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Sent: Wednesday, September 18, 2019 2:15 PM
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Cc: Werner, Jeffrey B
Subject: September BAR Action - 1824 University Circle

Certificate of Appropriateness Application

BAR 19-09-02

1824 University Circle, Tax Parcel 060097000

Jake Rubin, Owner/Applicant

Modifications to Pergola

Dear Applicant,

The above referenced project was discussed before a meeting of the City of Charlottesville Board of Architectural Review (BAR) on September 17, 2019. A motion to approve your application was included in the meeting's consent agenda. BAR member Carl Schwarz moved to approve the consent agenda and Breck Gastinger seconded. The BAR approved the consent agenda (9-0). The following is the text of the motion to approve your application:

Having considered the standards set forth within the City Code, including City Design Guidelines for Site Design and Elements, the BAR finds that the modifications to the pergola satisfy the BAR's criteria and are compatible with this property and other properties in the Rugby Road-University Circle-Venable ADC District, and that the BAR approves the application as submitted.

If you would like to hear the specifics of the discussion, the meeting video is on-line at:

http://charlottesville.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=2&clip_id=1387

This certificate of appropriateness shall expire in 18 months (March 17, 2021), unless within that time period you have either been issued a building permit for construction of the improvements if one is required, or if no building permit is required, commenced the project. You may request an extension of the certificate of appropriateness before this approval expires for one additional year for reasonable cause. (See City Code Section 34-280. Validity of certificates of appropriateness.)

Sincerely,
Robert Watkins

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**CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE
BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW
STAFF REPORT
July 16, 2019**



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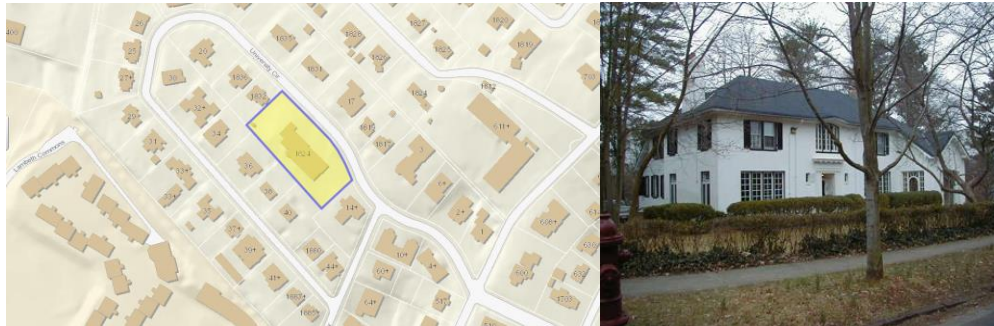
BAR 18-04-04

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Background

Designed by Eugene Bradbury and constructed in 1913 for Dr. S. H. Watts, Professor of Surgery and Gynecology at UVA, 1824 University Circle is a contributing property in the Rugby Road-University Circle-Venable ADC District. This two-story, Vernacular English Revival-style dwelling is now a student center.

Prior BAR Actions

April 17, 2018 – BAR approves (6-0) restoration plans, new landscaping, and a new pergola for the subject building.

July 16, 2019 – BAR approves modified pergola post profile on the consent agenda.

August 2019 – Staff reviewed with the BAR additional revisions to the pergola design. BAR found the modifications acceptable, but requested the changes be formally submitted for approval as a Consent Agenda item.

Application

Applicant Submitted:

- Glave & Holmes Architecture submittal dated August 5, 2019 (one page).

Omit the previously approved stone and stucco bases to the square pergola posts. The square post profiles continue to the pavers. No changes are proposed to the approved purlins and rafters.

Discussion

The pergola is a new element at the site. The original design reflected the existing Doric columns on the building, however the proposed changes are not incompatible with the design and scale of the existing structure. Staff recommends approval.

Suggested Motions

Approval: Having considered the standards set forth within the City Code, including City Design Guidelines for Site Design and Elements, I move to find that the modifications to the pergola satisfy the BAR's criteria and are compatible with this property and other properties in the Rugby Road-University Circle-Venable ADC District, and that the BAR approves the application as submitted.

(or with the following modifications...)

Denial: Having considered the standards set forth within the City Code, including City Design Guidelines for Site Design and Elements, I move to find that the proposed modifications to the pergola do not satisfy the BAR's criteria and are not compatible with this property and other properties in the North Rugby Road-University Circle-Venable ADC District, and that the BAR denies the application as submitted.

