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**Bureau of Development Services**  
**Land Use Services**

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## **NOTICE OF A TYPE II DECISION ON A PROPOSAL IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD**

The Bureau of Development Services has **approved** a proposal in your neighborhood. The reasons for the decision are included in this notice. If you disagree with the decision, you can appeal it and request a public hearing. Information on how to appeal this decision is listed at the end of this notice.

### **CASE FILE NUMBER: LU 12-124463 HDZ – NON-HISTORIC SIDING REMOVAL, NEW WINDOWS, AND SKYLIGHT**

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

**Applicant:** Rainbow Adult Living  
16432 SE Stark Street  
Portland, OR 97233-3960

**Representative:** Dave Spitzer 503-335-9040  
DMS Architects  
2106 NE Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard  
Portland, OR 97212

**Site Address:** 2633 NE 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue

**Legal Description:** BLOCK 24 S 45' OF LOT 2, IRVINGTON  
**Tax Account No.:** R420405100  
**State ID No.:** 1N1E26AD 18900  
**Quarter Section:** 2732  
**Neighborhood:** Irvington, contact Dean Gisvold at 503-284-3885.  
**Business District:** North-Northeast Business Assoc, contact Joice Taylor at 503-445-1321.  
**District Coalition:** Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods, contact Shoshana Cohen at 503-823-4575.

**Other Designations:** Contributing resource in the Irvington Historic District, which was listed in the National Register of Historic Places on October 22, 2012.

**Zoning:** R5, Residential 5000, with Historic Resource Protection Overlay  
**Case Type:** HDZ, Historic Design Review  
**Procedure:** Type II, an administrative decision with appeal to the Historic Landmarks Commission.

#### **Proposal:**

The applicant is seeking Historic Design Review approval for a proposal to:

- remove non-historic cement-asbestos shingle siding which is installed over the original wood siding, and restore historic windows exposed by the process;

- remove a non-historic rear deck and stair;
- replace a non-historic door that opens to the upper level of the rear deck with a window to match the adjoining, historic, ones;
- install a new, hopper type, basement window, to match the historic basement windows, to the west of chimney on the north side of the house; and
- install a new operable skylight on the rear-facing slope of the roof of a north-facing dormer.

Historic Design Review is required because the proposal is for non-exempt exterior alterations in a historic district.

### **Relevant Approval Criteria:**

In order to be approved, this proposal must comply with the approval criteria of Title 33. The relevant criteria are:

- 33.846.060 G. – Other Approval Criteria

## **ANALYSIS**

**Site and Vicinity:** The subject property, built in about 1911, is stylistically in the Craftsman vein, and it takes a form commonly referred to as "foursquare", that is, a main volume of two full stories with a roughly square footprint. The house is evaluated as contributing to the character of the Irvington Historic District in spite of being clad with non-historic fiber cement shingles.

Platted in the late Nineteenth Century, today's Irvington Historic District represents the first additions to Portland that employed restrictive covenants from the outset. These included the exclusion of most non-residential uses from the interior of the neighborhood, and where non-residential uses were allowed, such as the fire station and the telephone exchange, the buildings were purposely disguised to appear more residential in character. Other deed restrictions excluded minority groups, established uniform front setbacks, and required minimum expenditure on new buildings. The area developed generally from southwest to northeast and its growth was greatly influenced by the installation of streetcar lines that introduced an easy commuting option to downtown.

The contributing resources in Irvington range in design character from expressions of the late Victorian Era styles, especially Queen Anne, through the many Period Revival modes of the early decades of the Twentieth Century, to a few early modernist examples. There is also a wide diversity in the sizes of lots and houses. In terms of the streetscape, the numbered north-south avenues in Irvington vary dramatically in width, and they mostly form rather long block faces which the houses generally face. The named east-west street block faces are more consistent in length, almost all being traditional 200' Portland blocks. All are lined with mature street trees. Original development in many cases included garages or other accessory structures, typically facing side streets on corner lots and accessed by a variety of driveway types on mid-block sites. Garages that were added within the historic period, were sometimes built at the sidewalk and/or out of architectural character with the house.

