Historic Preservation Commission
Staff Report

Meeting Date: June 10th, 2026
Case #: HPC-29-26

Site Address:	2009 9th St
Parcel ID:	31-05-22-1-014-002.000
Applicant:	Wesley Crunkleton
Owner:	Michelle Hughes
Proposed Work:	Petition for a Certificate of Appropriateness for the removal of an existing brick wall to be replaced with a wooden fence, the installation of a driveway security gate, the alteration of an existing cinder block wall, and the installation of windows on the primary structure on the property located at 2009 9th Street in the Druid City Historic District (Council District 4).
Current Zoning:	DHE-H
Historic District:	Druid City Historic District
Architectural Style:	Tudor Revival
Year Built:	1925
Contributing:	Yes
Historic Survey:	Druid City Historic Survey

Resource 74. 2009 9th Street. Circa 1925. One and one half story, stucco clad Tudor Revival cottage with clipped cross gable roof of asphalt shingles, shed roof dormer with two diamond pane leaded glass lights, gables with stucco cladding, half-timber work, vents, and lights, exterior stucco clad chimney with brick inlay, off center single leaf round top door with diamond pane leaded glass, cloth awning, fixed diamond pane leaded glass windows, inset side porch with engaged roof, stucco clad columns, and French door (Sanborn Map Company 1923-1967).

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED PROJECT:

The petitioner proposes to remove the existing brick wall on the eastern side of the property. The wall is approximately 72’ long and 3’ 8” tall and is currently leaning and cracking in several

locations. Following its removal, the petitioner proposes installing a new wooden fence measuring 8' in height and 55' 4" in length. The new fence will begin approximately 16' behind the current location of the brick wall, adjacent to the rear column of the front porch of the primary structure.

On the western side of the property, the petitioner proposes to remove an existing 7' tall wooden fence and replace it with a new 8' tall wooden fence. The proposed fence will be 61' 6" long and will match the style, material, color, and design of the existing fence. Both proposed fences will be constructed using 6" x 6" wooden posts.

Along the southern property line, the petitioner proposes adding cinder block to the existing rear wall. The current cinder block wall is approximately 5' tall and 22' long. By adding an additional 3' of cinder block, the wall will reach a total height of 8'. The new cinder block will be painted to match the rest of the existing wall.

Additionally, the petitioner proposes installing a cast iron and steel security gate across the 9' 4" wide driveway. The gate will be aligned behind the driveway and the starting point of the proposed eastern fence. The gate will be 6' tall at its center.

Lastly, the petitioner proposes adding tempered glass to two existing wooden window casements on the enclosed back porch. The western facing casement measures 6" deep by 44" wide, and the southern facing casement measures 6" deep by 10" wide.

STAFF ANALYSIS:

Wood is an appropriate material for fences per the Design Guidelines. Unstuccoed concrete block is listed as an inappropriate material per the Design Guidelines, however, the cinder block wall currently exists, and they propose to add to it. Wooden casements are listed as appropriate material for windows per the Design Guidelines.

APPLICABLE DESIGN GUIDELINES:

C. Standards for Rehabilitation and Alteration

The following standards shall be applied to all rehabilitation or alteration of contributing buildings and structures in the district:

1. **Design Character**

- Respect the original design character of the structure.
- Express the character of the structure—do not attempt to make it appear older or younger than it is.
- Do not obscure or confuse the essential form and character of the original structure.
- Do not allow alterations to hinder the ability to interpret the design character of the historic period of the district.

2. Repairing Original Features

- Avoid removing or altering any historic material or significant architectural features.
- Preserve original materials and details that contribute to the historic significance of the structure.
- Do not harm the historic character of the property or district.
- Protect and maintain existing significant stylistic elements.
- Minimize intervention with historic elements.
- Repair, rather than replace, deteriorated architectural features.
- Use like-kind materials, and utilize a substitute material only if its form and design conveys the visual appearance of the original.
- Disassemble historic elements only as necessary for rehabilitation, using methods that minimize damage to original materials, and use only methods of reassembly that assure a return to the original configuration.

3. Replacing Original Features

- Base replacement of missing architectural elements on accurate duplications of original features, substantiated by physical or pictorial evidence.
- Use materials similar to those employed historically, taking care to match design, color, texture, and other visual qualities.
- Employ new design that relates in style, size, scale and material wherever reconstruction of an element is not possible due to lack of historical evidence.

4. Existing Alterations

- Preserve older alterations that have achieved historic significance in themselves in the same manner as if they were an integral part of the original structure.

5. Materials

- Maintain original materials and finishes
- Retain and repair original siding, generally avoiding the use of synthetic siding. When replacement is required, use like-kind materials that conform to the original in profile and dimension, unless such materials are not available.

I. Windows

- Maintain the original number, location, size, and glazing pattern of windows on primary building elevations.
- Maintain historic window openings and proportions.
- Permanently affixed internal and external muntins should be employed where appropriate.

Examples of Appropriate Window Materials:

- Wood sash windows in double-hung, single-hung, and casement styles
- Aluminum-clad wood
- Fiberglass (Pella, Marvin, or equal) that mimics wood
- Steel, if original to the structure Composite material with wood sash, frame, and glides
- Cellular PVC material (All-Season or equal) that mimics wood
- Monarch M-Cell vinyl-clad window, Hurd vinyl-clad window, or equal that mimics wood

Examples of Inappropriate Window Materials:

- Aluminum or vinyl
- Snap-in or artificial muntins
- Reflective or tinted glass

D. Fences and Walls

- Design fences and walls to maintain the overall continuity of the district as viewed from public rights-of-way.
- Complement the buildings and do not detract from their character and relation to their neighbors with the design, scale, placement, and materials of fences, walls, and gates.
- Locate fences and walls no closer to the street than the side yard setback of any structure adjacent to a side street.
- Do not exceed the average height of fences and walls of comparable type and location found on adjacent properties, generally not to exceed six (6) feet.
- Present the finished side of all fences to the exterior of the property being fenced.
- Relate scale, height, materials and level of ornateness of the design of new fences and walls to that of the existing structure and/or its neighbors.