Criteria, Standards, and Guidelines

Review Criteria Generally

Sec. 34-284(b) of the City Code states that, in considering a particular application the BAR shall approve the application unless it finds:

- (1) That the proposal does not meet specific standards set forth within this division or applicable provisions of the Design Guidelines established by the board pursuant to Sec.34-288(6); and
- (2) The proposal is incompatible with the historic, cultural or architectural character of the district in which the property is located or the protected property that is the subject of the application.

Pertinent Standards for Review of Construction and Alterations include:

- (1) Whether the material, texture, color, height, scale, mass and placement of the proposed addition, modification or construction are visually and architecturally compatible with the site and the applicable design control district;
- (2) The harmony of the proposed change in terms of overall proportion and the size and placement of entrances, windows, awnings, exterior stairs and signs;
- (3) The Secretary of the Interior Standards for Rehabilitation set forth within the Code of Federal Regulations (36 C.F.R. §67.7(b)), as may be relevant;
- (4) The effect of the proposed change on the historic district neighborhood;
- (5) The impact of the proposed change on other protected features on the property, such as gardens, landscaping, fences, walls and walks;
- (6) Whether the proposed method of construction, renovation or restoration could have an adverse impact on the structure or site, or adjacent buildings or structures;
- (7) Any applicable provisions of the City's Design Guidelines.

Pertinent Guidelines on Site Design and Elements

G. Garages, Sheds, & Other Structures

Architectural And Historic Survey

Identification

STREET ADDRESS: 1824 University Circle
MAP & PARCEL: 6-9
CENSUS TRACT AND BLOCK:
PRESENT ZONING: R-1
ORIGINAL OWNER: S. H. Watts
ORIGINAL USE: Residence
PRESENT USE:
PRESENT OWNER: B'Nai B'Rith Hillel Foundation
ADDRESS: 1824 University Circle
Ch'ville, VA 22903

HISTORIC NAME: Watts-Hillel House
DATE / PERIOD: c. 1913-14
STYLE:
HEIGHT (to cornice) OR STORIES: 2 storeys
DIMENSIONS AND LAND AREA: 320' x 130' (41,600 sq. ft.)
CONDITION: Good
SURVEYOR: Bibb
DATE OF SURVEY: Summer 1982
SOURCES: City/County Records

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

This imposing house with its distinctive columned piazza is two storeys tall, three bays wide, and single pile with a complex of rear additions making it double pile. It is set on a low foundation. The masonry walls are faced with stucco, painted white with black trim. It has a medium-pitched hip roof, covered with black composition shingles, with deeply projecting eaves and a boxed cornice. There are two brick interior end chimneys with stuccoed caps and tile chimney pots. There are bands of four 10-light casement windows (opening outward) in the side bays at the first level of the facade. In the center bay at the second level, there is a segmental headed group of three casement windows. The roofline rises gently above it. Other windows are double-sash, 6-over-6 light, with moulded surrounds and louvered shutters. The entrance door in the center bay of the facade has eight raised panels and is flanked by pilasters. It has a rectangular transom and is set within a paneled, marble-floored recess framed by fluted pilasters carrying on entablature with triglyphs. There is a small and high one-light window on each side of the entrance recess. A one-storey piazza covers the west end of the main block of the house and projects beyond the facade. The western slope of the roof continues as one plane of the piazza's gable roof. There are purlins in the gable. Fluted Greek Doric columns frame the front and rear openings, and there are four columns in the larger side opening. The side openings of the section of the piazza that projects beyond the facade are in the form of a round arched doorway with 14-light sidelights, without glazing. Access to the brick-floored piazza is by paired 10-light French doors with 5-light transoms flanking the chimney. There is a fireplace on the piazza. Above the piazza, there is a broad shed-roofed second storey dormer with a group of three wide 1-over-1 light windows, each with narrow 4-light sidelights. Multi-light, fixed-sash windows fill the end walls of the dormer. At the east end of the house, two pairs of French doors give access to a brick terrace. A 2-storey, 6-bay hip-roofed addition covers the rear elevation. The central section is recessed slightly. Two pairs of 12-light French doors with half-round fanlights, set in marble-floored, round-arched, paneled recesses, give access to a very unimpressive shallow concrete terrace beside the basement stair. A 1½ storey kitchen wing covers the eastern third of the rear addition. It has a very steep shed roof with purlins. There is a segmental-arched band of three 4-light casement windows on its west side and a round-arched pair of 4-over-4 light windows on its east side. It has a wide medium-pitched shed-roofed dormer with paired 4-light casement windows flanking an interior end chimney. The back door has a hip-roofed hood on consoles. Interior woodworks has architrave trim and doors are 8-paneled. The entrance hall has a dentiled cornice and raised paneling. The two-flight closed string stair has a slender spiral newel and delicate balusters. The parlor and dining room cornices have egg-&-dart moulding. The parlor mantel has coupled Corinthian columnettes. A 1½ storey hip-roofed, stuccoed garage with servants' quarters above is falling into ruin. The garage doors are sheltered by a pergola on coupled curved brackets and are located in a gabled projecting bay centered on the facade. A similar projecting bay on the rear elevation has a group of three 6-over-6 light windows. Other windows are paired 4-over-4 light. There is an entrance door on the west side with a gable-roofed wall dormer above it with a pair of 3-light casement windows. A small gable roofed dormer on the east side has a 4-over-4 light window with a wider center muntin to give it the appearance of a pair of small 2-over-2 light windows.