**Zoning:** The single-dwelling zones, including R5, are intended to preserve land for housing and to provide housing opportunities for individual households. The zones implement the comprehensive plan policies and designations for single-dwelling housing.

The Historic Resource Protection Overlay zone protects certain historic resources in the region and preserves significant parts of the region's heritage. The regulations implement Portland's Comprehensive Plan policies that address historic preservation. These policies recognize the role historic resources have in promoting the education and enjoyment of those living in and visiting the region. The regulations foster pride among the region's citizens in their city and its heritage. Historic preservation beautifies the city, promotes the city's economic health, and helps to preserve and enhance the value of historic properties.

**Land Use History:** City records indicate there are no prior land use reviews for this site.

**Public Notice:** A “Notice of Proposal in Your Neighborhood” was mailed April 12, 2012.

**Agency Review:** None of the notified Bureaus has responded with issues or concerns.

**Neighborhood Review:** One written response has been received from either the Neighborhood Association or notified property owners in response to the proposal.

- Jim Barta, representing the Irvington Community Association Land Use Committee, wrote on May 3, 2012, approving of the proposal.

## **ZONING CODE APPROVAL CRITERIA**

### **Chapter 33.846.060 - Historic Design Review**

#### **Purpose of Historic Design Review**

Historic Design Review ensures the conservation and enhancement of the special characteristics of historic resources.

#### **Historic Design Review Approval Criteria**

Requests for historic design review will be approved if the review body finds the applicant has shown that all of the approval criteria have been met.

**Findings:** The site is within the Irvington Historic District and the proposal is for non-exempt treatment. Therefore Historic Design Review approval is required. The approval criteria are those listed in 33.846.060 G – *Other Approval Criteria*.

*Staff has considered all guidelines and addressed only those applicable to this proposal.*

### **33.846.060 G - Other Approval Criteria**

**1. Historic character.** The historic character of the property will be retained and preserved. Removal of historic materials or alteration of features and spaces that contribute to the property's historic significance will be avoided.

**Findings:** The designated property is the Irvington Historic District, to which the subject resource contributes character. One material, secondary, cement-asbestos wall shingles, is proposed for removal. Because this material has been available since the late Nineteenth Century, it is possible that the installation dates to the historic period. The material, however, does not contribute significantly to the character of the historic district, and its removal re-exposes original siding which does. *This criterion is met.*

**3. Historic changes.** Most properties change over time. Those changes that have acquired historic significance will be preserved.

**Findings:** In contrast to the secondary siding, the deck structure at the back of the house clearly dates from outside the historic period and is therefore, by definition, not historic. Its removal is also justified by the fact that the rear yard, not being visible to the public, does not contribute character to the historic district. *This criterion is met.*

**8. Architectural compatibility.** New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction will be compatible with the resource's massing, size, scale, and architectural features. When retrofitting buildings or sites to improve accessibility for persons with disabilities, design solutions will not compromise the architectural integrity of the historic resource.

**10. Hierarchy of compatibility.** Exterior alterations and additions will be designed to be compatible primarily with the original resource, secondarily with adjacent properties, and finally, if located within a Historic or Conservation District, with the rest of the district. Where practical, compatibility will be pursued on all three levels.

**Findings for 8 and 10:** The other small changes proposed for the house, a rear-facing skylight, a light tube in the roof surface behind a side-facing dormer, replacement of a non-historic door with a new wood window to match adjacent historic ones, and a new basement window to match the existing ones, all have very minor impacts and are in keeping with both the character of the Irvington Historic District and the subject resource. *These criteria are met.*

## DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS

Unless specifically required in the approval criteria listed above, this proposal does not have to meet the development standards in order to be approved during this review process. The plans submitted for a building or zoning permit must demonstrate that all development standards of Title 33 can be met, or have received an Adjustment or Modification via a land use review prior to the approval of a building or zoning permit.

