



APRIL 23, 2018

COA 18-24

Owner

NuView IRA
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Applicant

Little Angels Learning Academy

Location

436 N 7th Street

Parcel

2410-603- 0028-000-8

Historic Status

Non-contributing structure located in the Lincoln Park Historic District

Requested Action

Replacement of existing 6' and 4' high chain link fence with a 6' high wood fence. Construction of a new playground area with 6' high wood fence and landscaping.

Recommendation

Approval with recommendations.

Staff

Maria Lewicka, AICP
Historic Preservation Planner

HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD : PUBLIC HEARING



HISTORY

- 1964—Structure was built

Architectural Significance

This building is classified as a non-contributing structure in the Lincoln Park Historic District.

Its design does not represent any distinctive architectural style.

Request

The applicant is requesting approval of a COA for the replacement of the 6' and 4' high chain link fence along north, east and south property lines with a 6' high shadow box wood fence and construction of a new playground area with 6' high wood fence and landscaping as shown on the provided site plan.





Aerial Photo of the Subject Property



Front / 7th Street Facade



N 6th Street, Looking North



N 6th Street, Looking South



Existing 6' High Fence, Rear of the Property



Fence Cross the N 6th Street

STAFF ANALYSIS

Secretary of Interior Standard for Consideration

9. New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction shall not destroy historic materials that characterize the property. The new work shall be differentiated from the old and shall be compatible with the massing, size, scale, and architectural features to protect the historic integrity of the property and its environment.



North Side of the Property Back Yard - Existing 4' Chain Link Fence



South Side of the Back Yard - Existing 6' Chain Link

Staff Recommendation

The current proposal seeks to install a 6 foot high, shadow box wooden fence on the north and south, side property lines and on the east, rear property line. Creating privacy for a back yard on a double street frontage lot while not creating the sense of a 6' wall along a public right of way is a consistent problem.

Although 6 foot high wooden fences are usually incompatible and undesirable in the historic districts, the proposed fence facing N 6th Street (on the rear of the property) will be compatible with fencing of almost all the surrounding properties.

Therefore, based upon Secretary of Interior Standard 9, staff recommends that the Board approve the request for of a 6' high wood fence. However, since the property is located in the historic district staff recommend that the applicant will consider design enhancement as shown on the examples below.



Existing fence east side of the N 6th street



Existing fence east side of the N 6th Street



Shadow box fences - design examples

In addition although the proposed playground fence will not be visible from the street, staff recommends that applicant consider different fence design options, more compatible, likeminded or friendly to the proposed use; like for example lowering the height of the fence, diversifying it or using color (examples below).



Playground Fences