From: Scala, Mary Joy

Sent: Thursday, May 08, 2014 11:20 AM

To: 'Rosalyn Keesee'

Subject: BAR Action March 18, 2014 - 608 Preston Place

May 8, 2014

John Matthews, Mitchell/Matthews Architects PO Box 5603 Charlottesville, VA 22905

Dear Applicant,

The above referenced project was discussed before a meeting of the City of Charlottesville Board of Architectural Review (BAR) on March 18, 2014. The following action was taken:

The BAR approved (5-0) the renovations and addition as submitted, with bollards added to protect hedges, and option to use a metal roof over the additions.

In accordance with Charlottesville City Code 34-285(b), this decision may be appealed to the City Council in writing within ten working days of the date of the decision. Written appeals, including the grounds for an appeal, the procedure(s) or standard(s) alleged to have been violated or misapplied by the BAR, and/or any additional information, factors or opinions the applicant deems relevant to the application, should be directed to Paige Barfield, Clerk of the City Council, PO Box 911, Charlottesville, VA 22902.

This certificate of appropriateness shall expire in 18 months (September 18, 2015), 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. The expiration date may differ if the COA is associated with a valid site plan. You may request an extension of the certificate of appropriateness *before this approval expires* for one additional year for reasonable cause.

Upon completion of the project, please contact me for an inspection of the improvements included in this application.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 434-970-3130 or scala@charlottesville.org.

Sincerely yours,

Mary Joy Scala, AICP
Preservation and Design Planner

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Board of Architectural Review (BAR) Certificate of Appropriateness

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Please submit ten (10) copies of application form and all attachments.

For a new construction project, please include \$375 application fee. For all other projects requiring BAR approval, please include \$125 application fee. For projects that require only administrative approval, please include \$100 administrative fee. Make checks payable to the City of Charlottesville.

The BAR meets the third Tuesday of the month.

Deadline for submittals is Tuesday 3 weeks prior to next BAR meeting by 4 p.m.

Owner Name Psi Chapter of Sigma Chi Fraternity House Corp Applicant Name Mitchell/Matthews Architects 5
Project Name/Description_Sigma Chi Renovations & Addition Parcel Number_Tax Map 5 Parcel 108
Property Address_608 Preston Place, Charlottesville, Virginia
Applicant Information Address: John Matthews, Mitchell/Matthews Architects P.O. Box 5603, Charlottesville, VA 22905 Email: jm@mitchellmatthews.com Phone: (W) 434.979.7550 (H) 434.979.7550 FAX: 434.979.5220 Signature of Applicant I hereby attest that the information I have provided is, to the best of my knowledge, correct. (Signature also denotes commitment to pay invoice for required mail notices.)
Property Owner Information (if not applicant) Address: Psi Chapter of Sigma Chi Fraternity House Corp. c/o Don Sours, 1537 Bremerton Lane, Keswick, VA 22947 Email: ch1636@aol.com Phone: (W) N/A (H) 434.296.8845 FAX: N/A Do you intend to apply for Federal or State Tax Credits for this project? No No No No John Matthews, AIA 02.24.2014 Print Name Date Property Owner Permission (if not applicant) I have read this application and hereby give my consent to its submission. Signature Signature Date
Don Sours D. E. Sours S. 02.24.2014 Print Name Date Description of Proposed Work (attach separate narrative if necessary): Addition and renovations to existing Sigma Chi residence at 608 Preston Place
List All Attachments (see reverse side for submittal requirements): BAR package dated February 2014 (31 pages)
For Office Use Only Received by:

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December 16, 2013

Psi Chapter of Sigma Chi House Corporation c/o Williams Mullen 321 East Main Street, Suite 400 Charlottesville VA 22902 Attn: Valerie W. Long, Esquire

Re: 608 Preston Place (TMP: 050108000)

Dear Ms. Long,

At your request, I have examined our records with respect to 608 Preston Place (TMP: 050108000), Charlottesville, VA 22903 (the "Property"), and advise you that:

- (a) The Property is zoned R-3H under applicable zoning laws and ordinances. The R-3 zoning district permits fraternities by first obtaining a special use permit. Reference is made to that certain plat entitled "Restoration of Sigma Chi Fraternity" dated April 29, 1986, last revised May 21, 1986, and approved by the Director of Planning dated May 21, 1986, which authorizes occupancy by to 24 student residents. As a result, the current use of the Property is legally non-conforming because there is no special use permit regulating the use of the Property as a fraternity.
- (b) The current height of the primary structure located on the Property (the "Building") is 27 feet. Based on a current density of 1 dwelling unit per acre and the Building height of 27 feet, the following dimensional requirements currently apply to the Property:

Height Restriction	Reg'd From Yard	t Req'd Yard	Side	Req'd Rear Yard	Land Coverage
45 ft. max	25 ft. min	13.5 feet (i.e. height of	current	25 feet min.	75% max.
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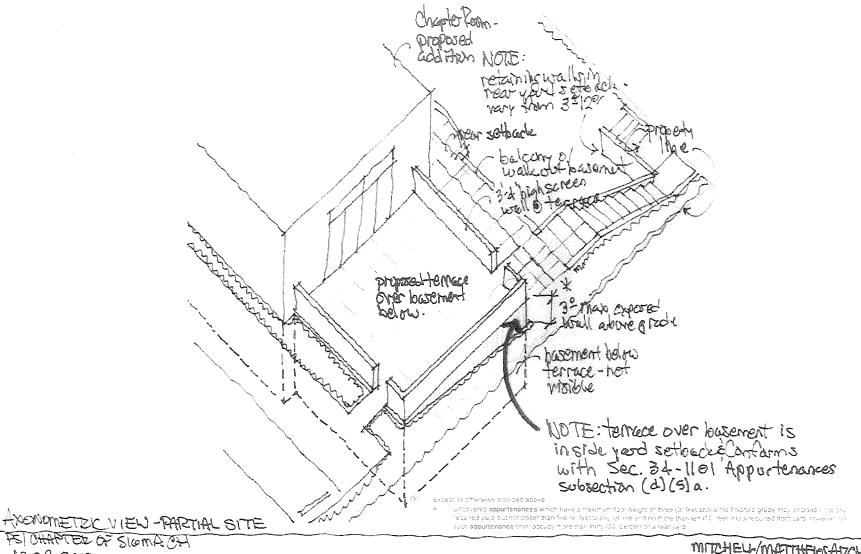
- (c) If the Building is renovated and expanded by the construction of an addition in the location and with the massing generally depicted on those four concept renderings prepared by Mitchell/Matthews Architects dated October 28, 2013, attached hereto as Exhibit A, the proposed expansion of the non-conforming use would be permitted as a matter of right because the intensity of the use will not expand. The current permitted occupancy of the Fraternity is 24 occupants, which may not increase.
- (d) If the Building is renovated and expanded as shown on the Concept Plans, the height of the Building will be calculated to be 25 feet, as more particularly shown on the notes attached hereto as Exhibit B. Accordingly, based on a building height of 25 feet, the following dimensional requirements would apply to the Property in connection with such renovation and expansion:

Height Restriction	Req'd From	t Req'd Side Yard	Req'd Rear Yard	Land Coverage
45 ft. max	25 ft. min	12.5 feet min. (height divided by two)	25 feet min.	75% max.

