

Design Sub Committee Meeting Summary

At 518 W Kansas

May 19, 2023 11 am

Present: Paemon Aramjoo, John Carr, Kathy Chelton, Vern Drottz, Katie Schmidt

Applicant Present: Tyler Arthur

Vice Chairman Carr called the meeting to order at 11:03 pm

- Staff's recommendation was to have the application approved with the stipulation that rather than the proposed wire cable balustrade, that it be wood to complement the home and the existing materials.
- Vice Chairman Carr said that the enclosed east side porch once had a wood balustrade, that is harmonious with the style of the home. He added that the proposed wire cable system on a deck is not addressed in the design guidelines.
- Staff explained that the maximum width of the landing is four feet, per the Planning Director. The applicant explained that he will likely apply for a variance to allow for it to be wider.
- Commissioner Chelton commented that she has a black aluminum railing on her porch that looks nice and is maintenance free. That might be something that the applicant could consider rather than the wire cable.
- Commissioner Aramjoo asked if the applicant would consider wood on the street facing side and the proposed wire cable on the rear yard deck. Mr. Tyler said he would prefer that it all be wire cable.
- Commissioner Drottz commented that the proposed horizontal wire cable may not be allowed per code. He added that he doesn't have a problem with the cable, as it isn't part of the main structure.
- A motion was made by Drottz to approve the railing if the deck as proposed if the deck is at least 95% in the rear yard. The wire cable is highly visible since it is not a corner lot, decreasing the visibility from the street. The horizontal configuration is subject to code approval. To accommodate opening the side door the 48" plus and additional 32" for a total of 80" for the landing is agreeable, if a variance is approved. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Aramjoo. The motion passed 5-0-0.
- The meeting adjourned at approx. 11:35 am