Examples of Appropriate Fence Materials:

- Wood picket
- Wood slat
- Wood lattice
- Iron

Examples of Inappropriate Fence Materials:

- Chain link
- Stockade
- Post and rail
- Unstuccoed concrete block

- Brick
- Stone
- Stucco over masonry
- Historically appropriate wire
- Powder-coated aluminum mimicking cast/wrought iron
- Masonite
- Plastic
- Plywood or asbestos panels
- Vinyl

PETITIONER APPLICATION & SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Certificate of Appropriateness Application

Property Information:

Site Address:
2009 9th Street, Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35401

Historic District:
Druid City

Estimated Cost of Construction:
10000

Detailed Description of the Proposed Work:
remove existing brick wall along eastern side of property. Replace with an 8-foot wooden wall with a 6 x 6 post. The wall will be painted. The wall will start across from the southernmost column of the existing porch (approximately 9 feet back from the current start). Install a wrought-iron security gate from the porch column across the drive to the fence. Replace approx 7-foot wooden fence along west side of the property with the same fencing size (8 feet), design, and material as the east side. This will provide privacy from Collier Row drive and parking on the other side. Add cinder block (existing material/ paint the same color) to the southern back wall to create an 8-foot privacy wall to reduce noise and light from the driveway for the townhomes facing Bryant Drive. Add glass back to the window casings on the enclosed back porch stoop (west side) to provide sound and dirt buffer from parking and drive for 905 Almon and Collier row parking

Detailed Description of the Proposed Materials:
wood for fence, paint for fence and cinderblock, tempered glass for back porch stoop

Applicant Information:

Applicant Name:
Wesley Crunkleton

Property Owner Information:

Owner 1

Supporting Documents:

Site Plan:

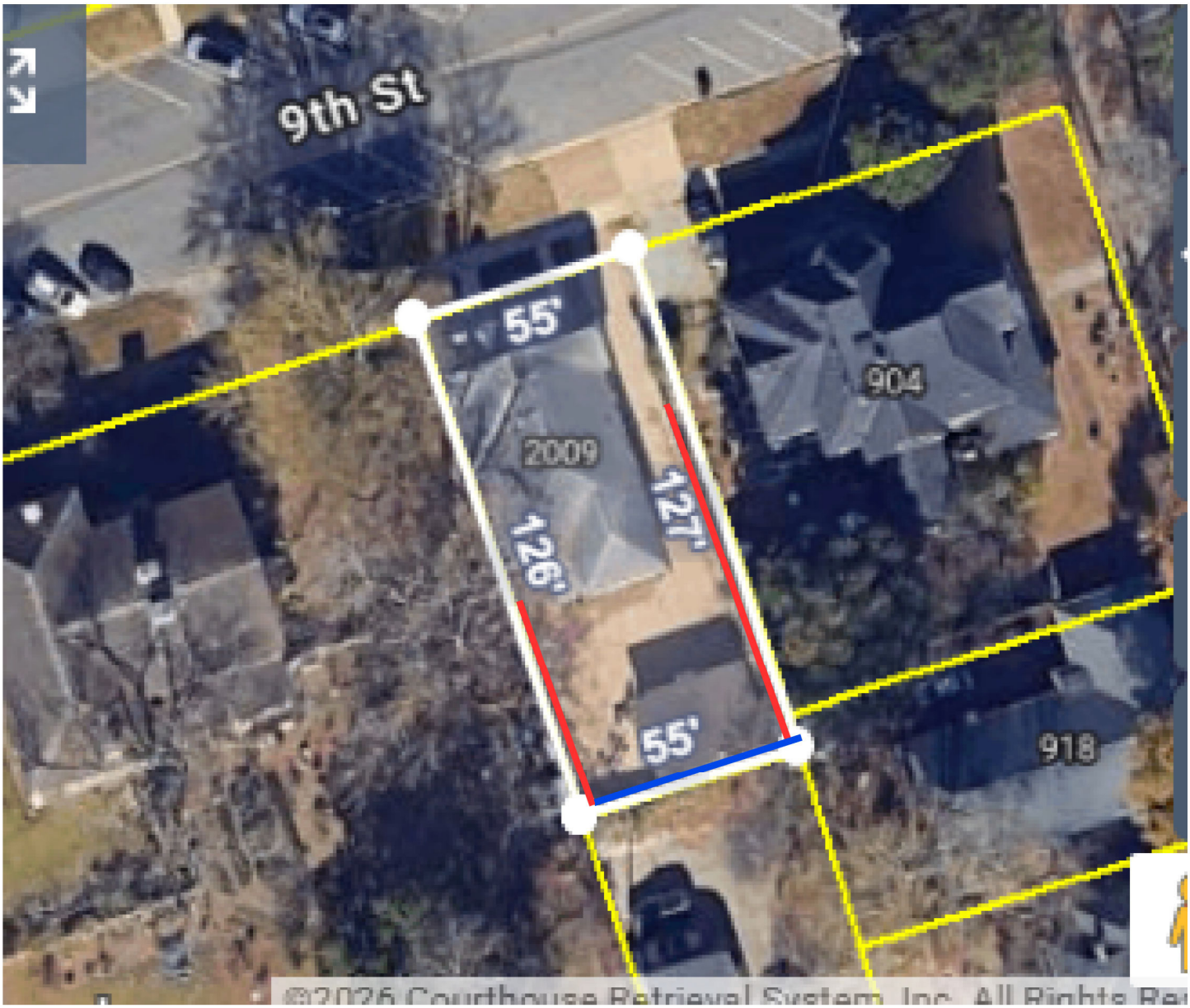
Elevation Drawings:

Proposed Materials Documents:

Additional Documents:
2009 9th Street (8).pdf

Once submitted, a staff member will contact the applicant using the email provided on this form. If more documents are required, the staff member will clarify what is required in that email. By submitting this application, you recognize the city will send public notification and place a sign on the property with information for the public.