## CONCLUSIONS

Although the proposed alterations are simple, they are restorative in nature and will have a positive impact on the character of the Irvington Historic disproportionate to their scope. The purpose of the Historic Design Review process is to ensure that additions, new construction, and exterior alterations to historic resources do not compromise their ability to convey historic significance. This proposal meets the applicable Historic Design Review criteria and therefore warrants approval.


## ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION

Approval of exterior alterations to a contributing resource in the Irvington Historic District;

Approval is per Exhibits C-1 through C-8, signed and dated May 4, 2012, subject to the following condition:

- A. As part of the building permit application submittal, each of the 4 required site plans and any additional drawings must reflect the information and design approved by this land use review as indicated in Exhibits C-1 through C-8. The sheets on which this information appears must be labeled, "Proposal and design as approved in Case File # LU 12-124463 HDZ. No field changes allowed."

**Staff Planner: Dave Skilton**

**Decision rendered by:**  **on May 4, 2012.**  
By authority of the Director of the Bureau of Development Services

**Decision mailed: May 8, 2012.**

**About this Decision.** This land use decision is **not a permit** for development. Permits may be required prior to any work. Contact the Development Services Center at 503-823-7310 for information about permits.

**Procedural Information.** The application for this land use review was submitted on March 29, 2012, and was determined to be complete on **April 10, 2012.**

*Zoning Code Section 33.700.080* states that Land Use Review applications are reviewed under the regulations in effect at the time the application was submitted, provided that the application is complete at the time of submittal, or complete within 180 days. Therefore this application was reviewed against the Zoning Code in effect on March 29, 2012.

*ORS 227.178* states the City must issue a final decision on Land Use Review applications within 120-days of the application being deemed complete. The 120-day review period may be waived or extended at the request of the applicant. In this case, the applicant did not waive or extend the 120-day review period.

**Some of the information contained in this report was provided by the applicant.**

As required by Section 33.800.060 of the Portland Zoning Code, the burden of proof is on the applicant to show that the approval criteria are met. The Bureau of Development Services has independently reviewed the information submitted by the applicant and has included this information only where the Bureau of Development Services has determined the information satisfactorily demonstrates compliance with the applicable approval criteria. This report is the decision of the Bureau of Development Services with input from other City and public agencies.

**Conditions of Approval.** If approved, this project may be subject to a number of specific conditions, listed above. Compliance with the applicable conditions of approval must be documented in all related permit applications. Plans and drawings submitted during the permitting process must illustrate how applicable conditions of approval are met. Any project elements that are specifically required by conditions of approval must be shown on the plans, and labeled as such.

These conditions of approval run with the land, unless modified by future land use reviews. As used in the conditions, the term “applicant” includes the applicant for this land use review, any person undertaking development pursuant to this land use review, the proprietor of the use or development approved by this land use review, and the current owner and future owners of the property subject to this land use review.

**Appealing this decision.** This decision may be appealed to the Historic Landmarks Commission, which will hold a public hearing. Appeals must be filed **by 4:30 PM on May 22, 2012** at 1900 SW Fourth Ave. Appeals can be filed Tuesday through Friday on the first floor of the Development Services Center until 3 p.m. After 3 p.m. and Mondays, appeals must be submitted to the receptionist at the front desk on the fifth floor. **An appeal fee of \$250 will be charged.** The appeal fee will be refunded if the appellant prevails. There is no fee for ONI recognized organizations appealing a land use decision for property within the organization’s boundaries. The vote to appeal must be in accordance with the organization’s bylaws. Assistance in filing the appeal and information on fee waivers is available from BDS in the Development Services Center. Please see the appeal form for additional information.

The file and all evidence on this case are available for your review by appointment only. Please call the Request Line at our office, 1900 SW Fourth Avenue, Suite 5000, phone 503-823-7617, to schedule an appointment. I can provide some information over the phone. Copies of all information in the file can be obtained for a fee equal to the cost of services. Additional information about the City of Portland, city bureaus, and a digital copy of the Portland Zoning Code is available on the internet at [www.portlandonline.com](http://www.portlandonline.com).

