

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

APPLICATION: COFA2020-0001 AGENDA ITEM: AR-1

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TITLE: Certificate of Appropriateness CofA2020-0001; HL-143/MA-133

228 West Olive Avenue

APPLICANT: John and Megan Ferrell

228 West Olive Avenue Monrovia, CA 91016

REQUEST: A Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) to rebuild a raised deck on the south

(rear) exterior of the home.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: Categorical Exemption (Class 31)

BACKGROUND: The property at 228 West Olive Avenue is a single-story Folk Victorian home that was built in 1887. The house has typical Folk Victorian elements including a steeply pitched gabled front and wing roof system with boxed eaves and eave returns, elongated wood framed double hung windows, and a decorative front porch. The home is clad in horizontal clapboard siding wood with cornerboards and sits on a raised river rock foundation.



Figure 1. View of the front and north elevation of Landmark No. 143. The project will rebuild a raised deck on the south elevation at the back of the

The City Council designated the property as Historic Landmark No. 143 on June 6, 2017, and approved Mills Act Contract No. 133 with the application. The designation was based on the finding that the home is a good example of the Folk Victorian style. According to the property's 2017 Department of Parks Recreation (DPR 523A) record form, the property has been altered through the construction of new accessory structures and additions to the rear of the home. The property owners have also completed several restoration projects, including a seismic retrofit, repair and painting of the exterior siding, and complete restoration of the front porch.

On February 7, 2020, the property owners submitted an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness to rebuild the raised deck in the rear of the home, which had been removed last year due to the damage it was causing to the structure of the house. The doors located on the back of the home are currently unusable and causing a potentially hazardous condition due to the three to four foot drop to the ground (Figure 2).



Figure 2. Photo of the rear of the house with the old deck removed. The French doors are not usable due to the sizable drop to the ground.

A floor plan of the deck indicates that it will span the entire rear elevation of the home and will be accessible from the house through two different sets of French doors (Figure 3). The deck will be built to wrap around an existing mature tree. The property owners are proposing a composite decking material that simulates wood with an accent color at the edge of the stairs to serve as a warning track (Figure 4). Iron spindle railings will be placed on the steps and landing areas with a composite top rail to match the decking. The areas of the deck that are lower to the ground are not proposed to have railings in order to create an area that is more open to the backyard.

ANALYSIS: Pursuant to Monrovia Municipal Code (MMC) Section 17.40.090(A), alteration no may be conducted at a Historic Landmark without obtaining Certificate а Appropriateness the Historic from Preservation Commission (HPC). The **HPC** issue Certificate may а Appropriateness if it is determined that certain findings can be made regarding the proposed alteration. Based on staff's analysis of the project, the HPC can approve the alteration based on the following findings:

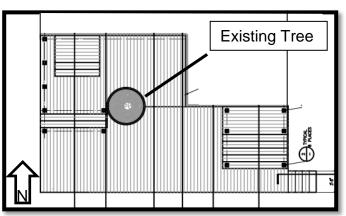


Figure 3. The floor plan of the proposed raised deck on the south elevation at the back of the house.



• It will not adversely affect any significant historical, cultural, architectural or aesthetic feature of the concerned property or of the Historic District in which it is located;

The alteration will not adversely affect significant features of the historic Folk Victorian house because the change would occur on the rear of the house, and is not visible from the public right-of-way. Furthermore, the deck is attached to an addition that was completed in 1980, and is not attached an original portion of the home. A new raised deck will be built, which will allow access to the backdoors of the home from the backyard.