(e) An on-grade patio may be added to the property within the required yard setbacks. A terrace/patio is a permitted use within any yard setback on the Property without the need for a Special Use Permit. Additionally, the proposed low walls are also a permitted use within any yard setback without the need for a Special Use Permit. A basement is permitted within the yard setback without the need for a Special Use Permit provided that it is not visible from the public right-of-way. A passerby should not be able to tell that there is a basement hidden underneath the terrace. Accordingly, no window or access doors are permitted in the portion of the basement that lies within the required yard if such access doors or windows are visible from the public right of way.

Sincerely,

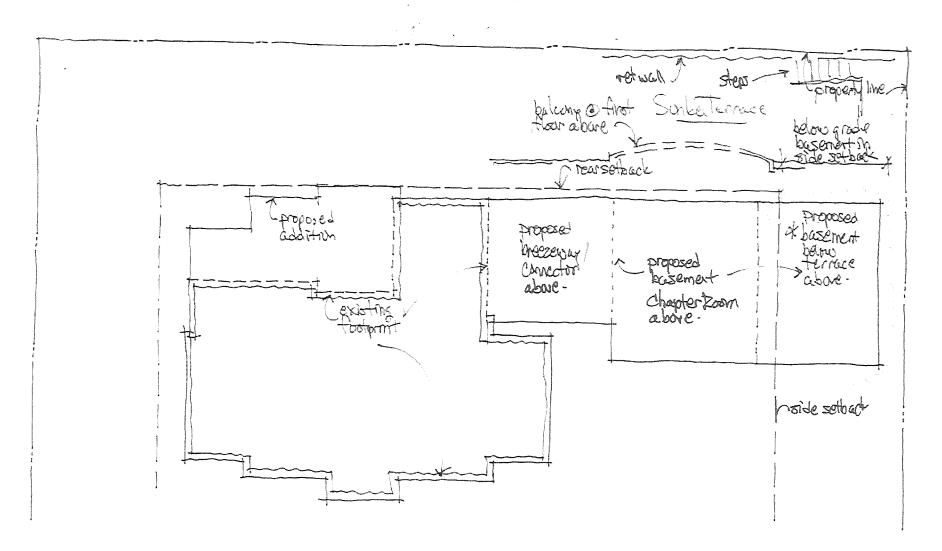
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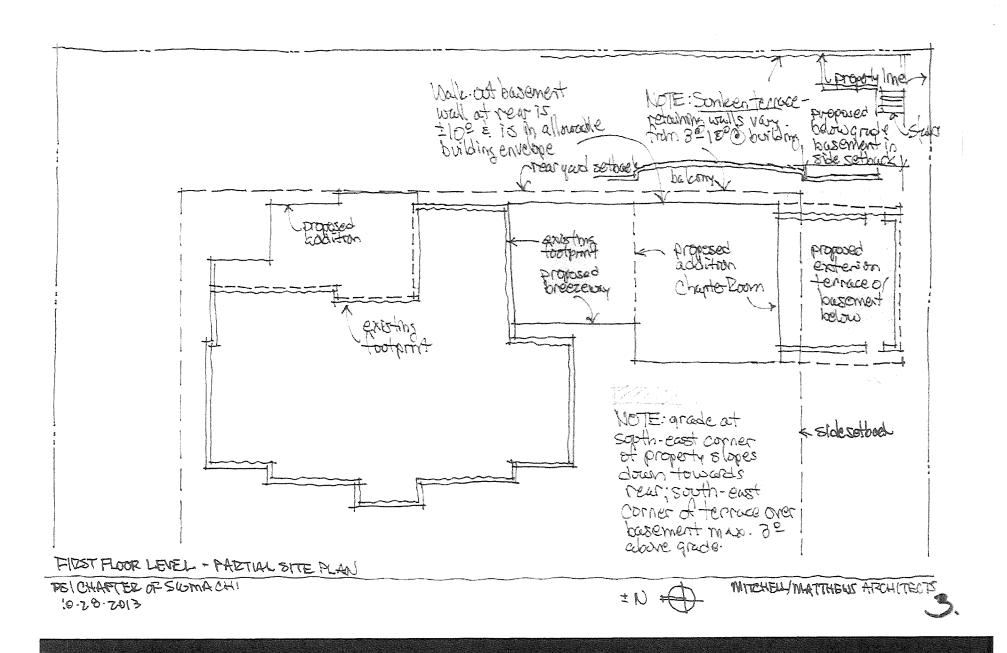
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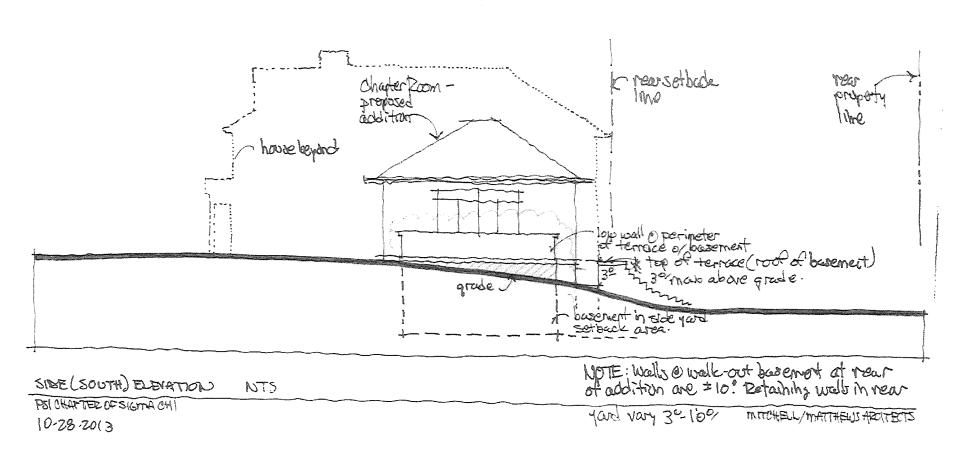
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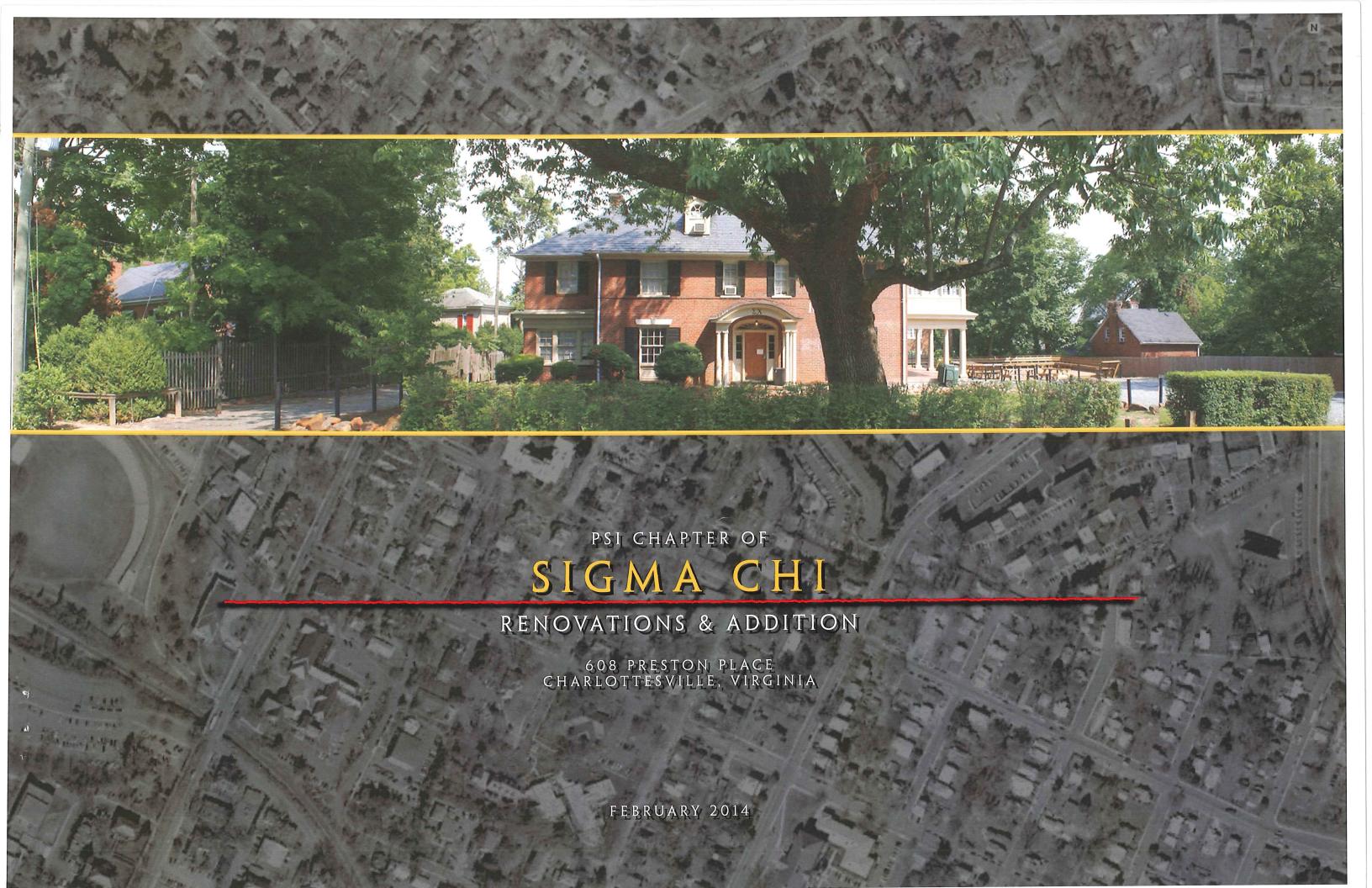