**Attending the hearing.** If this decision is appealed, a hearing will be scheduled, and you will be notified of the date and time of the hearing. The decision of the Historic Landmarks Commission is final; any further appeal must be made to the Oregon Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA) within 21 days of the date of mailing the decision, pursuant to ORS 197.620 and 197.830. Contact LUBA at 550 Capitol St. NE, Suite 235, Salem, Oregon 97301, or phone 1-503-373-1265 for further information.

Failure to raise an issue by the close of the record at or following the final hearing on this case, in person or by letter, may preclude an appeal to the Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA) on that issue. Also, if you do not raise an issue with enough specificity to give the Historic Landmarks Commission an opportunity to respond to it, that also may preclude an appeal to LUBA on that issue.

**Recording the final decision.**

If this Land Use Review is approved the final decision must be recorded with the Multnomah County Recorder. A few days prior to the last day to appeal, the City will mail instructions to the applicant for recording the documents associated with their final land use decision.

- *Unless appealed*, The final decision may be recorded on or after **May 23, 2012**.
- A building or zoning permit will be issued only after the final decision is recorded.

The applicant, builder, or a representative may record the final decision as follows:

- **By Mail:** Send the two recording sheets (sent in separate mailing) and the final Land Use Review decision with a check made payable to the Multnomah County Recorder to: Multnomah County Recorder, P.O. Box 5007, Portland OR 97208. The recording fee is identified on the recording sheet. Please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope.
- **In Person:** Bring the two recording sheets (sent in separate mailing) and the final Land Use Review decision with a check made payable to the Multnomah County Recorder to the County Recorder's office located at 501 SE Hawthorne Boulevard, #158, Portland OR 97214. The recording fee is identified on the recording sheet.

For further information on recording, please call the County Recorder at 503-988-3034  
For further information on your recording documents please call the Bureau of Development Services Land Use Services Division at 503-823-0625.

**Expiration of this approval.** An approval expires three years from the date the final decision is rendered unless a building permit has been issued, or the approved activity has begun.

Where a site has received approval for multiple developments, and a building permit is not issued for all of the approved development within three years of the date of the final decision, a new land use review will be required before a permit will be issued for the remaining development, subject to the Zoning Code in effect at that time.

Zone Change and Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment approvals do not expire.

**Applying for your permits.** A building permit, occupancy permit, or development permit may be required before carrying out an approved project. At the time they apply for a permit, permittees must demonstrate compliance with:

- All conditions imposed herein;
- All applicable development standards, unless specifically exempted as part of this land use review;
- All requirements of the building code; and
- All provisions of the Municipal Code of the City of Portland, and all other applicable ordinances, provisions and regulations of the City.