• The proposed change is consistent with or not incompatible with the architectural period of the building;

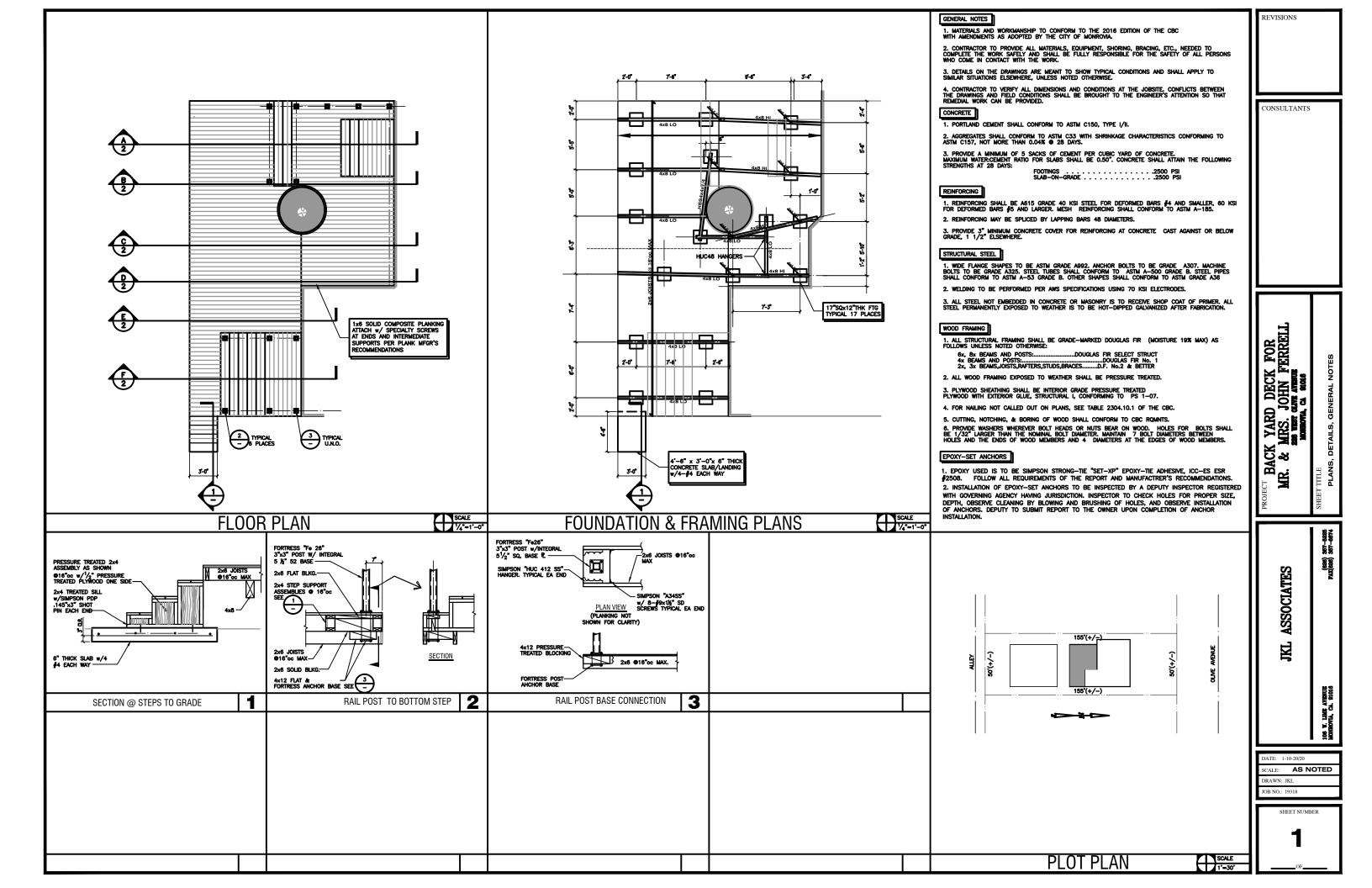
The proposed change involves rebuilding a raised deck off the rear of the home that was permitted along with a rear addition in 1980. The City's Historic Context Statement states that minor additions that are not visible from the public right-of-way are acceptable. Since the deck is not located on the original portion of the home and it is out of view, the proposed change is consistent and not incompatible with the architectural period of the building.