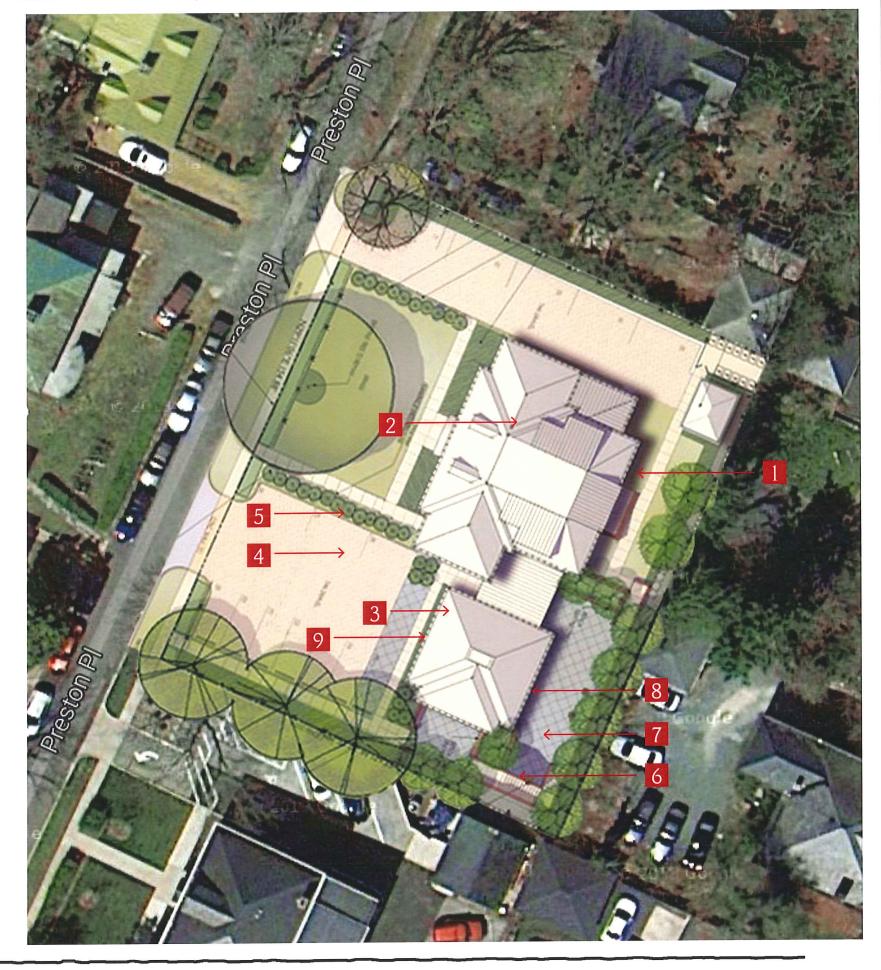
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APPENDIX

Since the last BAR submission, the following revisions and refinements have been made:

- The addition has been moved out of the setback area.
- The number of beds has been reduced from 25 to 24.
- The floor area of the addition has been reduced by 1,637 sf, a 12% reduction from the previous proposal.
- The amount of impervious area has been reduced by 10% from the previous proposal.
- The amount of planted/pervious area has been increased by 11% from the previous proposal
- The amount and height of the retaining walls at the rear have been reduced.
- 7 The size of the sunken terrace has been reduced.
- The balcony at the rear of the Chapter Room addition has been eliminated.
- The architectural details of the addition have been simplified to compliment the main house.