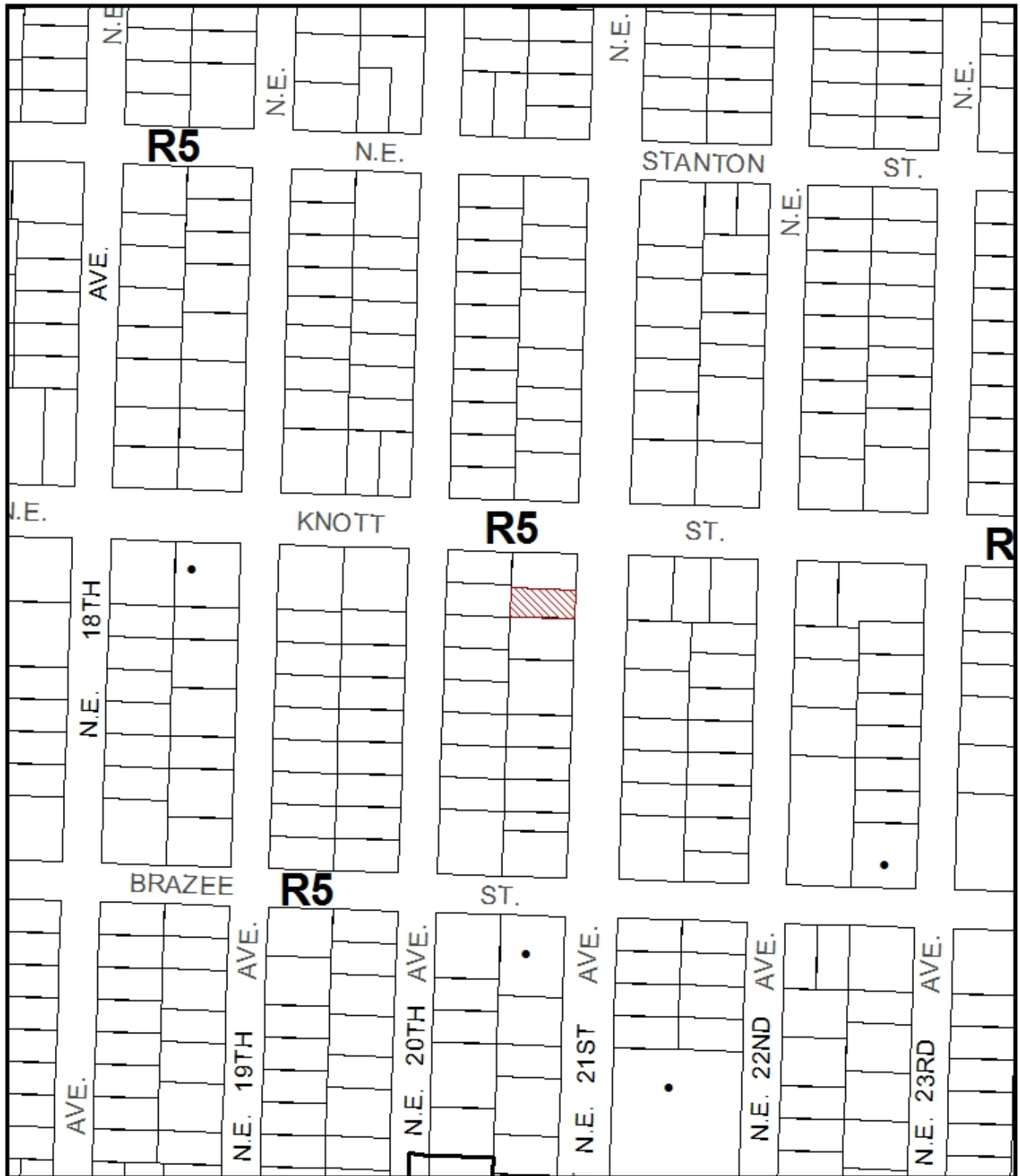
**EXHIBITS**

NOT ATTACHED UNLESS INDICATED

- A. Applicant's Statement
- B. Zoning Map (attached)
- C. Plans/Drawings:
  - 1. Site/First Floor Plan (attached)

2. Second Floor Plan
  3. North Elevation (attached)
  4. West Elevation (attached)
  5. Existing Window Section
  6. Light Tube Details
  7. Skylight Details
  8. Replacement Window Detail
- D. Notification information:
1. Mailing list
  2. Mailed notice
- E. Agency Responses:
1. Water Bureau
  2. Life Safety Review Section of BDS
- F. Correspondence:
1. Jim Barta, representing the Irvington Community Association Land Use Committee, wrote on May 3, 2012, approving of the proposal.
- G. Other:
1. Original LU Application

**The Bureau of Development Services is committed to providing equal access to information and hearings. Please notify us no less than five business days prior to the event if you need special accommodations. Call 503-823-7300 (TTY 503-823-6868).**



