## L HISTORIC DISTRICT GUIDELINES

- EXHIBIT (1) -

### OLD ROCKWALL HISTORIC DISTRICT REGISTRY APPLICATION

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## CITY OF ROCKWALL Historic Preservation Advisory Board Memo

**AGENDA DATE:** 7/19/2007

APPLICANT: John Mitchell

AGENDA ITEM: H2007-007; 608 Washington (Detached Garage & Drive)

Hold a public hearing and consider a request for a Certificate of Appropriateness (CofA) from John Mitchell for modifications to an approved detached garage located in the rear yard of 608 Washington Street St (B F Boydstun; Block 46). The tract is zoned (SF-7) Single Family district and identified as a "Medium Contributing Property".

#### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The applicant John Mitchell has submitted a Certificate of Appropriateness' application for modifications to an approved detached garage located in the rear yard of 608 Washington Street St (B F Boydstun; Block 46). The tract is zoned (SF-7) Single Family district and identified as a "Medium Contributing Property".

On May 1, 2007, the HPAB approved an 880 sq. ft. (22'X 40') garage with exterior materials consisting of lap wood siding and composite shingles. The recently approved C of A for the detached garage had one 16 ft. garage door facing Washington, one overhead roll-up door facing the rear of the property, two regular doors facing the existing house and no exterior windows.

The applicant has submitted a Certificate of Appropriateness application to amend the previously approved elevations for the detached garage. The amended request includes a balcony and exterior door on the south elevation and a dormer on the west elevation. The balcony on the west elevation and the door/balcony floor have already been constructed (Please see attached pictures).

The garage is limited to a maximum height of 15 feet and must be setback behind the front building facade of the house 20 ft. The carport appears to meet all the requirements of the Single-Family (SF-7) zoning district. The applicant must obtain a building permit from the City of Rockwall Building Inspections Department prior to construction.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

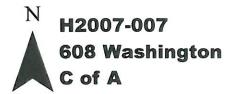
Staff feels that this is a judgment call for the HPAB and if approved would recommend the following conditions be approved:

- 1. The maximum height of the garage not exceed 15'.
- 2. The garage be setback a minimum of 20' behind the existing house front facade.









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#### Spencer, Chris

From: J

John Mitchell [swordscoachmitchell@yahoo.com]

Sent:

Wednesday, July 11, 2007 9:40 PM

To:

Spencer, Chris

Subject: Reasons for Deck and Dormer window

#### Chris.

I would like to explain to the planning staff as well as the Historical Board, that it was in no way my intention to offend any one with the improvements to our garage construction. The dormer actually was suggested to be added by my 13 yr old son who thought it to be a good way to add natural light to the upstairs storage.

The idea for adding the deck to the back of the building came from my wife. Since the patio on the back of the house is entirely too small to have seating or a grill and in order to keep with the existing look of the original patio, I considered it to be a good idea to have an area behind the garage that would work to entertain guests. We would like a place to hang our porch swing,grill out and hang out with friends and neighbors, playing horse shoe and backyard vollyball.

I have had numerous conversations with various individuals on city staff from planning, to engineering, to inspections, and unfortunately my understanding that if improvements do not affect the curb appearance of the home then they are not an issue for the city to be concerned about except in reference to inspections. Obviously this was the wrong assumption. Which leads us to the situation at hand.

I can only ask that in considering the appropriateness of these improvements, staff and this board please be assured, as evidenced by our efforts, it is our desire to be good neighbors and continue being a blessing and not an obstacle to Old Town.

Thank You John and Tamra Mitchell

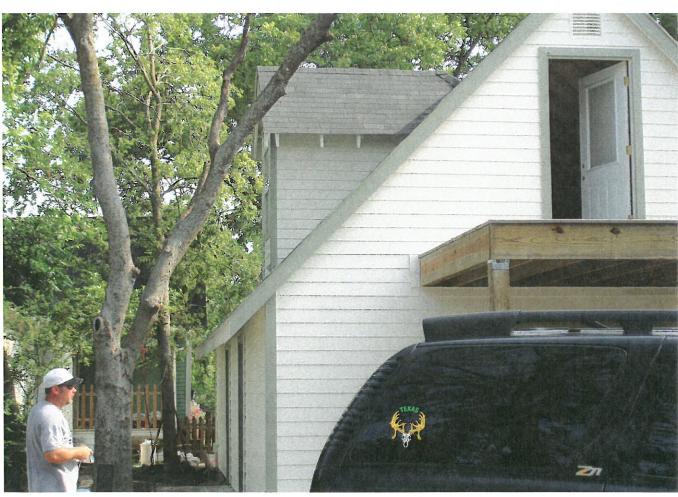
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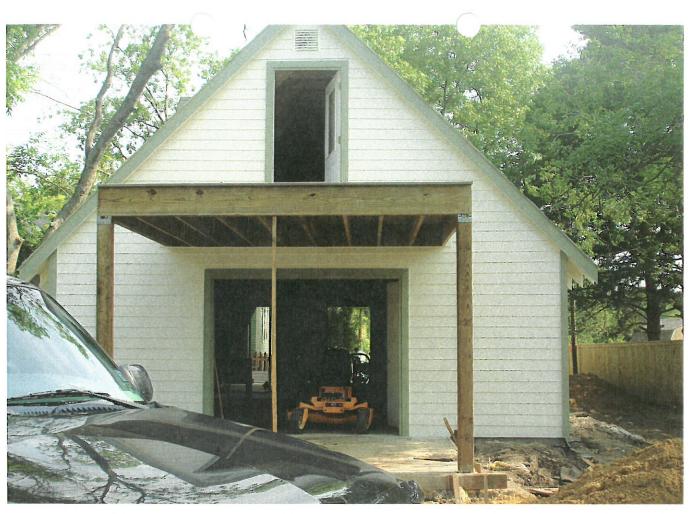
































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7/20/2007

John Mitchell 608 E. Washington Rockwall, Texas 75087

RE: H2007-007

608 Washington (Detached Garage & Drive)

Project Type: HISTORIC (C of A)

#### Dear Applicant:

This letter serves to notify you that the above referenced case that you (or the organization that you represent) submitted before the City of Rockwall was approved by the Historic Preservation Advisory Board on 7/19/2007. The following is a record of all recommendations, voting records and conditions of approval:

Staff feels that this is a judgment call for the HPAB and if approved would recommend the following conditions be approved:

- 1. The maximum height of the garage not exceed 15'.
- 2. The garage be setback a minimum of 20' behind the existing house front facade.

On July 19, 2007, the Historic Preservation Advisory Board approved the amended Certificate of Appropriateness by a vote of 3-1(Russo against) subject to the following condition:

1. That any stair case be located on the rear of the detached garage and not be visible from the street.

Please contact the City of Rockwall Community Development Staff at (972) 771-7745, or at the address listed below, with any questions or concerns regarding this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Chris Spencer
Planning and Zoning
City of Rockwall