PROJECT NARRATIVE

Sigma Chi, established at the University of Virginia in 1860, has called 608 Preston Place home since 1950, and has been an integral member of the Venable neighborhood for the past 64 years. In 1986, the residence underwent a major renovation. Since that time, Sigma Chi has contracted with the University of Virginia Foundation to assist with the management and upkeep of the property. Almost thirty years has passed since the last major renovation and Sigma Chi is proposing a new renovation and addition project to accomplish several goals: separate the social areas from the living areas; provide an appropriate kitchen facility; upgrade the overall residence; and provide educational areas. Earlier proposals for these renovations were submitted in 2011 and again in 2012. During the review of these proposals, the BAR raised concerns about the massing and detailing of the addition.

In this third submission, we have carefully considered the previous BAR and public comments and have tried to address the concerns we heard. In this revised scheme we have continued to refine the design and have incorporated the changes as outlined on the previous page (Summary of Refinements). Additional design considerations include:

- social space has been relegated to the rear at the basement level and away from the nearest single family residences to help reduce any potential impact on the neighborhood.
- the majority of the addition has been carefully designed to be at the rear of the existing residence or below grade
- the chapter room addition is a one-story addition that is set back from and secondary to the main structure, and is connected by a lighter hyphen structure.
- proposed sustainable materials and practices
- no increase in the intensity of use is proposed, eliminating the need for a Special Use Permit.

Below you will find additional information about the proposed project and its response to the BAR guidelines.

Location	The Sigma Chi fraternity house is located at 608 Preston Place and lies within the Rugby Road – University Circle – Venable Neighborhood Architectural Design Control District. The site is currently zoned R-3 where fraternities are permitted as a special use.
Proposed Work	Renovate the existing building and provide additional space for living and gathering to the existing fraternity. In general, the exterior work will include window replacement, repair/replacement of existing wood trim, and a proposed building addition relegated to the rear and side yard of the property. Exterior materials of the building addition include a palette of window types, roofing, and trim lines sympathetic to the existing building.
Setback	The majority of the residences on Preston Place are deeply setback from the front property line. The new addition maintains this deep front yard and is further set back from the primary structure in keeping with other secondary dependencies in the neighborhood. Additionally, the above ground addition remains within the rear and side yard setback, as required by zoning.
Spacing	The spacing between the main house and the addition is consistent with detached garages and other dependencies in the neighborhood.
Massing & Footprint	The building massing includes a building addition to the rear and side of the existing building. The addition to the side is a two level addition (1 story and basement level) with a one story mass visible from Preston Place which is consistent with other buildings along the street.
Height & Width	The height of the hipped roof on the addition to the Sigma Chi fraternity house is lower than the primary residence. The width of the addition as viewed from the street is consistent with the width of dependencies found in the neighborhood, such as detached garages.

Scale & Orientation

The new addition's primary orientation is to Preston Place. The building addition scale is similar to carriage house type dependencies and promotes a human scale when viewed from the public sidewalks.

Roof

The addition will have a hipped roof with dark gray, architectural asphalt shingles. The form, finish and slope are consistent with the existing residence, as well as other buildings in the neighborhood. A sloped roof will be used on the connecting element between the main structure and the addition.

Openings

Double-hung and casement windows will be used. The windows will be of wood construction with an aluminum clad finish.

Foundation

The building addition includes a planting bed and garden wall faced with brick in a size and color complementary to the existing building masonry.

Materials & Texture

Major materials include brick, dark gray asphalt shingles, and wood or cementitious trim. All concrete site work will use integrally colored concrete to match the UVA/City batch colors.

Exterior Colors

Final exterior colors have not yet been finalized, however it is anticipated that brick will be a close match to the existing brick. The windows will have a white finish. The new trim will be painted white. Wood railings at the rear of the addition will be painted to match the trim.

Sustainability

The following environmentally responsible features are expected to be incorporated into the final design:

- Durable materials: brick, concrete and asphalt shingle roofing
- Water saving plumbing fixtures
- Improved use of natural light through inclusion of larger windows
- Low E glazing for improved thermal performance
- High-efficiency mechanical systems
- High-rated insulation packages
- High performance exterior wall and roof systems
- Energy efficient lighting /LED fixtures and control systems where appropriate
- Use of interior finish materials with few or no volatile organic compounds
- Energy star appliances
- Incorporation of drought tolerant and native plant species and planting palettes
- A high percentage of construction waste will be diverted to recycling centers
- Use of pervious paving where practical.
- Take advantage of the Fraternity House's proximity to the University Transit System bus stops to reduce the amount of on site parking
- Provide enclosed bicycle storage to reduce the amount of on site parking

PROJECT DATA

Location

608 Preston Place

Tax Map & Parcel Number

TMP 5-108

Site Area

Total = 20,125 sf. +/-

Zoning

Existing: R-3

Historic Overlay District

Use

Existing: Fraternity

Density

By-right: 1-21 DUA

Height

Allowable: 40 Feet

Bedrooms

Existing: 16 (mix of singles & doubles yielding 24

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Building

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	Existing	Proposed	Total
	Building Area	Addition Area	Building Area
	(GSF +/-)	(GSF +/-)	(GSF +/-)
Basement	1,888 sf.	1,900 sf.	3,788 sf.
First	2,071 sf.	1,810 sf.	3,881 sf.
Second	2,143 sf.	523 sf.	2,666 sf.
Attic	485 sf.	822 sf.	1,307 sf.
Total Building Area	6,587 s.f.	5,055 sf.	11,642 sf*

Proposed: R-3

Historic Overlay District

Proposed: Fraternity

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Proposed: Approx. 26 Feet

Proposed: 20 (mix of singles & doubles yielding 24 beds)