# ZONING



Site



Historic Landmark



NORTH

This site lies within the:  
IRVINGTON HISTORIC DISTRICT

File No. LU 12-124463 HDZ

1/4 Section 2732

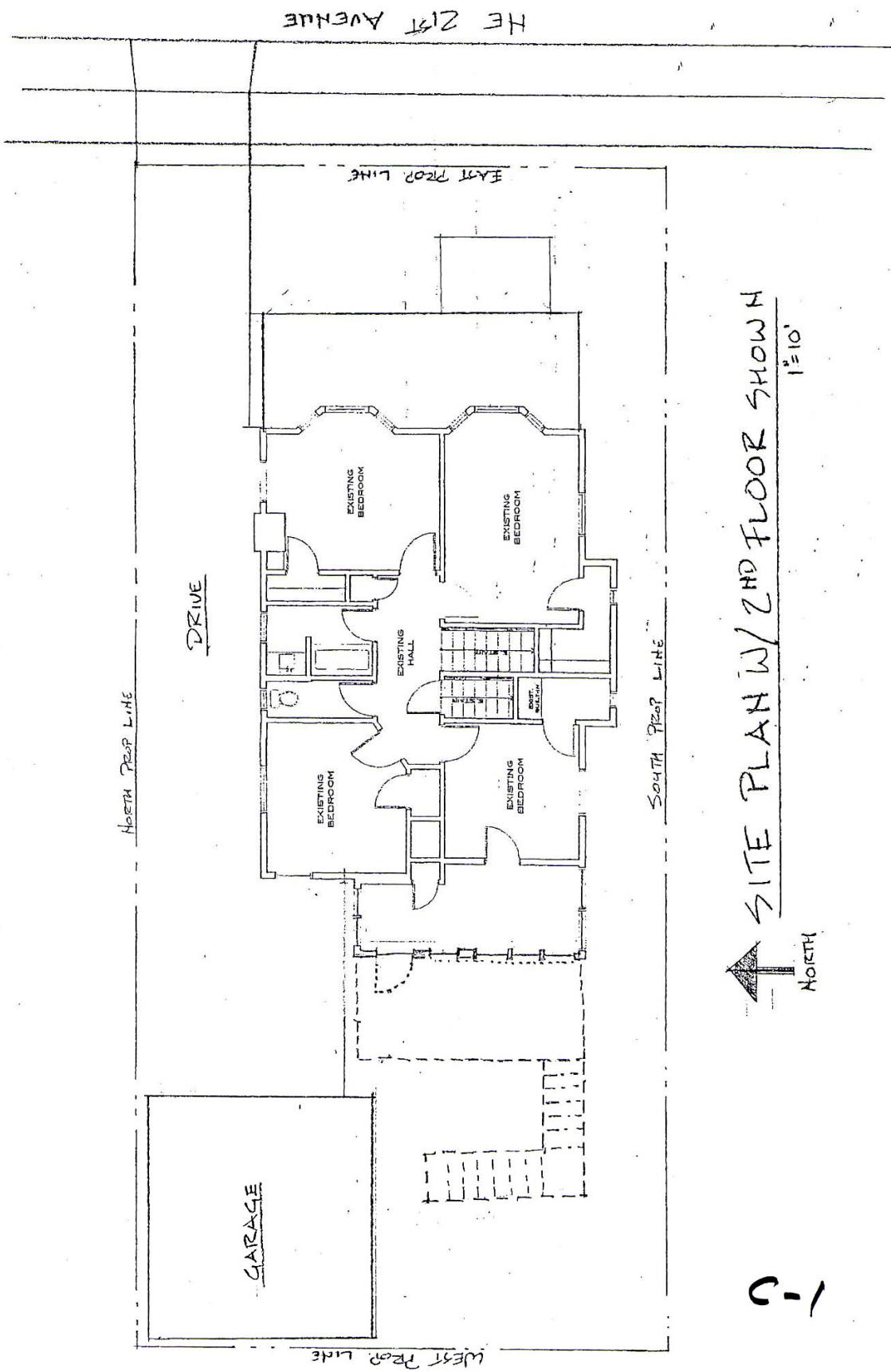
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Exhibit B (Apr 02,2012)