HISTORICAL DESCRIPTION

Dr. S. H. Watts purchased four lots between 1911 and 1913 (ACDB 147-426 & 427, 150-2, 153-65). Tax records show that he built the house in 1913 or 1914. Eugene Bradbury was the architect. Pi Lambda Phi, Inc., bought the house from Dr. Watts in 1941 (City DB 107-296), but sold it two years later to Arthur & Evelyn Eidelman (DB 114-213) who sold it to the Trustees of Virginia B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation, Inc., in 1945 (DB 121-427). Now called Hillel House, it has served as the Jewish student center since that time.

Additional References: City DB 304-439, 403-827.



VIRGINIA HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION

HISTORIC DISTRICT SURVEY FORM

File No. 104-130
Negative no(s) 7217

Page 1 of 2 (see also attached City survey form)

Street address 1824 University Circle 295-4963
Town/City Charlottesville
Historic name Watts-Hillel House Common name Hillel House
Hillel Foundation, B'nai Brith

Material

wood frame (siding: weatherboard, shingle, aluminum, bricktex, _____)
 brick (bond: Flemish, stretcher, _____-course American, _____)
 stone (random rubble, random ashlar, coursed ashlar, _____)
 log (siding: weatherboard, shingle, aluminum, bricktex, _____)
 stucco probably over concrete or terra cotta block cast iron
 concrete block terra cotta
 enameled steel glass and metal
 other: _____

Number of Stories	Roof Type	Roof Material
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Dormers	Number of bays — Main facade
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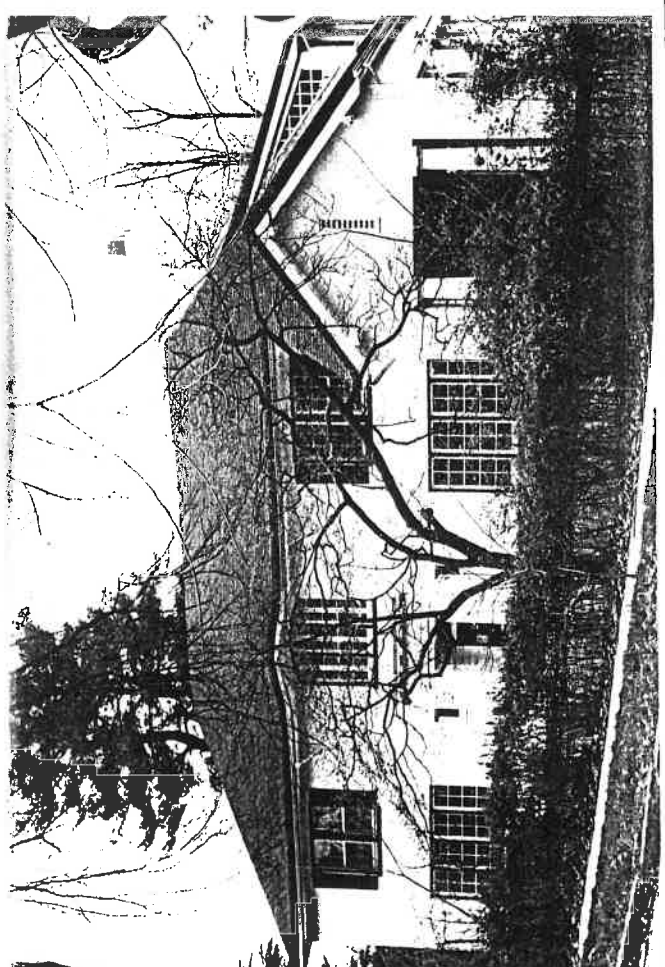
Porch	Stories	Bays	General description
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Building type

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<input type="checkbox"/> double house	<input type="checkbox"/> gas station	<input type="checkbox"/> railroad	<input type="checkbox"/> _____

Style/period English Vernacular Revival Date ca. 1913-14 Architect/~~XXXX~~ Eugene Bradbury

Location and description of entrance Simple central entrance with aedicule surround consisting of Doric frieze and fluted pilasters.