Parking

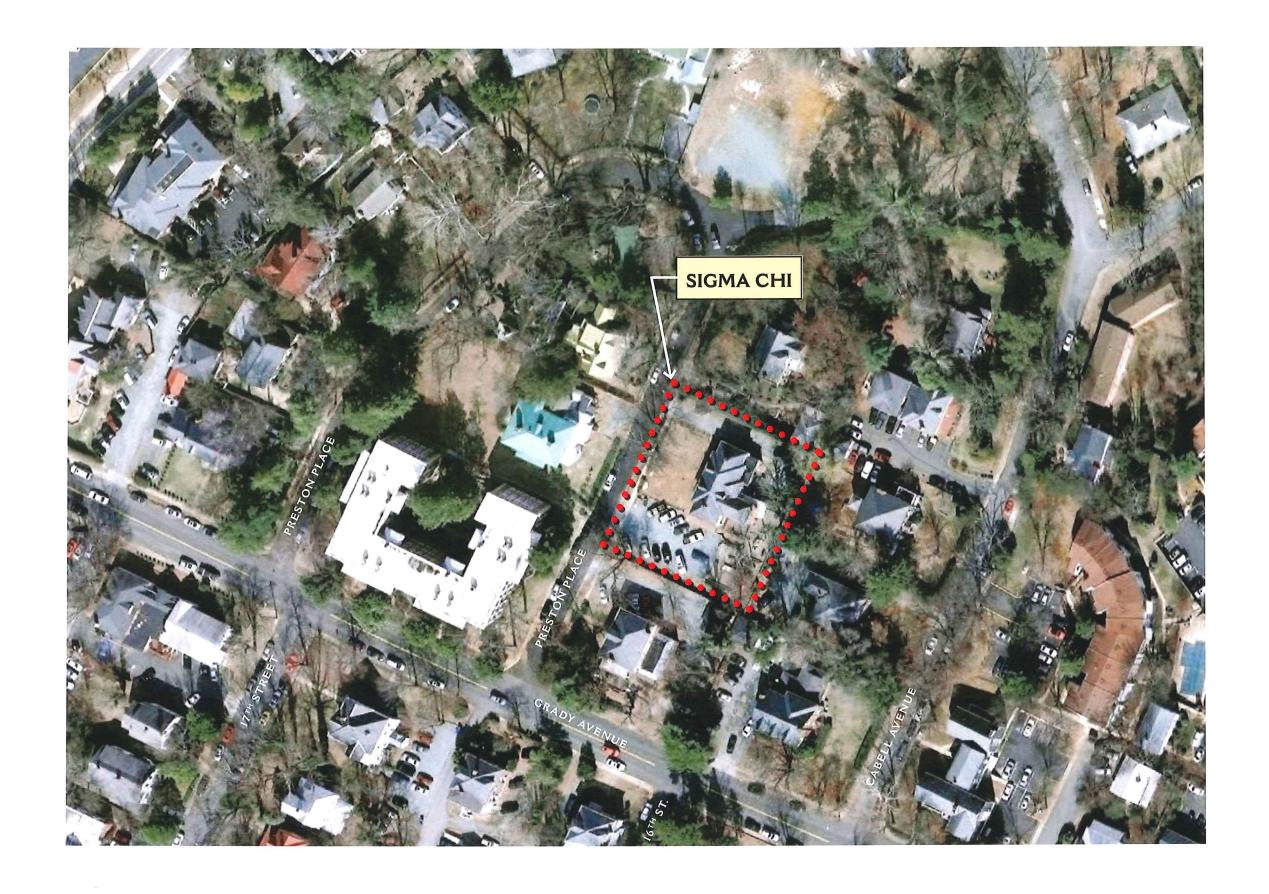
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Total Proposed Parking	15

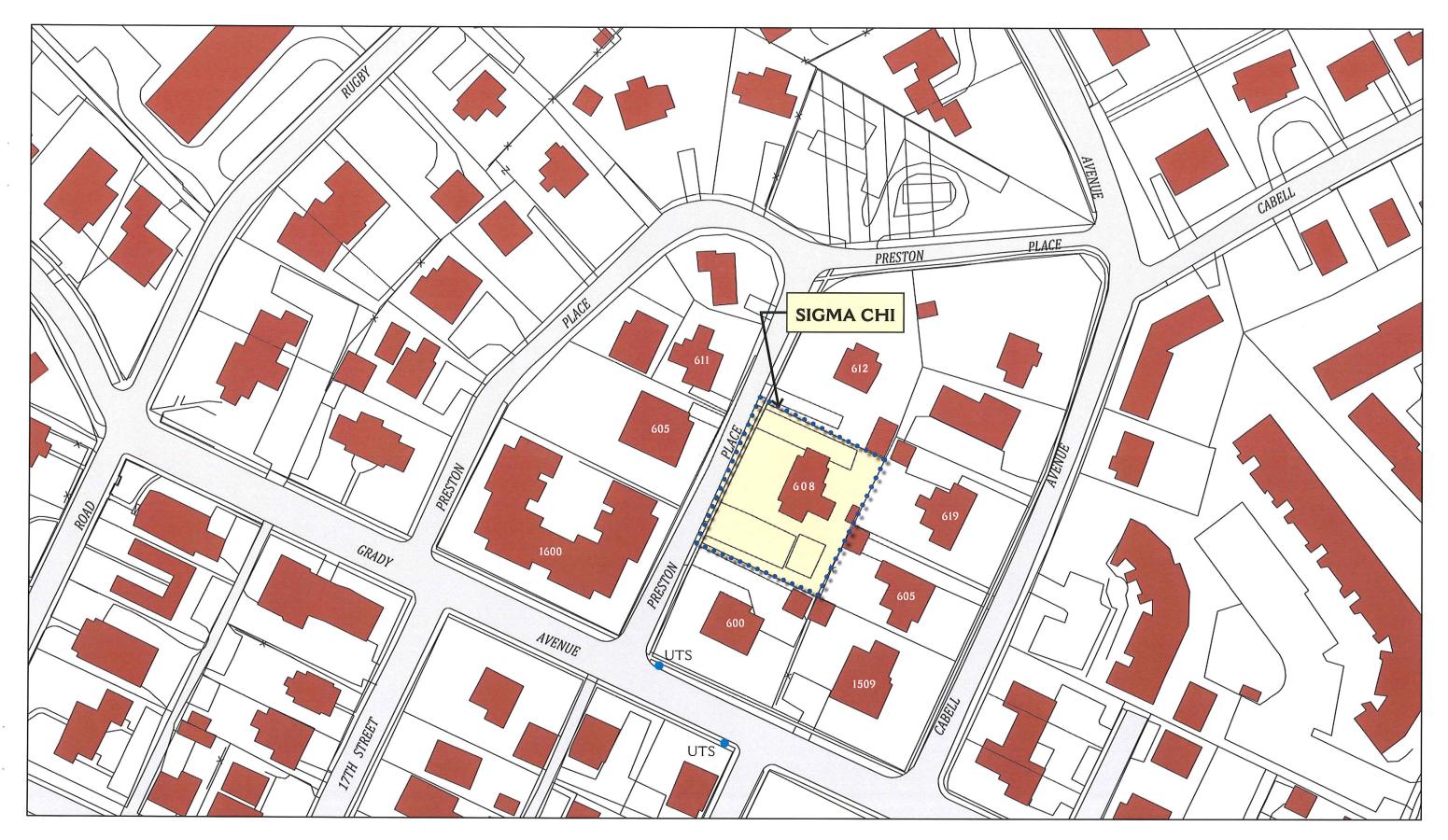
^{*} Required parking count after taking advantage of parking bonuses for bike storage & proximty to public transit

All quantities, areas, dimensions and parking calculations are approximate and subject to change as the project is refined.

