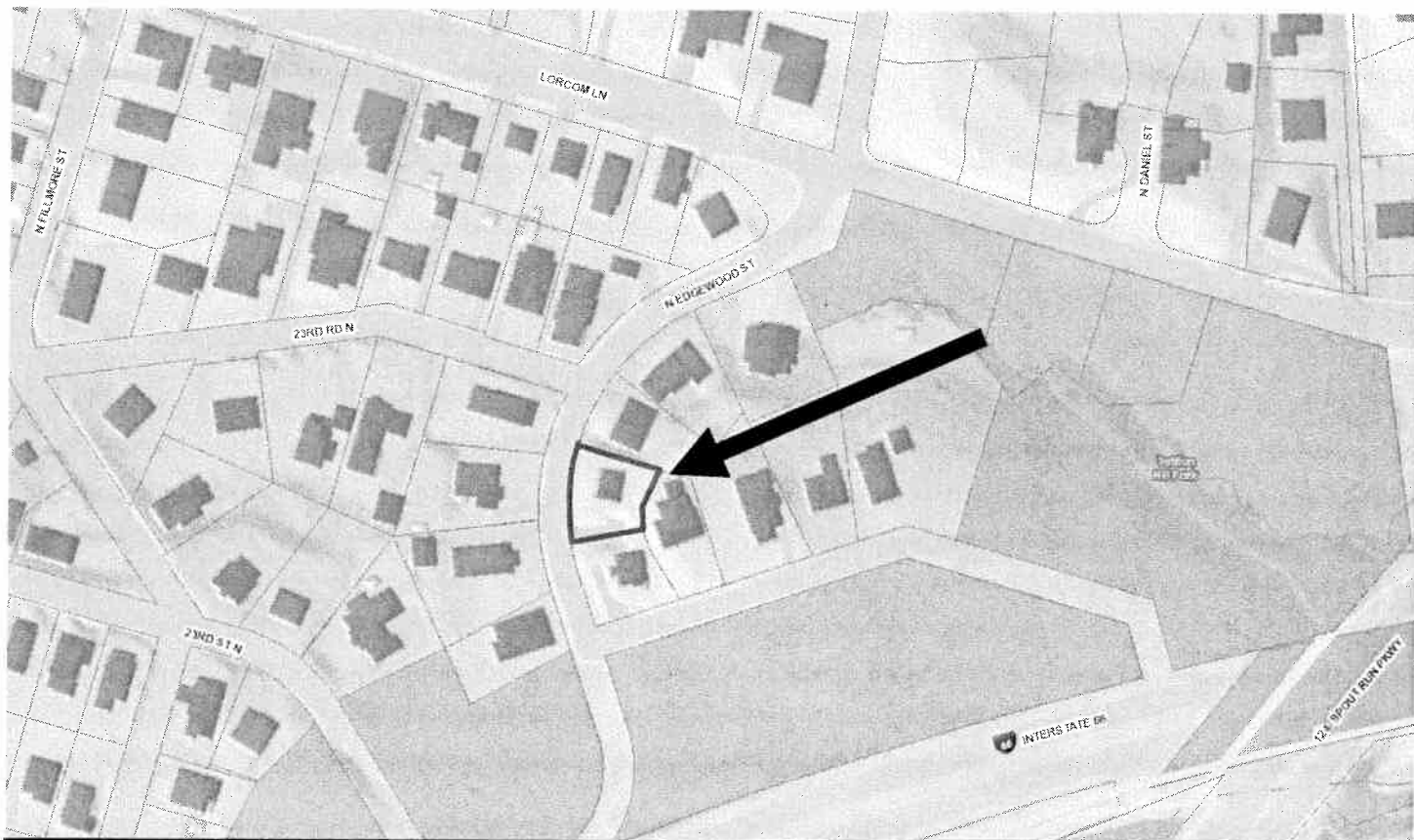


Historical Affairs and Landmark Review Board

Arlington County, Virginia

HALRB Case 14-19 (HP1400031)



An after-the-fact request by Jerry and Lee Long, the owners of the property at 2329 North Edgewood Street in the Maywood Neighborhood Historic District, to install a garden planter in the front yard.



CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS STAFF REPORT

TO: HALRB
FROM: John Liebertz, Historic Preservation Planner
DATE: July 11, 2014
SUBJECT: 2329 North Edgewood Street, Case 14-19, Maywood Historic District

The Colonial Revival-styled house at 2329 North Edgewood Street was constructed in 1956. The Maywood National Register Nomination describes the house as “clad in six-course Flemish bond, sit[ting] on a solid concrete foundation and is capped by a side-gabled roof with asphalt shingles. The dwelling measures three bays in width and features a central entry, one-bay gabled portico with metal supports, two gabled wall dormers, an exterior end brick chimney, slightly overhanging eaves, and 6/6 wood windows. Other details include rowlock sills, weatherboard cladding in the portico peak, and a molded wood cornice.” The dwelling is a non-contributing resource to the historic district.

This after-the-fact request calls for the approval of a terraced garden/planter box in the front yard. The *Maywood Design Guidelines* state:

The following elements are not subject to design review: temporary yard or garden fixtures, such as children’s play equipment, planters, and birdbaths; and plant materials, such as flowers and shrubs.

However, Historic Preservation staff determined that the planters required a CoA due to their: 1) dimensions; 2) visibility from the public right-of-way; 3) sense of permanence; and 4) alterations made to the grade. The owners were receptive to staff’s request to apply for a CoA.

The DRC heard this case at its July 2014 meeting. The DRC discussed requiring the applicants to step the side walls of the planter to break up the massing, but dismissed the notion due to the amount of foliage that would obscure these elements by the end of the year. Staff had no additional comments.

The DRC recommended that the case be placed on the consent agenda for the July 23, 2014, HALRB meeting. Staff finds that the request to install the planters otherwise meets the intent of Chapter 7: Site Elements of the *Maywood Design Guidelines* and recommends approval.