## HISTORIC AND DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION July 06, 2018

HDRC CASE NO: 2018-305 ADDRESS: 214 MUNCEY

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION:** NCB 1665 BLK 1 LOT N 45 FT OF 19&20

**ZONING:** R-6 H CITY COUNCIL DIST.: 2

**DISTRICT:** Dignowity Hill Historic District **APPLICANT:** Dennis Adams Mengmeng Wang **OWNER:** Dennis Adams Mengmeng Wang

**TYPE OF WORK:** Rear yard fence (corrugated metal); driveway approach widening

**APPLICATION RECEIVED:** June 15, 2018 **60-DAY REVIEW:** August 14, 2018

**REQUEST:** 

The applicant is requesting a Certificate of Appropriateness for approval to:

- 1. Install shutters on the front window (withdrawn by applicant)
- 2. Install rear privacy fence featuring wood and metal construction at 6 ft in height
- 3. Install 15.5 ft apron to meet existing 20ft parking pad with curbing.

### **APPLICABLE CITATIONS:**

- 2. Guidelines for Exterior Maintenance and Alterations
- B. ALTERATIONS (REHABILITATION, RESTORATION, AND RECONSTRUCTION)
- x. Shutters—Incorporate shutters only where they existed historically and where appropriate to the architectural style of the house. Shutters should match the height and width of the opening and be mounted to be operational or appear to be operational. Do not mount shutters directly onto any historic wall material.
- 5. Guidelines for Site Elements
- **B. NEW FENCES AND WALLS**
- i. *Design*—New fences and walls should appear similar to those used historically within the district in terms of their scale, transparency, and character. Design of fence should respond to the design and materials of the house or main structure. ii. *Location*—Avoid installing a fence or wall in a location where one did not historically exist, particularly within the front yard. The appropriateness of a front yard fence or wall is dependent on conditions within a specific historic district. New front yard fences or wall should not be introduced within historic districts that have not historically had them. iii. *Height*—Limit the height of new fences and walls within the front yard to a maximum of four feet. The appropriateness of a front yard fence is dependent on conditions within a specific historic district. New front yard fences should not be introduced within historic districts that have not historically had them. If a taller fence or wall existed historically, additional height may be considered. The height of a new retaining wall should not exceed the height of the slope it retains.
- iv. *Prohibited materials*—Do not use exposed concrete masonry units (CMU), Keystone or similar interlocking retaining wall systems, concrete block, vinyl fencing, or chain link *fencing*.
- v. Appropriate materials—Construct new fences or walls of materials similar to fence materials historically used in the district. Select materials that are similar in scale, texture, color, and form as those historically used in the district, and that are compatible with the main structure. Screening incompatible uses—Review alternative fence heights and materials for appropriateness where residential properties are adjacent to commercial or other potentially incompatible uses.
- 5. Sidewalks, Walkways, Driveways, and Curbing

### **B. DRIVEWAYS**

- i. *Driveway configuration*—Retain and repair in place historic driveway configurations, such as ribbon drives. Incorporate a similar driveway configuration—materials, width, and design—to that historically found on the site. Historic driveways are typically no wider than 10 feet. Pervious paving surfaces may be considered where replacement is necessary to increase stormwater infiltration.
- ii. *Curb cuts and ramps*—Maintain the width and configuration of original curb cuts when replacing historic driveways. Avoid introducing new curb cuts where not historically found.

### **FINDINGS:**

- a. The structure at 214 Muncey was constructed in 2004. The one-story single-family structure features side and front-facing gable shingle roofs, an inset porch, and aluminum windows. The front yard currently features a 20 feet by 20 feet concrete slab that once functioned as a basketball court and is now used as a parking pad. Approximately 4.5 feet on the neighboring property's driveway apron in located within the property at 214 Muncey and both residents share the driveway to access their respective parking areas.
- b. SHUTTERS The applicant proposed to install faux shutters on the front windows. Per the Guidelines, shutters should only be installed where they existed historically and should be operable or appear to be operable. Staff does not find the proposed shutters appropriate.
- c. FENCE The applicant proposed to install rear privacy fencing featuring wood framing with metal panels. Per the Guidelines, metal panels are prohibited as fencing material. Staff finds that wood privacy fencing without metal panels, at 6 ft in height, and located behind the front façade plane is eligible for administrative approval.
- d. DRIVEWAY The applicant is requesting to install 15.5 ft in width of additional driveway apron to meet the existing 20 ft wide parking pad. Between 214 Muncey and its neighboring property, this installation would create a condition where approximately a 25 ft wide apron would meet a 20 ft wide parking pad and a 7ft wide driveway. Per the Guidelines, driveways in historic districts should not exceed 10 ft in width. Staff finds the proposed 15.5 25 ft wide apron not consistent with the Guidelines. Staff finds that the applicant may install an apron tapering up to 10 ft onto their own property without increasing the width of the shared existing apron or the applicant may install a 10ft apron entirely separate from the shared existing apron.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

- i. Staff does not recommend approval of the shutters based on finding b (withdrawn by applicant).
- ii. Staff does not recommend approval of the privacy fence proposed based on finding c. A rear privacy fence featuring wood construction without metal panels is eligible for administrative approval.
- iii. Staff does not recommend approval of the driveway as proposed. Staff recommends the applicant taper up to 10 ft from the existing shared apron or install a 10 ft wide apron entirely separate from the shared existing apron.