2009 9th Street Application Addendum

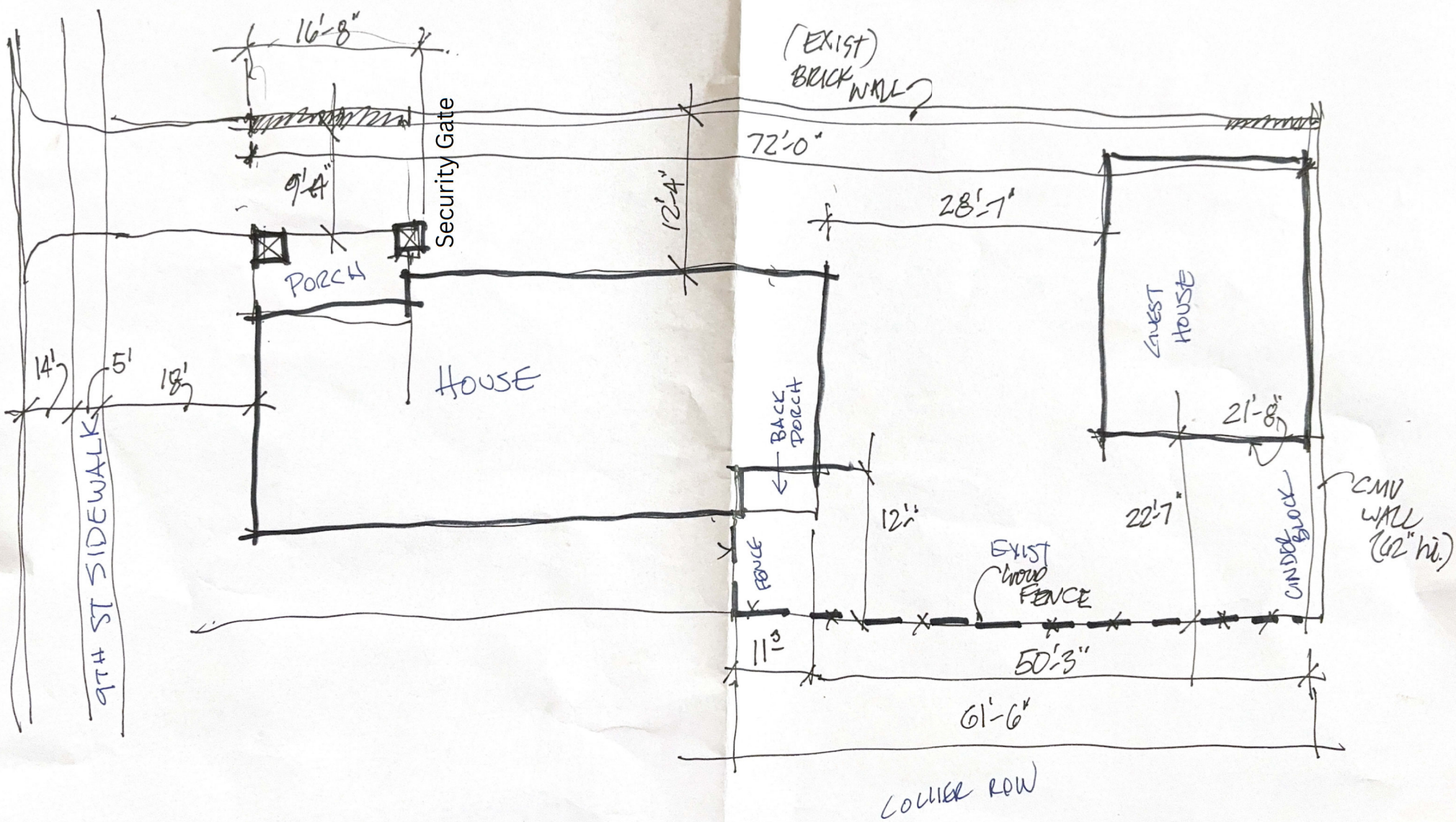


new 8 foot painted wooden fence running along eastern and western side of property
Eastern edge: 8' x 55' 4" final size
Western edge final size 8' x 61' 6"

Painted cinder block added to existing cinder block wall to make 8' tall

Location of Enclosed Back Poarch

Location of Security Gate
Security gate will be 9' 4' wide, 6 feet at the center and located 34' 8" from the start of the driveway/ edge of sidewalk


16'-8"
Security Gate
9'-4"
PORCH
12'-4"
HOUSE
14'
5'
18'
9TH ST SIDEWALK
(EXIST) BRICK WALL?
72'-0"
28'-7"
GUEST HOUSE
21'-8"
BACK PORCH
12'-1"
22'-7"
CMU WALL (62" hi.)
CINDER BLOCK
FENCE
EXIST WOOD FENCE
11'-5"
50'-3"
61'-6"
COLLIER ROW

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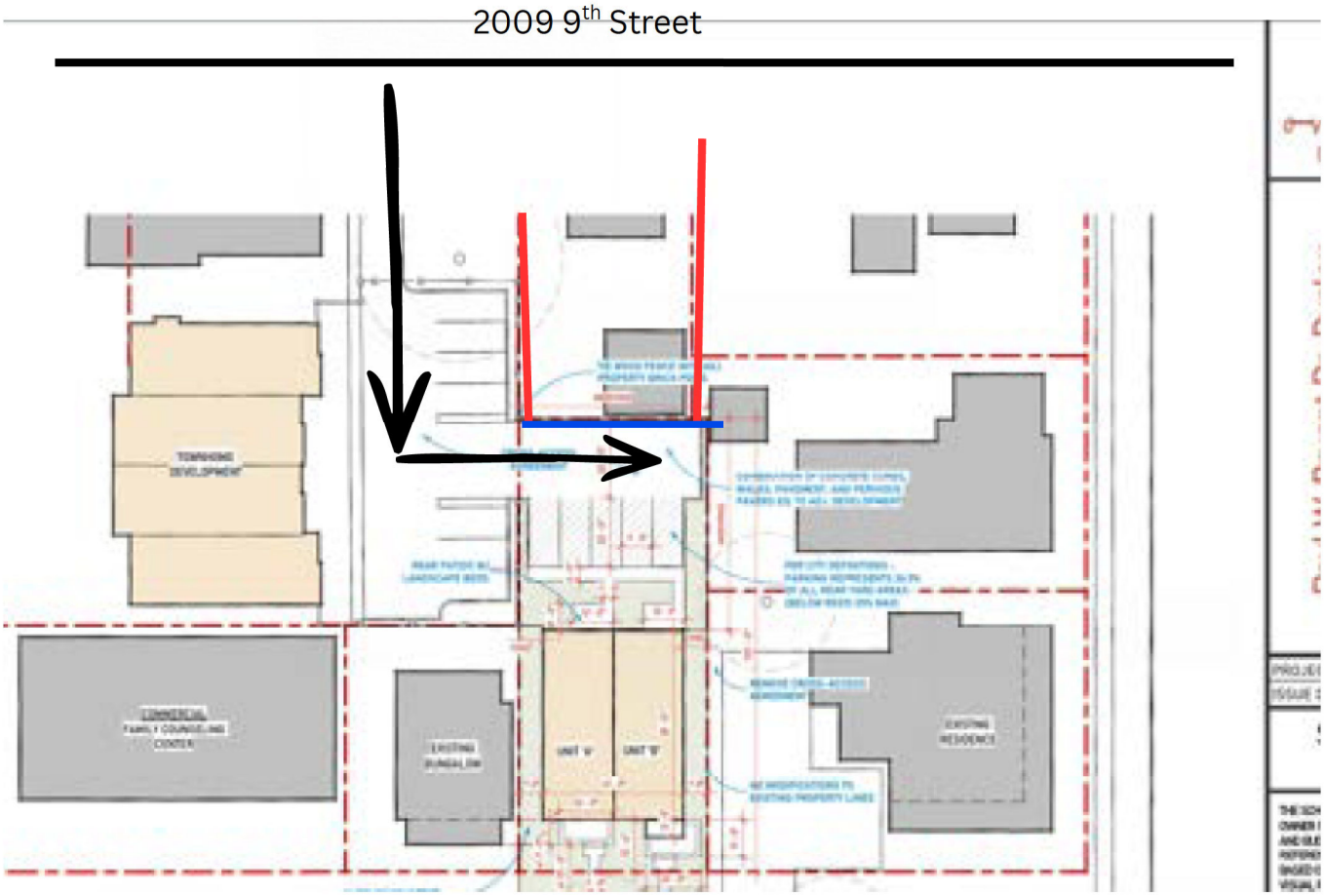