Miscellaneous descriptive information (plan, exterior and interior decoration, cornice/eave type, window type and trim, chimneys, additions, alterations)

This is possibly the most interesting of a group of eclectic early 20th-century houses in the University Circle neighborhood. It features an overhanging roof with soft edges and a ^{central} "eyebrow" recalling the contours of thatched roofs. The walls, in contrast, are of stark smooth plaster. Windows are oversize, with up to four casements apiece. The west end porch projects forward, forming an ell. The treatment of this porch is highly idiosyncratic, combining Doric columns with latticework and a monitor-dormer second story. The plastered end chimneys with terra cotta chimney pots also recall contemporary English Vernacular Revival work.

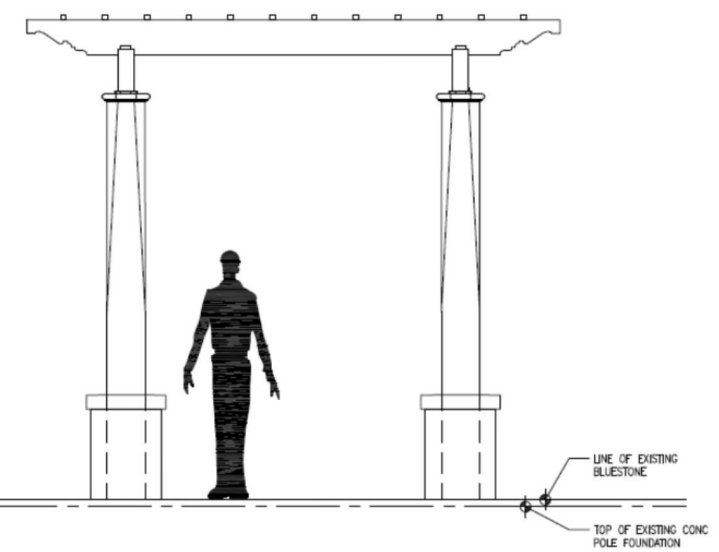
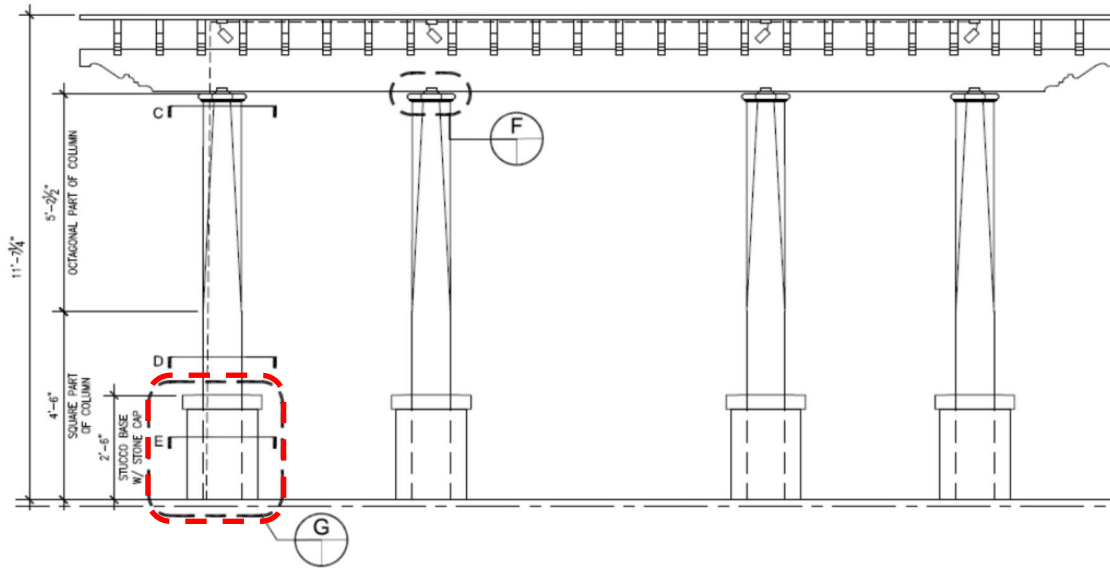
Historical information

This, one of several houses on University Circle designed by architect Eugene Bradbury, served as the home of Dr. S. H. Watts, Professor of Surgery and Gynecology and his family for c. 30 years beginning in 1920 or before.