### **CASE COMMENT:**

The final construction height of an approved fence may not exceed the maximum height as approved by the HDRC at any portion of the fence. Additionally, all fences must be permitted and meet the development standards outlined in UDC Section 35-514.

### **CASE MANAGER:**

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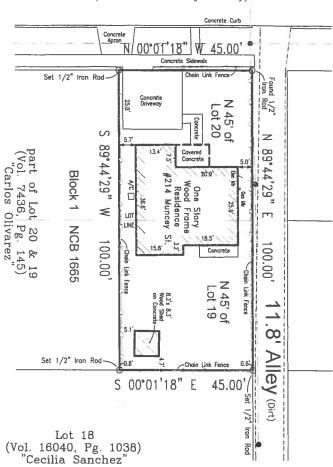


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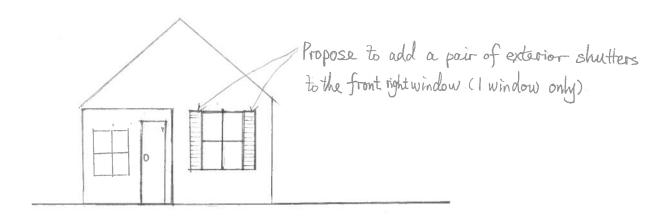
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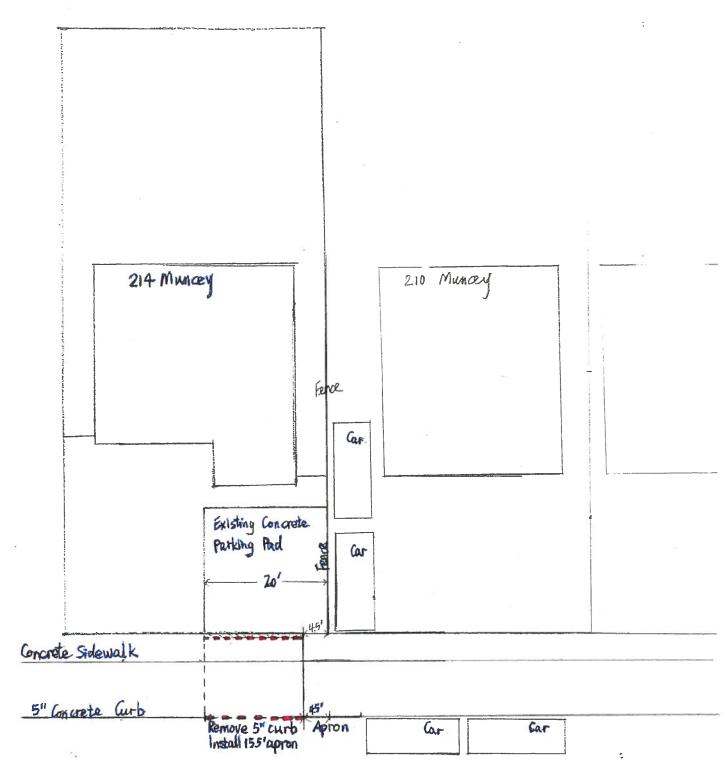
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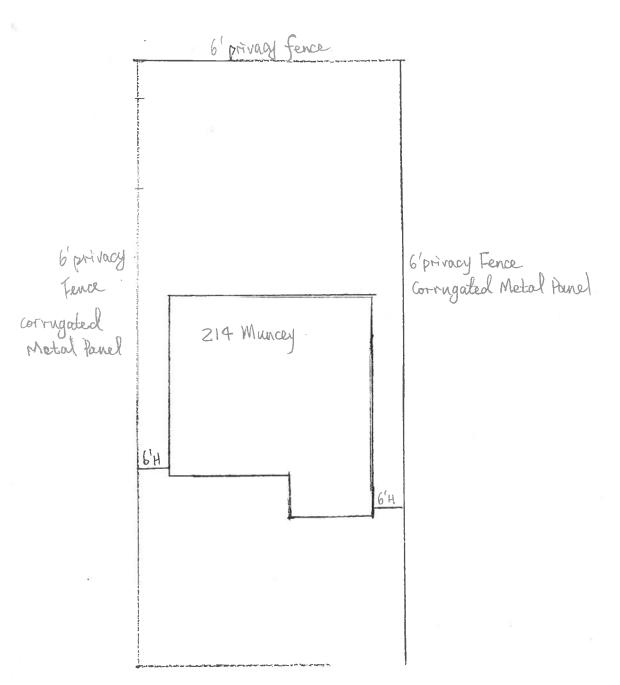


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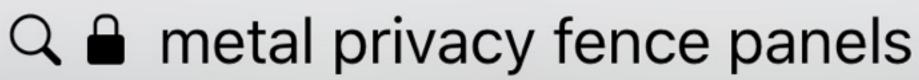