The 8 foot western edge wooden fence and the 8 foot southern edge cinderblock wall will obstruct noise and lights from cars driving along the side yard to access new townhomes and parking spaces (for Collier Row) that face into the side yard of 2009 9th Street.

The 8 foot easter edge wooden fence will provide privacy between 2009 9th Street and back and side yard of 904 20th Ave.

Petitioner is also requested glass be installed in two existing wood casings on an enclosed back porch on the western side of the house to reduce noise and dirt of cars coming down the drive.

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DESIGN STUDIO

9TH & ALMON
Collier Row – New Construction
NIXON CONSTRUCTION, LLC
905 ALMON AVENUE
TUSCALOOSA, AL 35401

PROJECT NUMBER: 250
ISSUE DATE: JANUARY 21, 20

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REAR PERSPECTIVE

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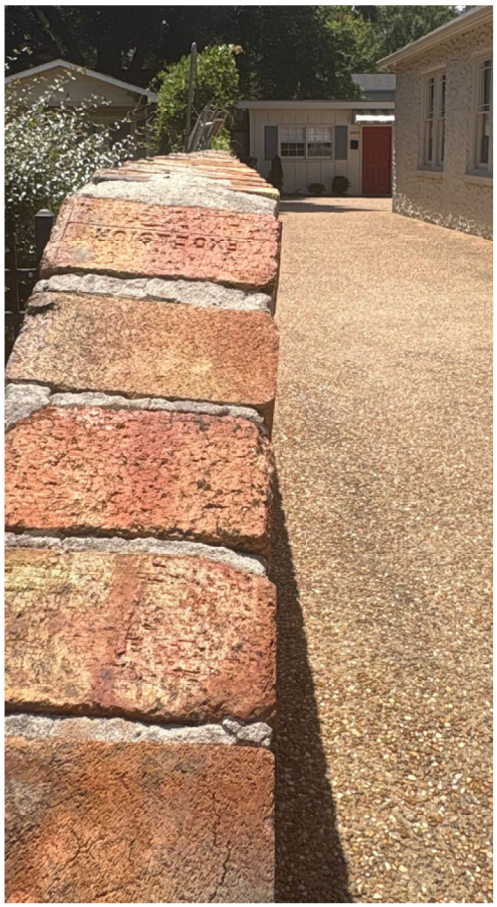
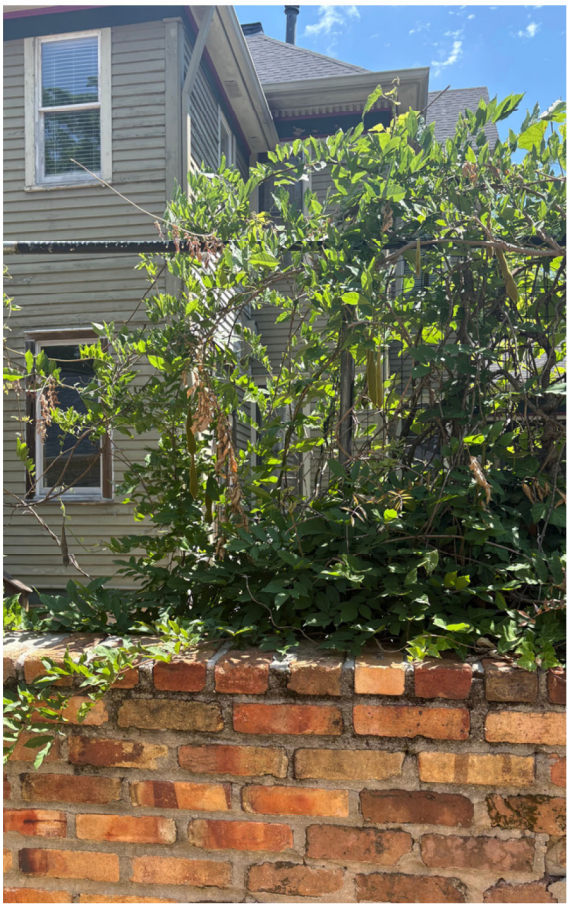
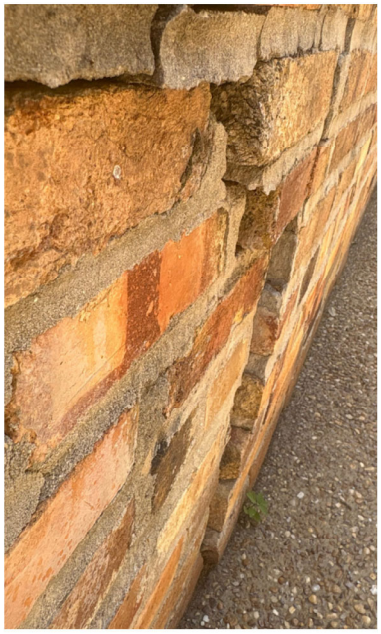
TThe western side of 2009 9th Street: House/ Enclosed back stoop, fence and back yard