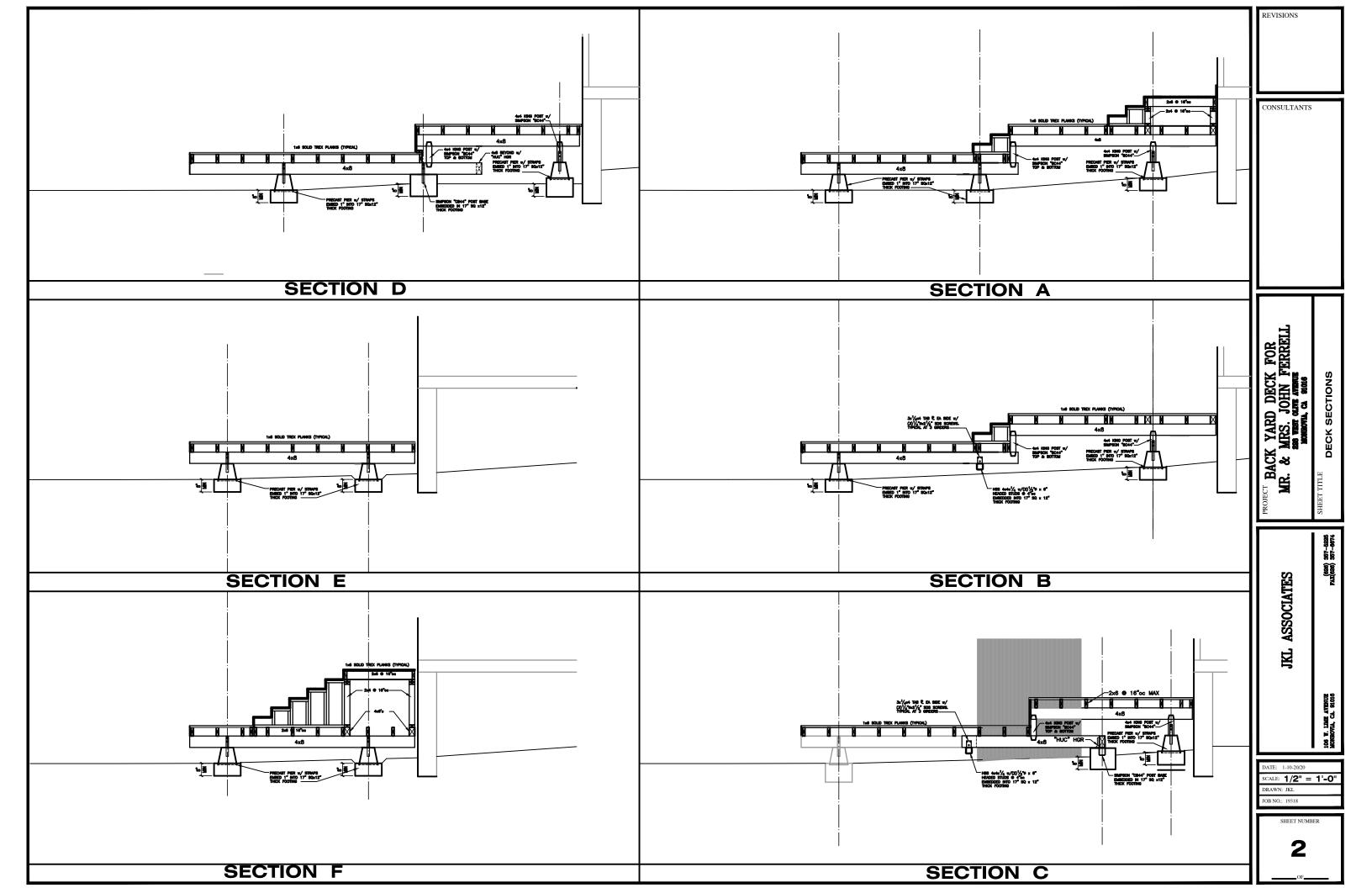
 The scale, massing, proportions, materials, colors, textures, fenestration, decorative features and details proposed are consistent with the period and/or compatible with adjacent structures;

The proportions, materials, colors, textures, and features will be consistent with the Folk Victorian period. The deck will be a composite laminate material that simulates wood and will have iron railings.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff has determined that the proposed project meets the findings for a Certificate of Appropriateness and recommends approval. If the Historic Preservation Commission concurs then, the appropriate action would be a motion to:

Approve Certificate of Appropriateness





<u>Deck</u>

The deck will be built of TimberTech composite materials.



