

APPLICATION REVIEW

ATHENS HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

AUGUST 3, 2023

3:30 P.M.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) request for Donna Long- 613 Ingleside Avenue- for installation of new black vinyl picket fence.**

Application with photos attached

(Black text- Applicant Comments, Blue Italics Text-Guideline Policies, Red Italics Text-Staff Comments)

Facing the back alley behind my house of 613 Ingleside Avenue I am requesting permission to replace the old fence. The old fence was bent and in danger of falling. It was rusting and very unattractive. I have enclosed a picture of the one I am planning to have installed. It is of top quality and within keeping of the historic time period. I have lived in this house for thirty-five years and have the upmost respect for this historic district.

Construct new fences and walls, if necessary, in traditional materials in locations and configurations characteristic of the district. Ensure the height of new fences and walls is consistent with that of historic fences and walls in the district. Vinyl and metal chain link fences are not appropriate in front yards or other locations where they are visible from the public right-of-way, as they detract from the character of the historic district and are incompatible landscape features. Where possible, screen existing chain link fences with vegetation.

In staff's opinion, the style of the new picket fence does keep with the historic time period and is an upgrade from the old chain link fence. The Guidelines say that vinyl fences are not appropriate where they are visible from the public right-of-way. This fence will be visible from the right-of-way that runs behind the property. It is ultimately up to the AHPC to determine if the installation of a black vinyl picket fence in the backyard would be appropriate.