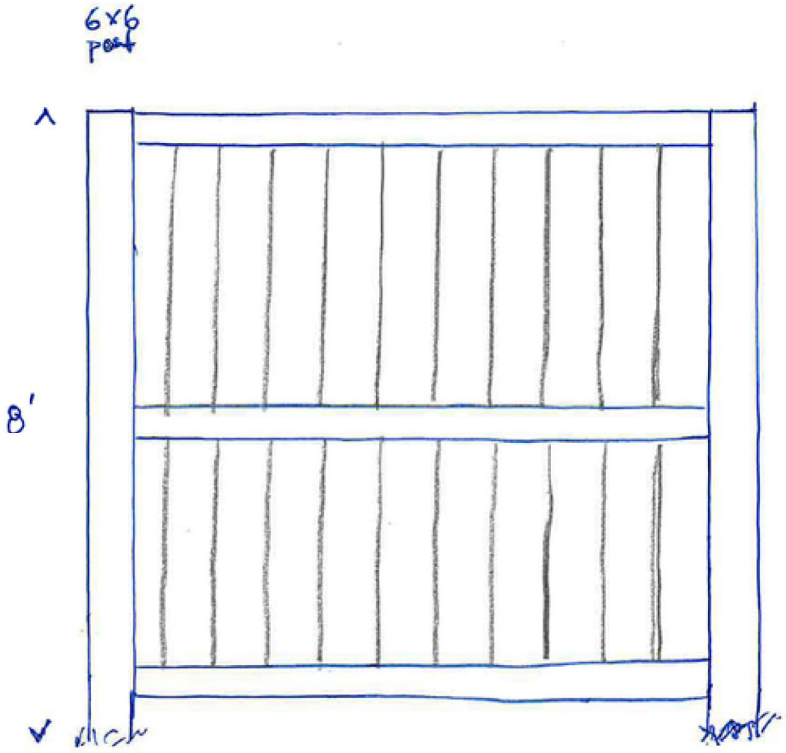
Eastern Side: Sharing side yard with 904 20th Ave.
Take Down Brick Wall
Not on good footing
Leaning
Cracking in places
the existing wall is 72' long and approx 3' 8" tall.







Proposed new 8 foot wall and security gate
The new wall will start at the gate (34' 8" from the start of the drive) and be 8' x 55' 4" .



After taking down the brickwall, come back with an 8 foot wodden fence with 6 x 6 posts

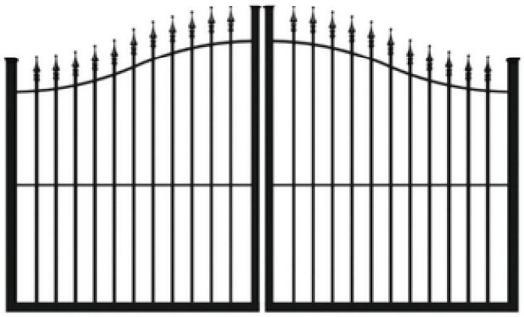
Fence would start about 16' 8" back from current location, aligned with the back of the southern porch column.

8 foot painted fence along drive in Audubon. Similar color and materials but design is different.

Install a wrought iron security gate across the 9' 4" foot wide driveway aligned behind the drive and the start of the new fence. See sample gate below. Gate would be approximately 6' in the center.

- Provide drawings of the gate including its dimensions. (don't exist, see above photo)
- If the proposed gate is pre-manufactured, provide a spec sheet for the proposed gate.

Classic Finial



Classic driveway gates are available in Stronghold Iron® and Infinity Aluminum® materials, boasting a time-honored design. Matching fence panels and walk gates are also available.

Automation Package Available - Learn More

Gate posts, caps, hinges, and automated or manual hardware sold separately.

MATERIAL AVAILABLE:

Stronghold Iron | Infinity Aluminum

HEIGHTS AVAILABLE:

5' to 6' Arching | 6' to 7' Arching

WIDTHS AVAILABLE:

10' | 12' | 14' | 16' | 18' | 20'

PHOTOS & VIDEOS:

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- Installation
- CAD Drawings
- Specs & Warranty
- Video Library
- Testimonials
- Add-on Decorations

GET A QUOTE

VIEW PRICES

(Starting at $2,057.48 per 5' to 6'H x 10''W gate)

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- STRONGHOLD IRON FENCE PARTS AND MATERIALS SPECIFICATIONS -

PART 1.01: MATERIALS

- STEEL: All steel material for the fence and gate system shall conform to the requirements of ASTM A-787 and ASTM A653 with minimum yield strength of 50,000 psi. All components are galvanized inside and out for superior rust protection.

- CAST IRON: All iron components are made of ductile iron for superior strength (versus standard grey iron) and are galvanized prior to powder coating for extra rust protection. All iron pieces will be sand-cast.

PART 1.02: FENCE PANELS

1.02A – SIGNATURE GRADE FENCE PANELS

- HORIZONTAL RAILS - Rail members will be constructed of 1 ½" x ½" x 1/8" (11 gauge) cold rolled bar channel. Number of rails per-piece will vary by panel style. Rails will be punched for picket pass-through and welding from underneath.

- PICKETS: Material for the pickets will be ¾" x ¾" x 16 gauge square tubing.

- PICKET SPACING: Standard pickets will have a 3.875" air gap in-between. Double or puppy pickets will have a 1.56" to 1.69" air gap.

- FINIALS: Finial tips will be 6" tall x 2" wide and are sand-cast from ductile iron with a safety ball top as part of the casting. All cast iron finial tips will be welded to the picket.

1.02B - TRADITIONAL GRADE FENCE PANELS

- HORIZONTAL RAILS - Rail members will be constructed of 1" x ½" x 1/8" (11 gauge) cold rolled bar channel. Number of rails per-piece will vary by panel style. Rails will be punched for picket pass-through and welding from underneath.

- PICKETS: Material for the pickets will be ½" x ½" x 18 gauge square tubing.

- PICKET SPACING: Standard pickets will have a 3.875" air gap in-between. Double or puppy pickets will have a 1.56" to 1.69" air gap.

- FINIALS: Finial tips will be 4" tall x 1" wide and are sand-cast from ductile iron with a safety ball top as part of the casting. All cast iron finial tips will be welded to the picket.

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PART 1.05: POSTS AND STANDARD HARDWARE

- STANDARD STEEL POSTS: All posts used for hanging fence panels and walks gates will be 14 gauge and offered in a 2", 2.5", 3" and 4" square tube size. Lengths include 5', 6', 7', 8', and 9' with availability varying by post diameter.

