Appropriateness

This form is required if the individual making the request is **<u>not</u>** the owner of the property.

I/We: Sri Edupuganti
being owner(s) of the property at: 1021 Springdale Rd.
hereby delegate authority to: Warner McConaughey

to file an application for a certificate of appropriateness in my/our behalf.

Signature of Owner(s):	25
Date: 4/4/2024	

Please review the following information

Approval of this Certificate of Appropriateness does not release the recipient from compliance with all other pertinent county, state, and federal regulations.

Before making any changes to your approved plans, contact the preservation planner (404/371- 2155). Some changes may fall within the scope of the existing approval, but others will require review by the preservation commission. If work is performed which is not in accordance with your certificate, a Stop Work Order may be issued.

If your project requires that the county issue a Certificate of Occupancy at the end of construction, an inspection may be made to verify that the work has been completed in accord with the Certificate of Appropriateness. If the work as completed is not the same as that approved in the Certificate of Appropriateness you will not receive a Certificate of Occupancy. You may also be subject to other penalties including fines and/or required demolition of the non-conforming work.

If you do not commence construction within twelve months of the date of approval, your Certificate of Appropriateness will become void and you will need to apply for a new certificate if you still intend to do the work.

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	PROJECT DATA GENERAL NOTES & SITE SKETCH
-2	EXISTING MAIN & UPPER LEVEL FLOOR PLANS
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-4	PROPOSED MAIN & LIPPER LEVEL FLOOR PLANS

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From:	Warner McConaughey
To:	Paige V. Jennings
Cc:	Vicki McNutt
Subject:	Re: Inquiry Regarding COA Application - 1201 Springdale Road
Date:	Wednesday, April 10, 2024 10:47:16 PM

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Paige,

The existing house seems to be about 26' tall, as measured from the finished first floor of the house.

The proposed garage slab would be about 5' below the finished floor of the house. So from the finished grade across the front of the house, the house is about 29 feet tall. The garage would appear to be 19 feet tall.

As for the exterior of the home, there will be no changes at all. All of the windows and doors will remain as is. The painted surfaces may be repainted a similar color, but the existing brick will remain unpainted as is. The only change will be the deck added at the back of the house.

Warner

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On Wed, Apr 10, 2024 at 5:56 PM Paige V. Jennings <<u>pvjennings@dekalbcountyga.gov</u>> wrote:

Good Afternoon,

Thank you for the quick response!

We are finalizing the staff reviews now and will distribute our reports to applicants

tomorrow morning. A quick final question before we finalize the report: What is the height of the home? And can you confirm that there will be no exterior changes to the main property, only interior renovations?

Please let me know and we will have the finalized report ready as soon as possible.

Thank You,

Paige



Paige V. Jennings

Senior Planner (they/them) Historic Preservation Planning & Sustainability Department Current Planning Division pvjennings@dekalbcountyga.gov 470.829.7341 County Cell Government Services Center 178 Sams Street Decatur, GA 30030



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From: Warner McConaughey <<u>warner@hammersmith.net</u>>
Sent: Wednesday, April 10, 2024 3:58 PM
To: Paige V. Jennings <<u>pvjennings@dekalbcountyga.gov</u>>
Cc: Vicki McNutt <<u>vicki@hammersmith.net</u>>
Subject: Re: Inquiry Regarding COA Application - 1201 Springdale Road

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Paige,

Please see answers below. Let me know if you have additional questions.

Warner

1- How much will the driveway be widened to create the new parking apron? What is the final size of the parking apron?

The existing driveway in front of the porte-cochere will remain unchanged, except for repair of the existing entrance at street. The existing concrete parking apron at the rear of the porte-cochere will be removed and replaced with a new parking apron. New concrete parking apron will begin approx. 11'-6" closer to the street than the existing. New parking apron will be approx. 34'-9" wide x 24'-0" deep. Existing concrete apron removed = 1050 sf. ; new concrete apron = 1027 sf

2- Will the repairs and widening of the driveway be done with concrete? Yes, with exposed aggregate finish similar to what is existing

3- What landscaping will replace the pond, walls, walkway, and plant beds that will be removed? Grass for the most part, some mulch in areas of be planted

4- What is the height of the wood fencing? Will the new fencing be the same height? The current wood fence along the back half of the property is a 6' wooden fence. The new fencing will continue with this same fence.

5- The metal fencing is listed as 4' in the architectural detail and 5' in the site plans; what is the proposed height for the metal fence? All would be 48" tall.

6- Can you provide drawings for the proposed deck, deck stairs, and patio? What are the proposed materials for the deck? For the patio? See floor plans. Deck, deck stair and railings will be typical pressure treated wood construction. Under deck area will be screened with lattice panels. Basement patio will be an aggregate concrete finish that may someday be topped with bluestone.

7- Will the existing rear stairs be removed/demolished for the proposed deck? Existing stair will remain, new deck will be over-built.

8- Is a walkway going to be installed between the proposed deck and garage/ADU? If so, what is the proposed material for that walkway? **Stepping stones, probably bluestone.**

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From: Paige V. Jennings
Sent: Tuesday, April 9, 2024 11:48 AM
To: Warner McConaughey <<u>warner@hammersmith.net</u>>
Subject: Inquiry Regarding COA Application - 1201 Springdale Road

Good Morning,

Hope that this email finds you well and enjoying the week so far.

We are in the process of completing our staff level review and compiling our report regarding the application for 1201 Springdale Road. To complete our review, could you please provide information regarding the following questions:

- 1. How much will the driveway be widened to create the new parking apron? What is the final size of the parking apron?
- 2. Will the repairs and widening of the driveway be done with concrete?
- 3. What landscaping will replace the pond, walls, walkway, and plant beds that will be removed?
- 4. What is the height of the wood fencing? Will the new fencing be the same height?
- 5. The metal fencing is listed as 4' in the architectural detail and 5' in the site plans; what is the proposed height for the metal fence?
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- 7. Will the existing rear stairs be removed/demolished for the proposed deck?

8. Is a walkway going to be installed between the proposed deck and garage/ADU? If so, what is the proposed material for that walkway?

Please provide the requested information as soon as possible, and please let me know if you have any questions. Also, it appears that the owner consent signature page (page 2 of the application packet) was missing from the submitted application – please have that page complete with a valid signature and returned as soon as possible.

Thank You,

Paige