Source See attached City survey form, 1982.
 Surveyed by Jeff O'Dell, VHLC Date 4-83; 9-83



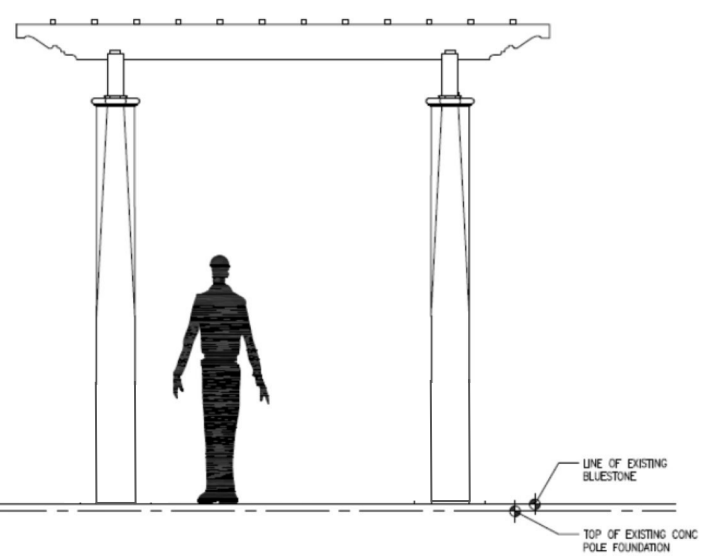
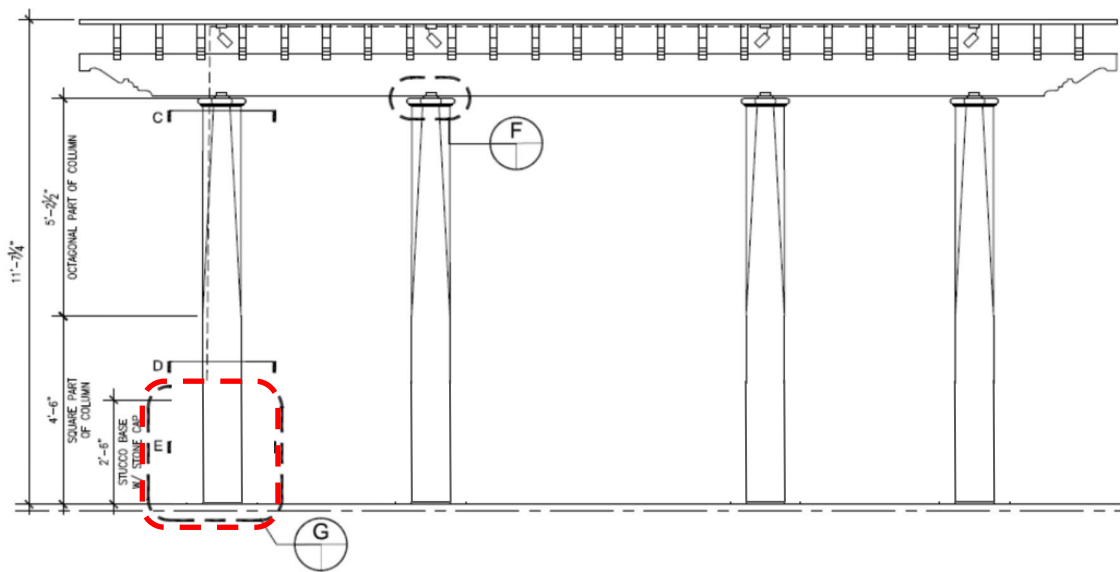
Brody Jewish Center, 1824 University Circle — Rear Terrace Pergola



B1 PERGOLA ELEVATION - OCTAGONAL TO SQUARE POST W/ STUCCO BASE & PRECAST CAP
SCALE: 1/2" = 1'-0"

B2 PERGOLA ELEVATION - OCTAGONAL TO SQUARE POST W/ STUCCO BASE & PRECAST CAP
SCALE: 1/2" = 1'-0"

Revised posts with stone/stucco bases - BAR approval July 16, 2019



B1 PERGOLA ELEVATION - OCTAGONAL TO SQUARE POST
SCALE: 1/2" = 1'-0"

B2 PERGOLA ELEVATION - OCTAGONAL TO SQUARE POST
SCALE: 1/2" = 1'-0"

Proposed revision: omit stone/stucco bases - August 5, 2019