- STEEL FLANGE POSTS: Posts with a welded foot for mounting to surfaces will be 14 gauge and offered in a 2.5" square tube size. Lengths offered are 3', 4', 5 and 6'. Welded flange foot will be 5" square with a ½" hole in each corner for hardware.

- ESTATE GATE POSTS: All heavy-duty estate gate posts will be 3/16" thick (7 gauge) and offered in a 4" and 6" square tube size. Available in 8' and 9' lengths.

- POST CAPS: All post caps are comprised of sand-cast ductile iron. Offered in standard and ball style to match all available post sizes.

- SIGNATURE GRADE FENCE PANEL BRACKET: Brackets are comprised of sand cast ductile iron. The bracket has a 1.5" wide x 1/2" tall x 1" deep inner diameter (ID) and a 1.875" wide x 1" tall x 1" deep outer diameter (OD). A 3/4" tab with opening for a #14 hex head screw hangs below the bottom.

- TRADITIONAL GRADE FENCE PANEL BRACKET: Brackets are comprised of sand-cast ductile iron. The bracket has a 1" wide x 1/2" tall x 1.25" deep inner diameter (ID) and a 1.375" wide x 1" tall x 1" deep outer diameter (OD). A 3/4" tab with opening for a #14 hex head screw hangs below the bottom.

- J-BOLT HINGES: Used for walk gates and drive gates. Offered in a 5" size (5/8" shank) for walk gates and 7" size (3/4" shank) for drive gates. Both sizes feature adjustable gate settings and installed grease zerks.

- HINGE BOLT KIT: Comprised of stainless steels bolts, nuts and washers in various sizes to work with all hinge and post sizes.

- SELF-TAPPING SCREWS: Used to secure panels to the post via bracket. Hex-head configuration and is sized 1" x #14. All screws are steel have an anodized black finish for rust inhibition.

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PART 1.04A: SIGNATURE GRADE ESTATE DRIVEWAY GATES

- **FRAME:** All estate gates will match fence panel styles and be framed with 2" x 2" x 11 gauge square tubing mitered and welded.
- **HORIZONTAL RAILS** - Rail members will be constructed of 1 ½" x ½" x 1/8" (11 gauge) cold rolled bar channel. Rails will be punched for picket pass-through and welding. Center horizontal rail provided for extra strength and easy automatic closer installation.
- **PICKETS:** Material for the pickets will be ¾" x ¾" x 16 gauge square tubing.
- **PICKET SPACING**: Standard pickets will have a 3.875" air gap in-between. Double or puppy pickets will have a 1.56" to 1.69" air gap.
- **FINIALS:** Finial tips will be 6" tall x 2" wide and are sand-cast from ductile iron with a safety ball top as part of the casting. All cast iron finial tips will be welded to the picket.

PART 1.04B: TRADITIONAL GRADE ESTATE DRIVEWAY GATES

- **FRAME:** All estate gates will match fence panel style and be framed with 2" x 2" x 11 gauge square tubing mitered and welded.
- **HORIZONTAL RAILS** - Rail members will be constructed of 1" x ½" x 1/8" (11 gauge) cold rolled bar channel. Rails will be punched for picket pass-through and welding. Center horizontal rail provided for extra strength and easy automatic closer installation.
- **PICKETS:** Material for the pickets will be ½" x ½" x 18 gauge square tubing.
- **PICKET SPACING**: Standard pickets will have a 3.875" air gap in-between. Double or puppy pickets will have a 1.56" to 1.69" air gap.
- **FINIALS:** Finial tips will be 4" tall x 1" wide and are sand-cast from ductile iron with a safety ball top as part of the casting. All cast iron finial tips will be welded to the picket.

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STRONGHOLD IRON FENCE FABRICATION

PART 2.01 – ASSEMBLY

- RAILS: All horizontal rails will be cold rolled and punched at approximately 4 ½" on center to provide an air gap of 3.875".
- PICKET TO RAIL WELDING: All items will be firmly positioned square in a jig fixture and MIG welded with the use of an inert shielding gas to reduce splatter and insure good penetration. Each picket will be welded on at least two sides at the juncture of every rail. All weld spots are then coated in a zinc rich primer for extra rust protection.
- PICKET SPACING: Standard pickets will have a 3.875" air gap in-between. Double or puppy pickets will have a 1.56" to 1.69" air gap.
- FINIAL TO PICKET WELDING: Finials will be placed on top of pickets and then MIG welded on all four sides with the use of an inert shielding gas to reduce splatter and insure good penetration. All welds are then cleaned for appearance and coated in a zinc rich primer for extra rust protection.
- WALK AND DRIVE GATES: All Gate frames are miter cut in the corners and MIG welded with the use of an inert shielding gas to reduce splatter and insure good penetration. Using gate jigs, the picket and rail components are then MIG welded to the frame. All welds are then cleaned for appearance and coated in a zinc rich primer for extra rust protection.

STRONGHOLD IRON FENCE FINISHING

PART 3.01 – FINISHING

- CLEANING: All finished pieces are inspected for weld spatter and wire brushed accordingly. The inspected pieces then go through a 4-stage pretreatment and wash cycle to remove any impurities from handling and the manufacturing process.
- POWDER COATING – A satin black polyester-based TGIC powder coating is electrostatically applied to a minimum 2.5 mils to all finished pieces. The powder contains a UV fade inhibitor to help resist fading of the finish.

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WROUGHT IRON FENCE LONGEVITY CASE STUDIES

PART 4.01 – LONGEVITY

SOURCE: AMERICAN GALVANIZERS ASSOCIATION (www.galvanizeit.org)

How long will hot-dip galvanizing protect my steel from corrosion?

The corrosion rate of zinc and how long it will provide protection is a function of the coating thickness and the amount of corrosive elements in the atmosphere. For example, in rural settings where there is less automotive/truck exhaust and plant emissions, galvanized steel can easily last for 100 – 150 years without maintenance. Industrial and marine locations contain significantly more aggressive corrosion elements such as chlorides and sulfides and galvanized steel may last for 50 – 100 years in those cases. The relationship between coating thickness and atmospheric conditions is contained in a popular graph developed by the AGA.