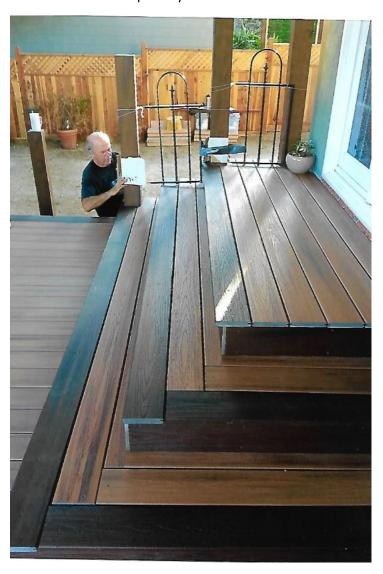
The color and texture of the deck will be from the TimberTech Legacy collection. The colors considered are Timberwood, Ashwood, and Pecan. See sample below. A live sample can be provided on request and will be present at the historical commission review.



Here are a few examples of the colors. Top is Ashwood. Bottom left is Tigerwood.



The deck will have an accent color at the edge of the steps and stairs. This will serve as a safety "warning track." An example will be like seen below. The color will be one of the three mentioned above that is not the primary color.



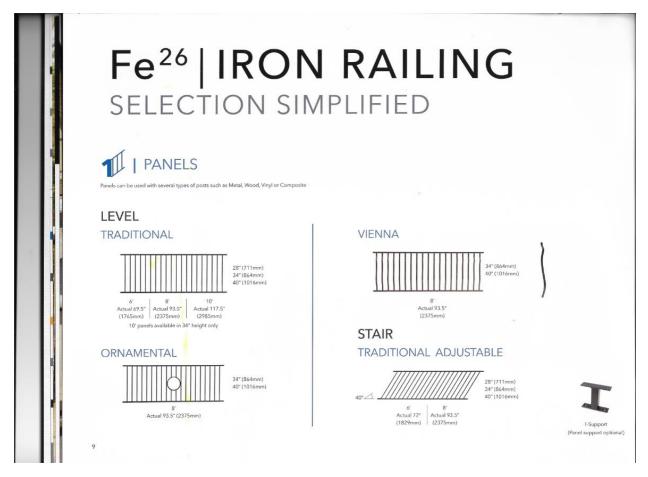
<u>Railings</u>

The railings will be procured from Fortress Railing Products.



The railings will be from the Fortress Railing Fe26 collection. The style we like is Traditional. The railing sections come prefabricated and meet requirements: the railing itself (40" tall) and the gap between the deck surface and the railing bottom (4").

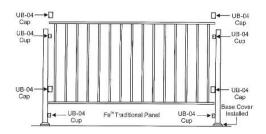
Railings will be placed in all locations that are 30+ inches above the ground or surface. There is not much railing needed on the plans provided; most of the deck is low to the ground.

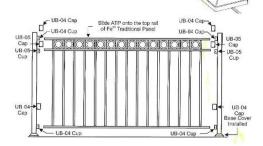


MOUNT BRACKETS & PANELS

OPTION 1:

UNIVERSAL BRACKETS

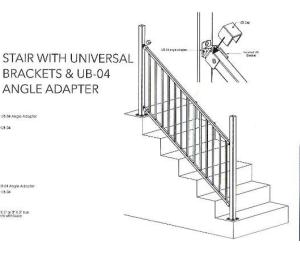




UNIVERSAL BRACKET: ANGLE/MITER WITH UB-04 ANGLE ADAPTER

ANGLE ADAPTER

LEST ANGLE



Railing System

The tops of the railing will be flat and smooth with material similar to the deck itself. It will look similar to the pictures below.