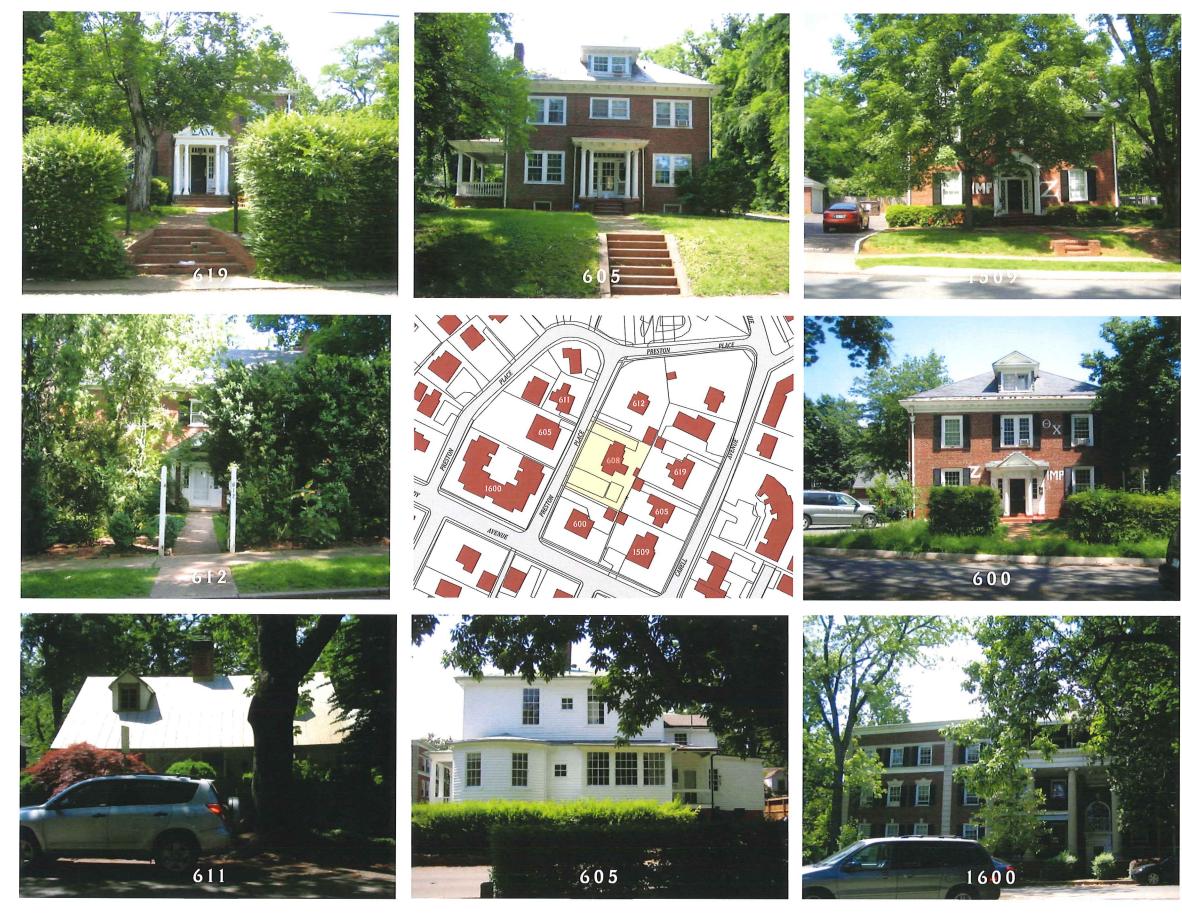
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CONTEXT PHOTOS





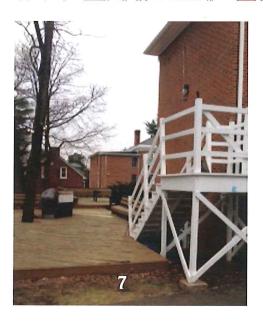






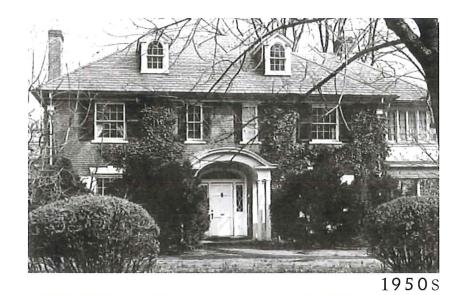








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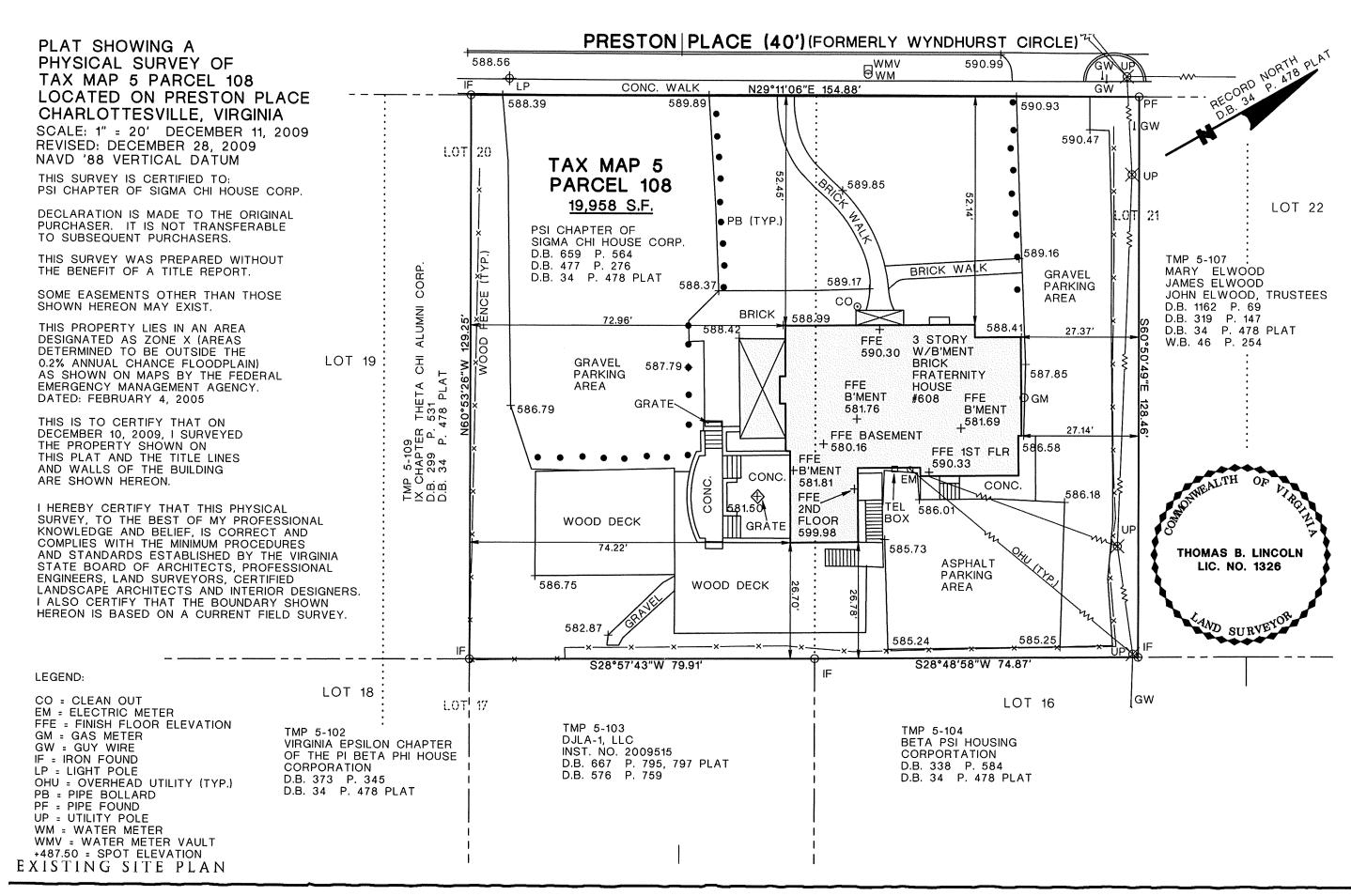