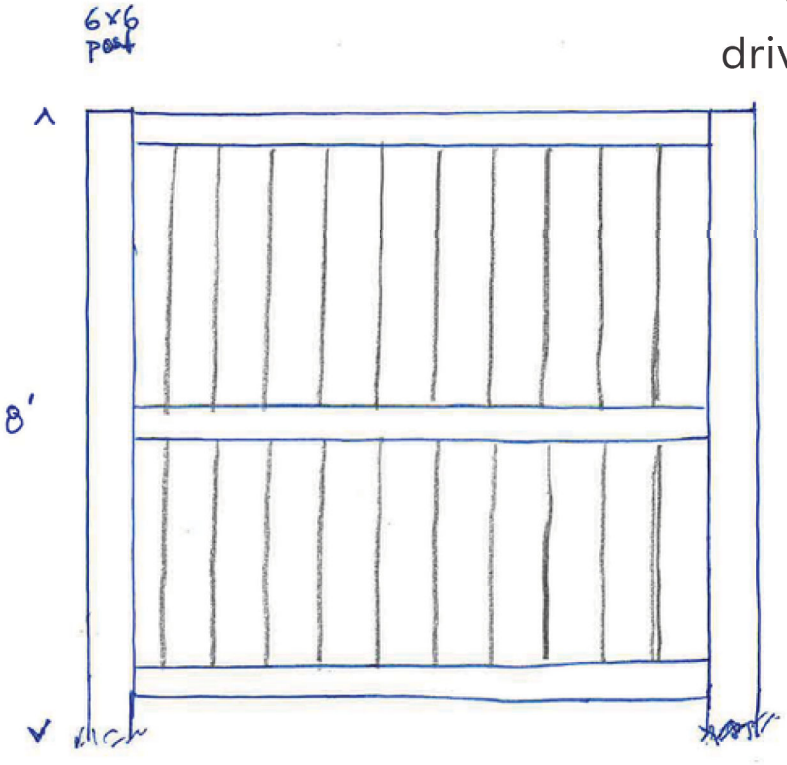
Where are galvanized steel products used?

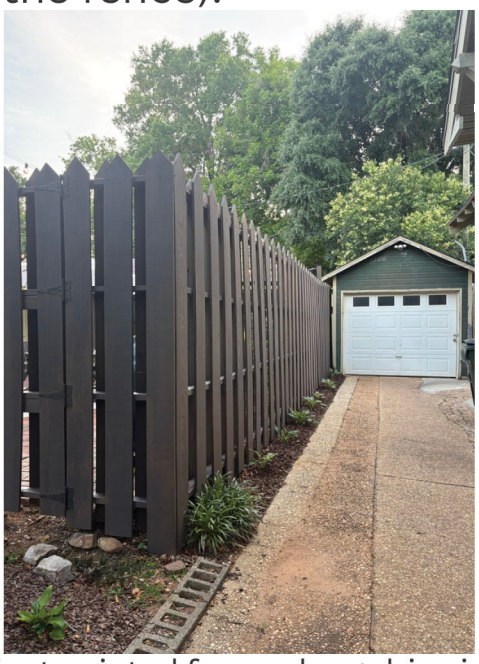
First of all, the variety of things galvanized is broad. Structural steel (angles, channels, wide-flange beams, I-beams, H-beams), grating, expanded metal, corrugated sheets, wire, cables, plate, castings, tubing, pipe, bolts & nuts. The industries that utilized hot-dip galvanized steel range from bridge & highway (reinforcing steel for decks and column concrete, girders, stringers, light and signposts, guardrail, fencing), water & wastewater treatment plants (walkway grating/expanded metal, handrails) architectural (facades, exposed structural steel, lentils), parking garages (reinforcing steel for concrete decks, exposed structural steel columns and barriers), pulp & paper plants (structural steel, walkways, handrail), OEMs (motor housings, electrical cabinets, frames, heat exchanger coils), electrical utilities (transmission towers, distribution poles, substations, wind turbine poles), communication (cell towers), rail transportation (poles, switchgear, miscellaneous hardware), chemical/petro-chemical (pipeline hardware, manufacturing buildings, storage tanks, walkways), recreation (boat trailers, stadiums, arenas, racetracks), and many more.

Western Wall Running along side drive and parking for Collier Row

Collier Row Townhome parking spots will be on the other side of this wall.

Remove approx. 7' WOOD fence along the western backyard and replace with the same fence style, material, color and height 8' and length 61' 6" along the western side (Collier Row parking and driveway are on the other side of the fence).





8 foot painted fence along drive in Audubon. Similar color and materials but design is different.

Add cinder block and match paint to the back wall along the southern property line to create an 8 foot wall to block out sight and sound of driveway for parking at the McGiffert townhomes facing Bryant Drive

Cinder Block Wall is here

Current Cinder Block Wall is approx 5' tall. Add another 3' of cinder block. Wall is 22' 7" long

This is now drive area for McGiffert new townhomes approved May HPC

Add glass to the two windows on the enclosed back porch to create noise buffer from Collier Row drive and parking

Installing tempered glass only the existing wood casing will remain.

Provide additional photos of the exterior of the enclosed back porch.

6 x 44 inch window casing (wooden) is already there for large window facing west.

