ADDRESS: 4124-28 PARKSIDE AVE

Proposal: Construct multi-unit residential building Review Requested: Final Approval Owner: Beywatch Property Management LLC Applicant: Lee Elsey, LC Architecture LLC History: 1894 Individual Designation: None District Designation: Parkside Historic District, Significant, 12/11/2009 Staff Contact: Alex Till, alexander.till@phila.gov

BACKGROUND:

This application proposes to construct a four-story building at a property classified as significant in the Parkside Historic District. The new building will be located in the side yard of the lot and stand between three and 10 feet from the historic building. The entrance to the new building is located at the end of a narrow pathway that runs between the buildings. The existing building was constructed in 1894 and is four stories tall with a prominent porch and features distinctive late-Victorian decorative elements and a mansard roof. The new building will include a stucco and brick front façade and prominent fourth-floor balcony as well as a roof deck set on a flat roof. Both side elevations, including the large exposed east elevation will be clad in a combination of Hardie board panels and vinyl siding. The new building will stand beside the historic building and will be prominently visible from Parkside Avenue.

The Architectural reviewed and recommended denial of an earlier version of this project in February 2024. The application was withdrawn before the Historical Commission reviewed it.

SCOPE OF WORK:

• Construct a new four-story building adjacent to an existing historic building at 4124-28 Parkside Avenue.

STANDARDS FOR REVIEW:

The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties and Guidelines include:

- Standard 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.
 - The proposed vinyl siding and Hardi board cladding materials for the east and west side elevations of the addition do not meet Standard 9. The materials are not compatible with the historic materials or features of the building. The cladding should be replaced with an alternate material that is more appropriate for the district such as brick or stucco.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: The staff recommends approval, provided more appropriate cladding materials are used on the east and west side elevations, pursuant to Standard 9.

IMAGES:

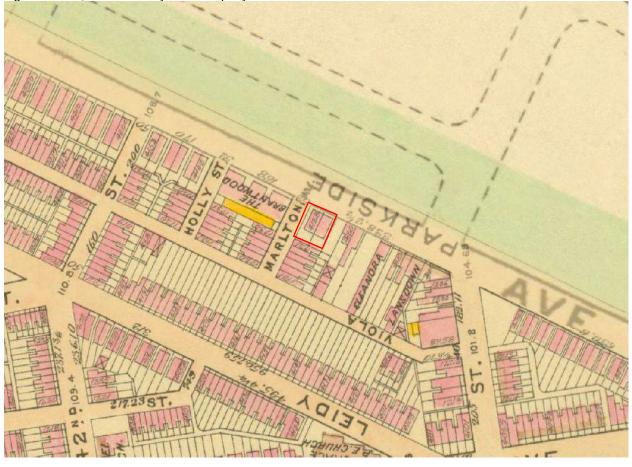


Figure 1: 1910, G. W. Bromley Atlas. Property outlined in red.

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Figure 2: View of front façade of 4124-28 Parkside Ave looking South from Parkside Ave

4124-28 Parkside Ave Philadelphia Historical Commission June/July 2024 Figure 3: View of 4124-28 Parkside Ave looking Southwest from Parkside Ave.



Figure 4: Aerial view of 4124-28 Parkside Ave looking Southwest.



APPLICATION FOR BUILDING PERMIT

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USE OF BUILDING/SPACE		ESTIMATED COST OF WORK					
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All provisions of the building code and other City ordinances will be complied with, application. I hereby certify that the statements contained herein are true and corr make the foregoing application, and that, before I accept my permit for which this that if I knowingly make any false statement herein I am subject to such penalties a	ect to the best of my knowledge and belief. I further application is made, the owner shall be made aware	certify that I am authorized by the owner to					
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June 6, 2024

Philadelphia Historical Commission 1515 Arch St, 13th Floor Philadelphia, PA 19102

RE: Final Review requested for a New Construction Multi-Family Building at 4124-28 Parkside Ave

Dear Historical Commission,

Please find the associated design documents for a new construction 4-story multi-family building within the historic district that encompasses 4124-28 Parkside Ave. We are requesting consideration by the Commission in preparation for a building permit submission. We have received a zoning permit for the new construction building, but will be revising this permit as necessary.

The existing site encompasses (3) city lots that were consolidated into a single lot some time ago. There are twin mirrored 5-story multi-family buildings on the sites we call 4126 Parkside and 4128 Parkside. 4126 was configured with (8) residential units, and 4128 was configured with (9) residential units. Permits to renovate and update the existing buildings were obtained by a previous owner and completed in 2023 by the current owner, Beywatch Property Management LLC.

The previous owner obtained zoning approval to legalize the existing configuration of units in October of 2018 (Permit # 921447). Although the existing configuration of the buildings included (17) residential units, the 2018 zoning permit only included (16) units, and the corresponding Building Permit (# 946030) from March of 2019 is consistent with this. It appears the previous owner declined to pursue the zoning variance that would have been required to legalize (17) units on the property, although they never changed the existing layout and proceeded to refinish all (17) units.

Beywatch obtained the building and the ongoing construction in January of 2023 as part of an effort to provide affordable housing in the neighborhood. At this point Living City Architecture also became involved in the permitting of the project. Beywatch is a minority owned development entity active with affordable housing projects throughout Philadelphia. We are also working with the PHDC and City Council on a project to provide 50+ affordable and workhouse infill buildings on several of the blocks surrounding this site. In May of 2023 we obtained Zoning Permit (ZP-2023-003061), which relied upon the mixed-income density bonus to both increase the unit count within the existing buildings to (17) units, and provide for a new building, which we call 4124 Parkside, with the additional (7) units allowed with the density bonus. At the time, the emphasis was on legalizing the 17th unit in the existing buildings, so we could update the Building Permit (CP-2023005423) and obtain a Certificate of Occupancy at 4126 and 4128, which was granted for (17) residential units in November of 2023.

Prior to the submission for Zoning Permit (ZP-2023-003061), we approached the Planning Commission to discuss the use of the mixed-income density bonus on a single site with phased building. We were reluctant to commit to the new building at 4124 when our real focus was the 17th unit in the existing building. The response from the Planning Commission was that the mixed-income bonus can only be used one time per site. Accordingly, we're now pursuing the messy process of designing a complicated building on a historic site, which is tied to an existing zoning permit. We are able to amend the existing zoning permit, which the limitations set forth by current regulations.

As currently designed, the new building at 4124 Parkside consists of (7) residential units. One unit, currently designated as Unit 101 on the 1st floor, is limited to 50% of AMI to comply with the mixed-income density bonus. We are limiting the full-depth cellar to the area of the building which is at least 10' removed from any existing buildings. The primary entry to the building is located in an internal courtyard between the existing building and 4124 Parkside, and we're open to amending the zoning plan to setback all of 4124 Parkside at least 3' from the existing building, providing a pass-through to the rear. The 3rd floor rear unit is a bilevel unit, which extends to the 4th floor, which is setback 26'-4" from the front of the building, providing for a walk-out roof deck above the 3rd story. We are also proposing a further roof deck above the 4th story accessed by pilot house structure and limited by code travel distance. The Owner intends to use this bilevel unit for his personal residence once construction is completed. The mixed-income density bonus also allows for an increase in building height to 45', which we are proposing for the partial 4th story, although we are unable to match the exiting structure height of roughly 60'.

Thank you for your review, and please reach out to request any additional information we can supply. This letter is a representation from both the Owner, Mr. Dawud Bey, and myself as architect of record.

Please respond with any questions or if further clarification is required.

Best,

Lee Elsey, AIA Living City Architecture