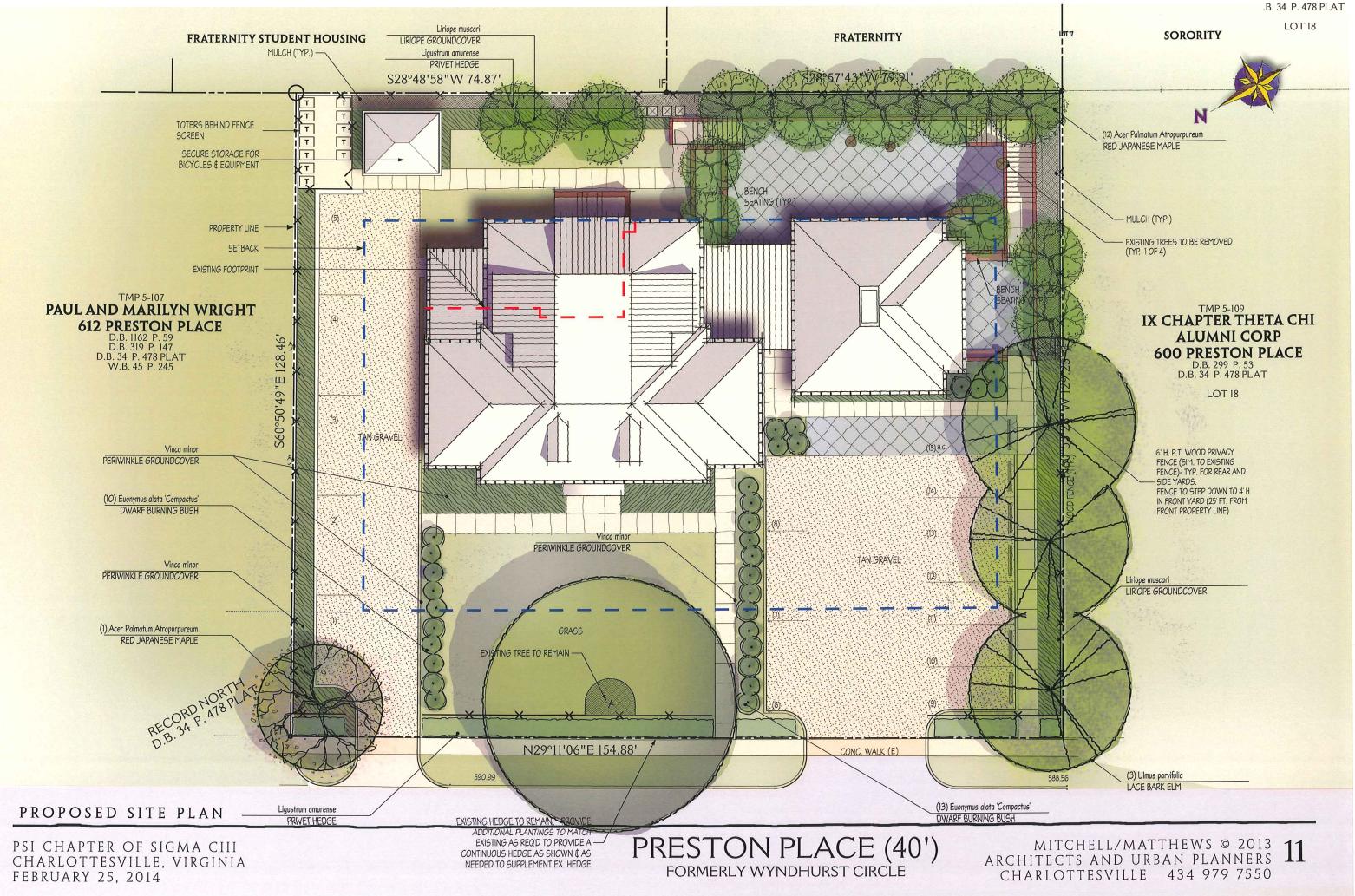
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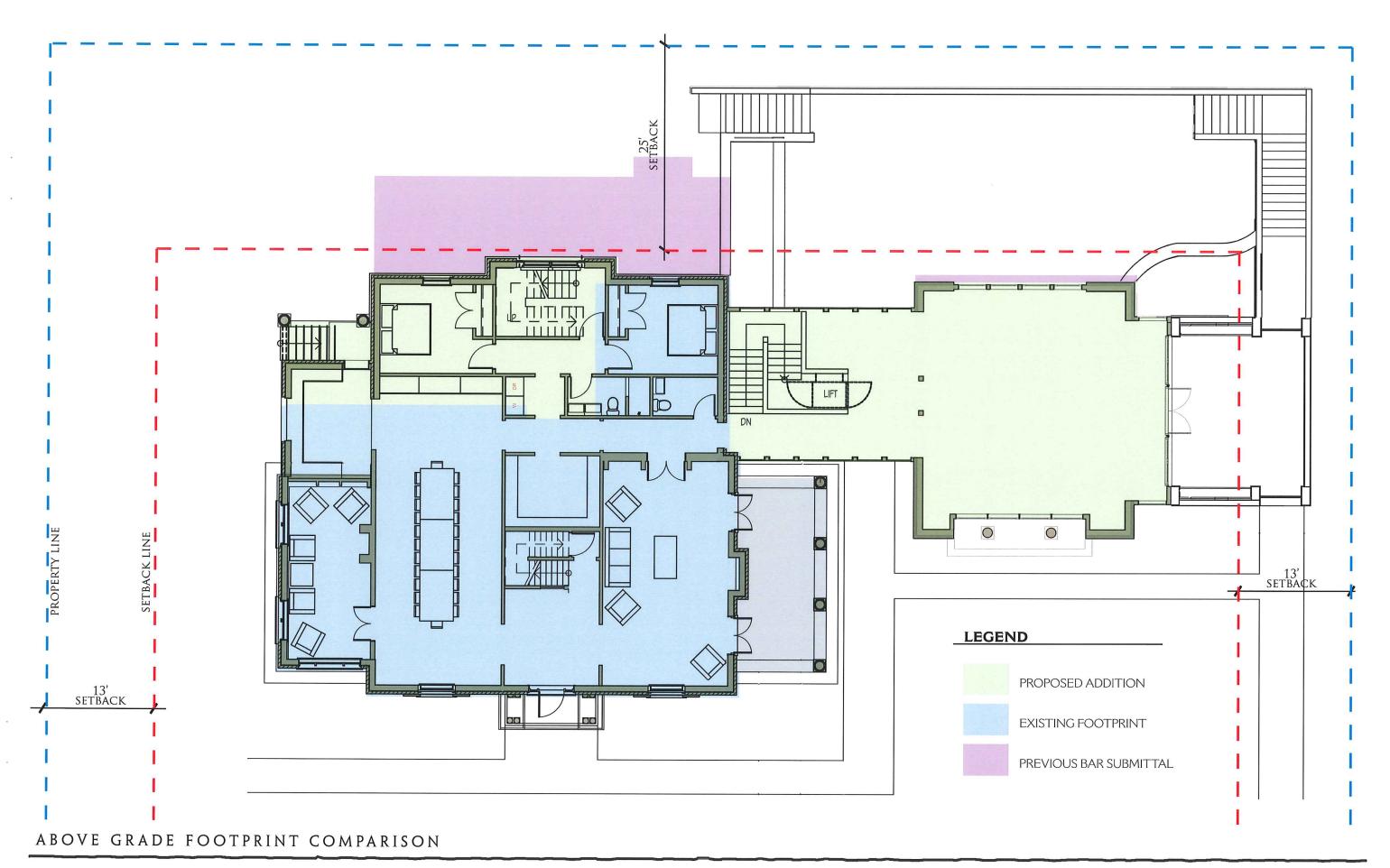
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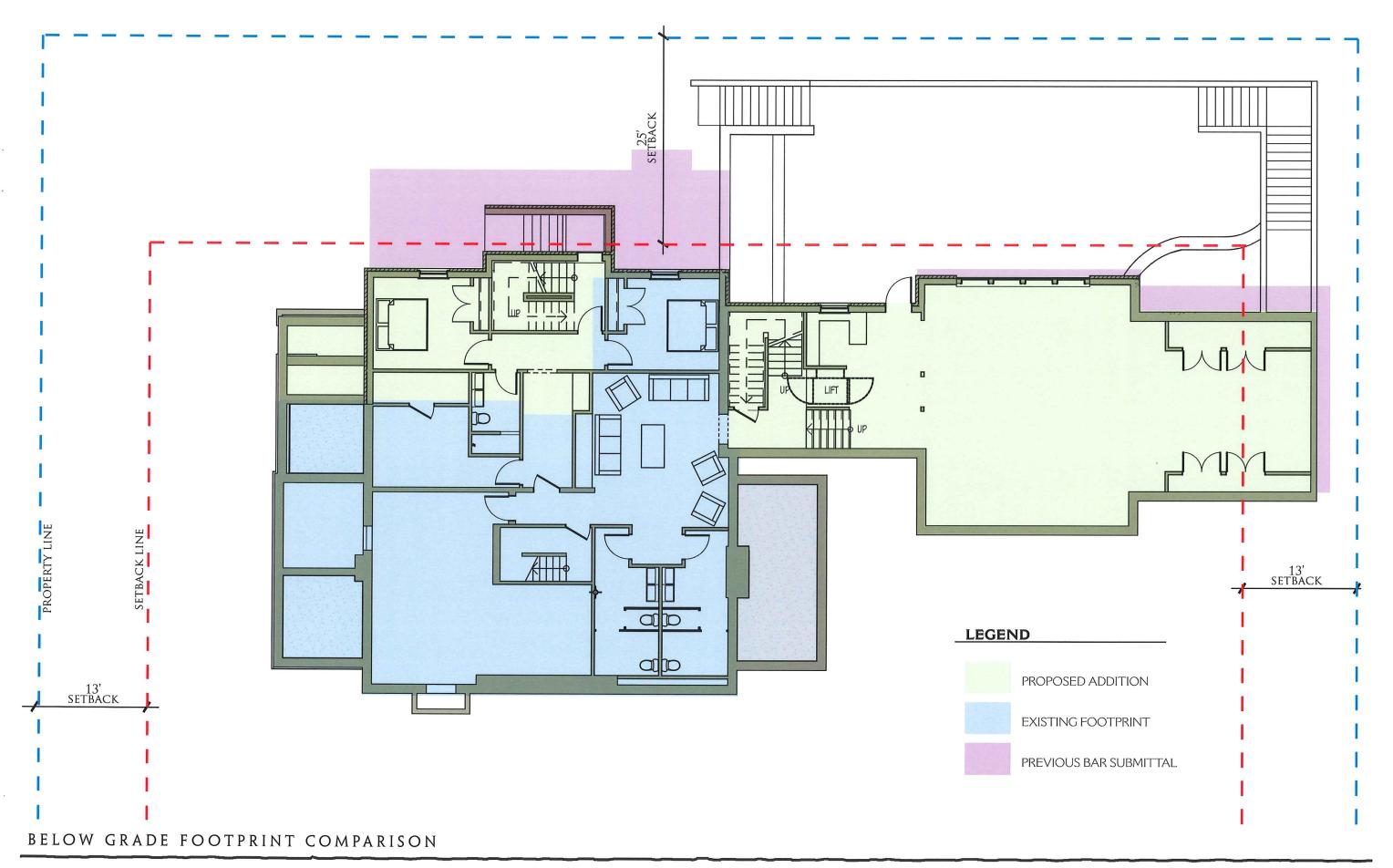