6 x 10 window facing south

VICINITY & AERIAL MAPS

2009 9th St

1 inch = 50 feet

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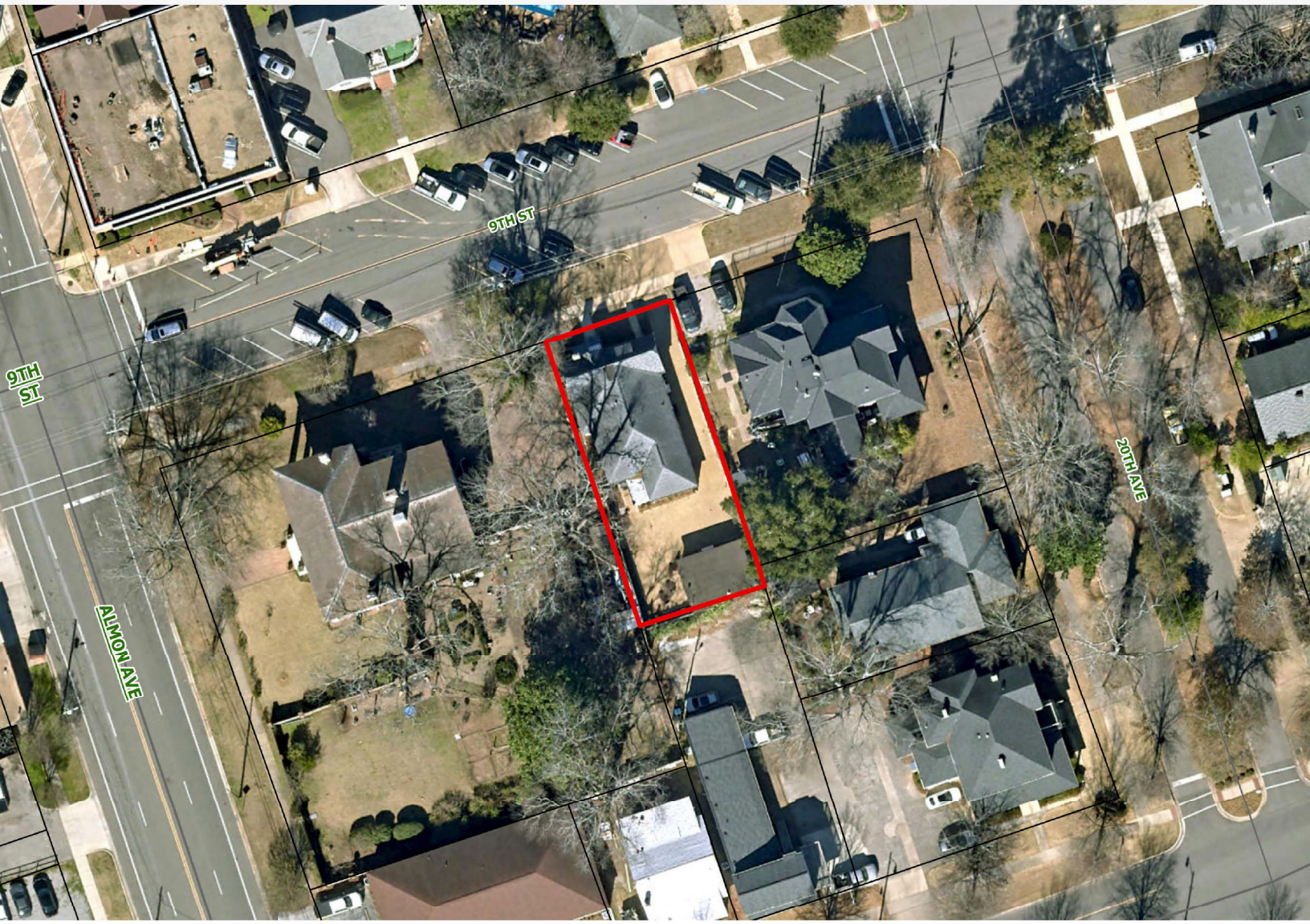

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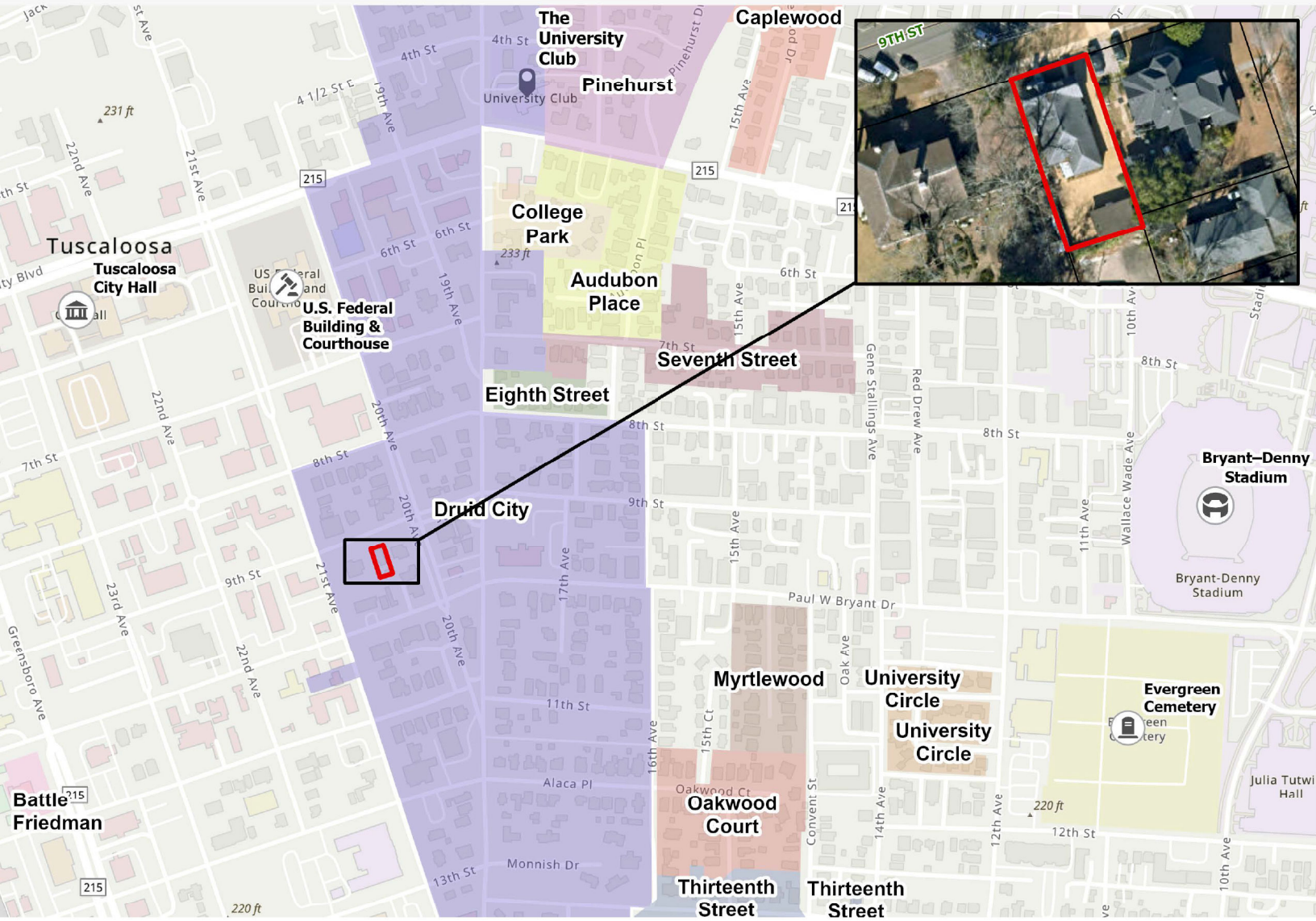

ADDITIONAL STAFF PHOTOS OF SUBJECT PROPERTY


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STAFF PHOTOS OF ADJACENT PROPERTIES


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