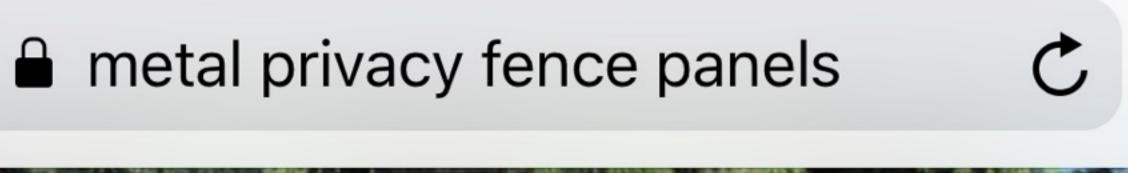


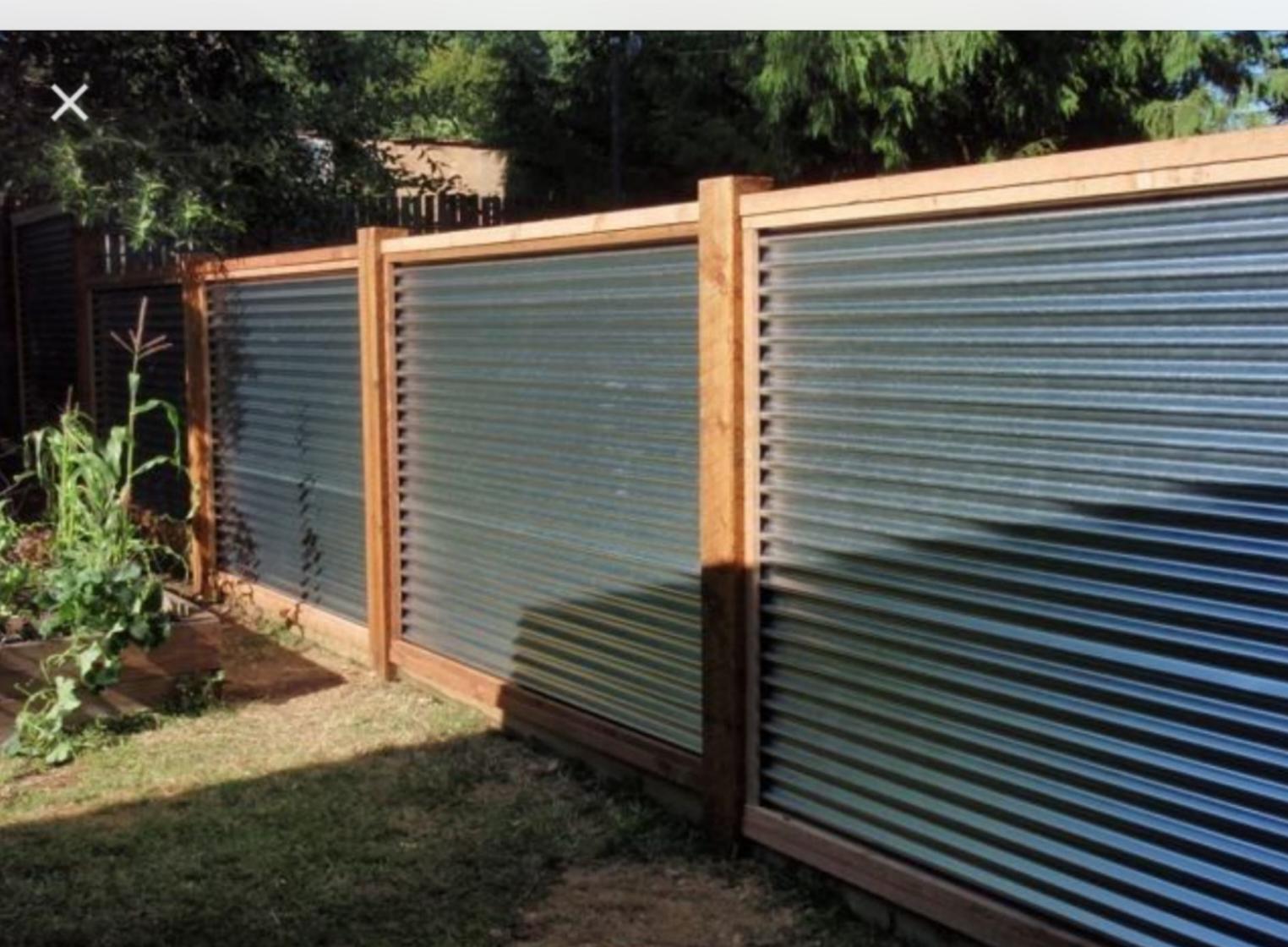


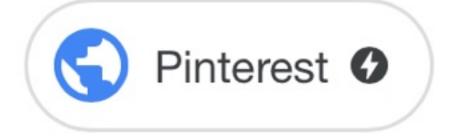


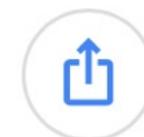














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