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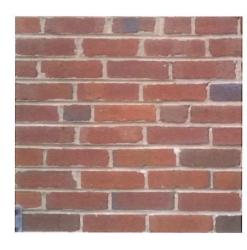
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EXTERIOR FINISHES



ASPHALT ROOF SHINGLES
BLACK PEARL



BRICK

NEW BRICK TO MATCH EXISTING

SMOOTH FINISH, COLOR TO MATCH EXISTING



4 FT. WOOD FENCE (FRONT YARD)
P.T. WOOD



ALUMINUM CLAD WOOD WINDOW

WHITE





6 FT. WOOD PRIVACY FENCE (SIDE & REAR)

MATCH EXISTING



VIEW FROM PRESTON PLACE

PSI CHAPTER OF SIGMA CHI CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA FEBRUARY 25, 2014

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VIEW FROM PRESTON PLACE (SOUTHERN VIEW)

APPENDIX

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- A2 PROPOSED BASEMENT PLAN
- A3 EXISTING FIRST FLOOR PLAN
- A4 PROPOSED FIRST FLOOR PLAN
- A5 EXISTING SECOND FLOOR PLAN
- A6 PROPOSED SECOND FLOOR PLAN
- A7 EXISTING ATTIC PLAN
- A8 PROPOSED ATTIC PLAN