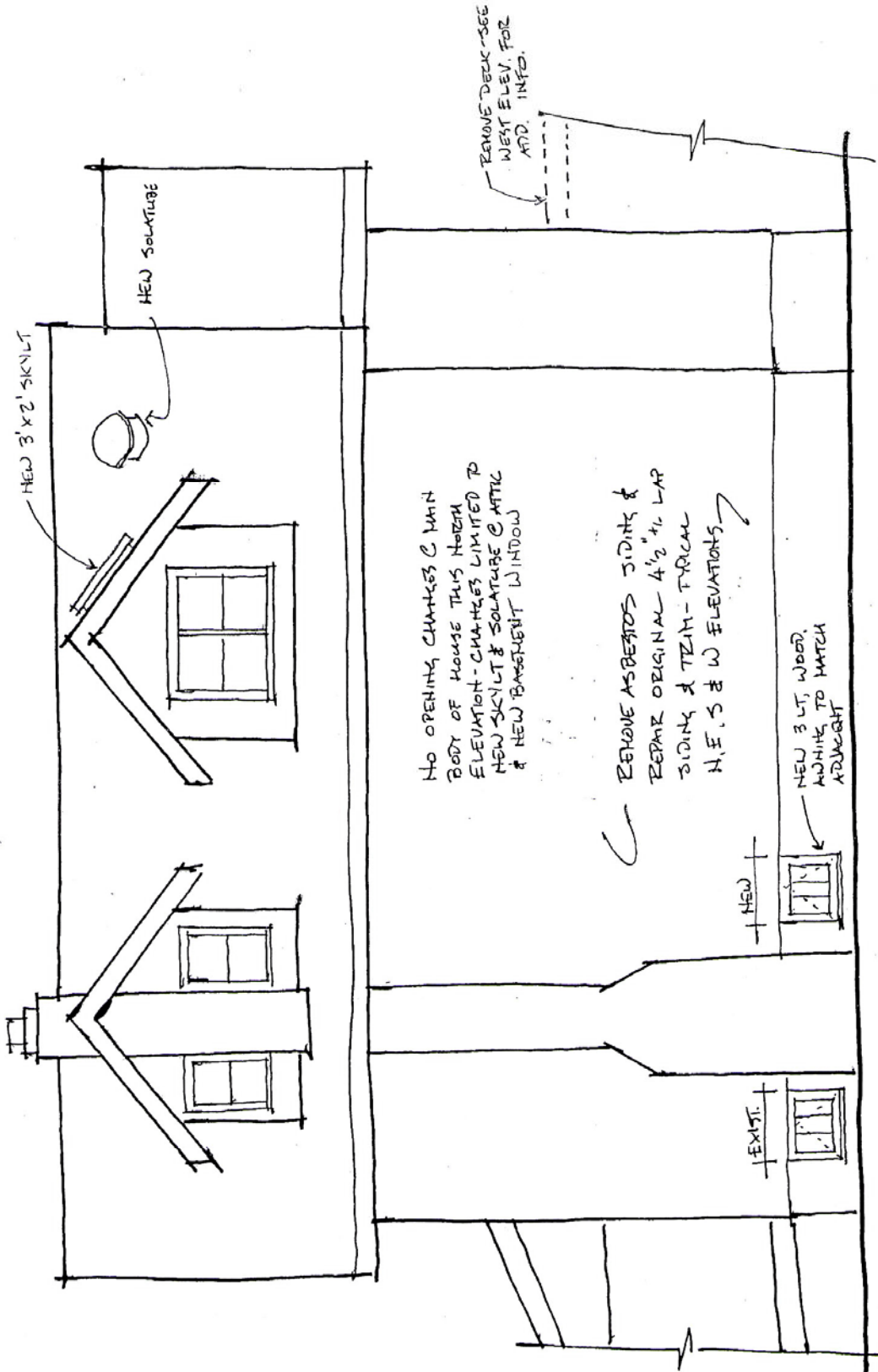


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 Planner Dave Smith Date 5.4.12  
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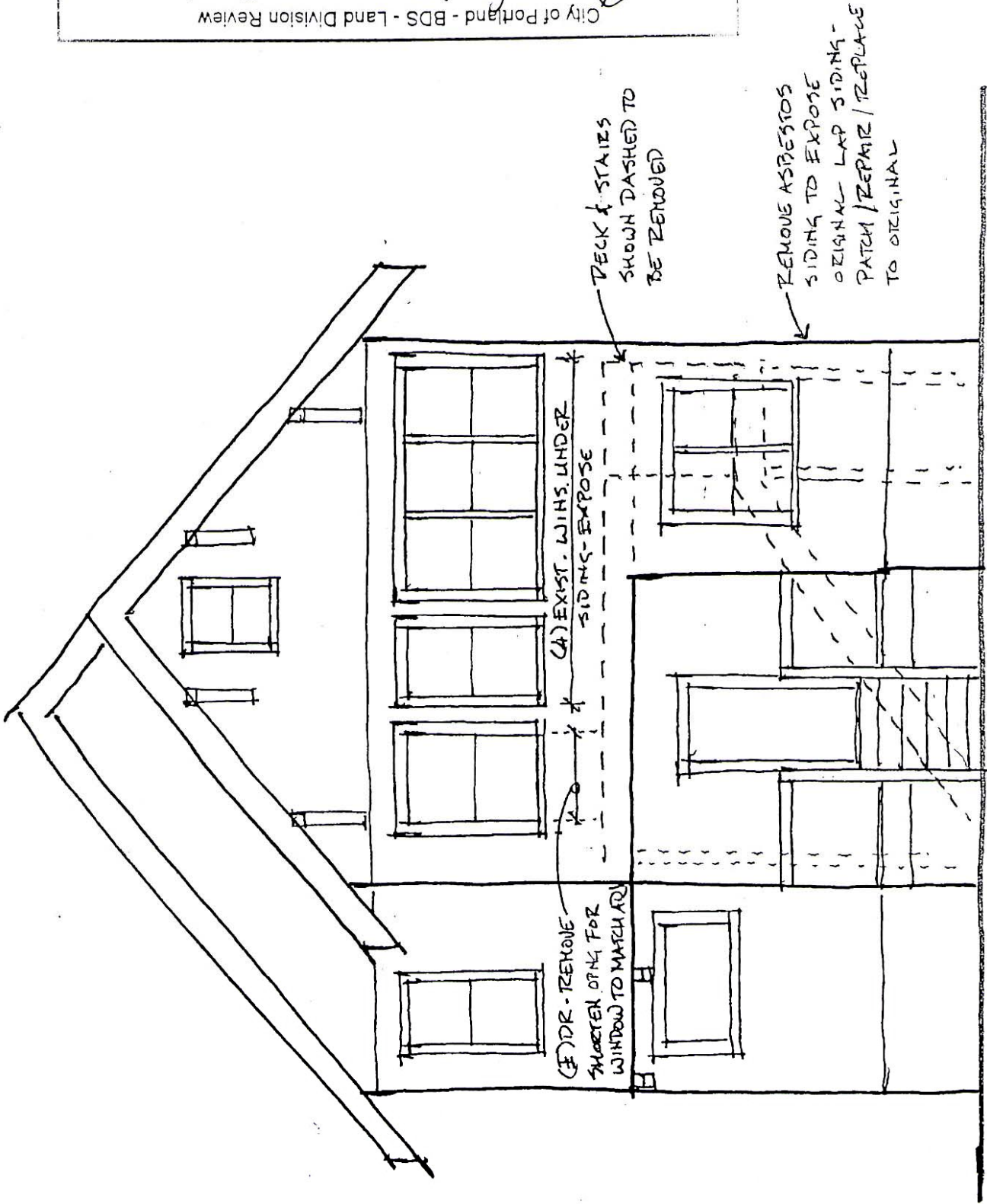
↑ NORTH  
 SITE PLAN W/ 2ND FLOOR SHOW  
 1"=10'

1-5



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Planner: *Dave Fulin* Date: *5.4.12*  
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WEST ELEVATION  
 1/8" = 1'-0"

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