

Historic Preservation Commission

Staff Report

Meeting Date: June 26th, 2026

Case #: HPC-33-26

Site Address: 1014 Myrtlewood Drive
Parcel ID: 31-06-23-3-005-017.000
Applicant: Theodore Trost
Owner: Theodore Trost

Proposed Work: Petition for a Certificate of Appropriateness for the removal and replacement of a rear deck with a change in materials and installation of a Juliet balcony on the rear of the primary structure on the property located at 1014 Myrtlewood Drive in the Myrtlewood Drive Historic District (Council District 4).

Current Zoning: SFR-3H

Historic District: Myrtlewood Historic District
Architectural Style: English Cottage
Year Built: 1929
Contributing: Yes
Historic Survey: Myrtlewood Historic District Survey

Resource 3. 1014 Myrtlewood Drive. This house features a large gabled roof line with the house constructed of brick and stone. The stone is used for the gabled portico, it has a screened in porch and a small dormer emerges from roof. (polished field stone portico)

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED PROJECT:

The petitioner was approved for the removal of a tree that had been located in the middle of an existing rear deck during the February 2026 Historic Preservation Commission meeting. Since receiving that approval, the petitioner has dismantled the existing wooden deck and screen and removed the tree.

The petitioner now proposes installing a 5-foot-long Juliet balcony at the existing French doors in the location where the wooden deck and tree were previously situated.

The proposed Juliet balcony will be flush with the west elevation of the primary structure, and its handrails will be constructed of aluminum.

STAFF ANALYSIS:

The proposed Juliet balcony will be constructed on the rear elevation of the primary structure and will not be visible from the street, which is consistent with the Design Guidelines.

APPLICABLE DESIGN GUIDELINES:

B. Decks, Porches, and Railings

1. Decks

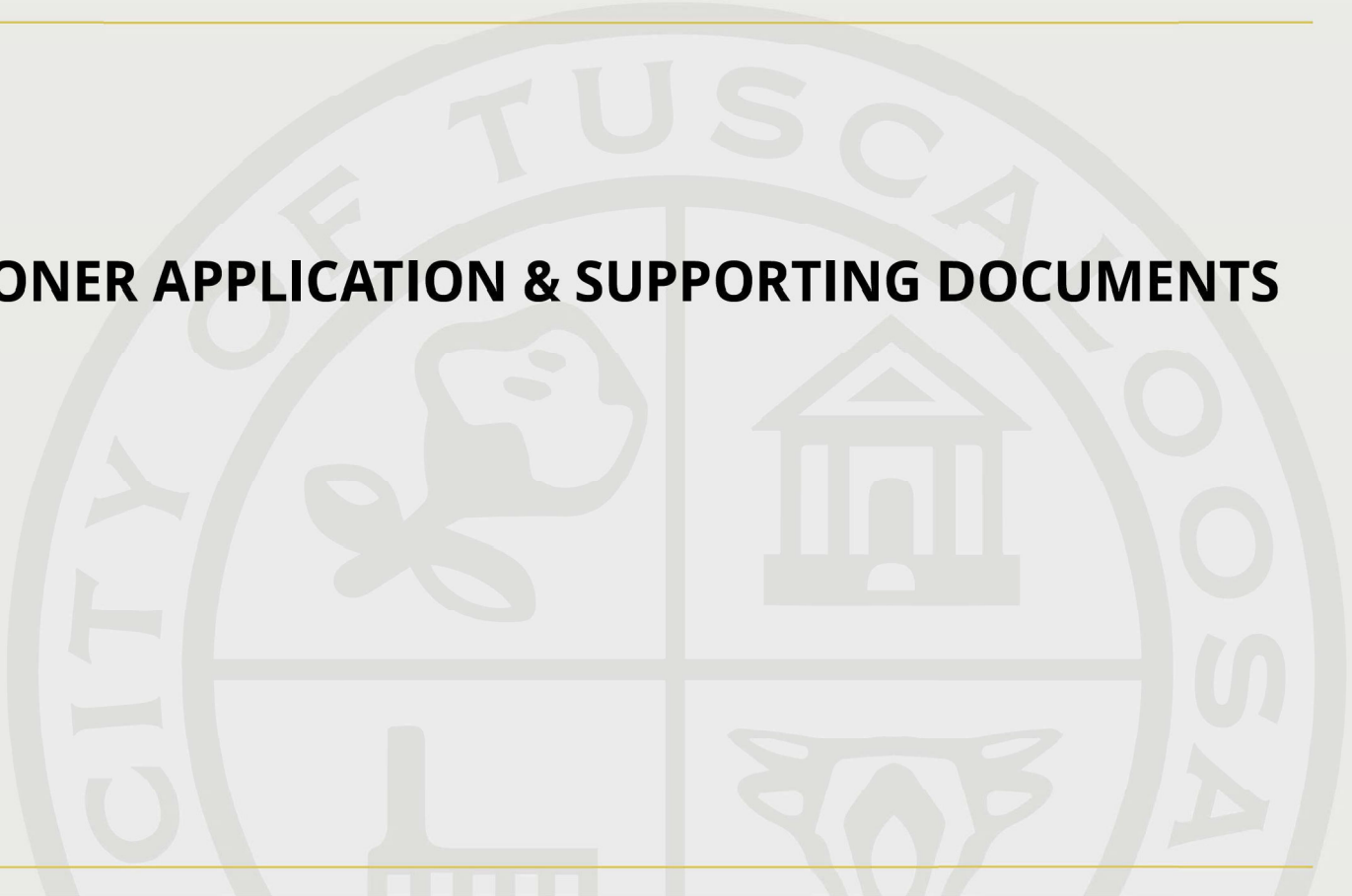
- Locate and construct decks so that the historic fabric of the structure and its character-defining features and details are not damaged or obscured. Install decks so that they are structurally self-supporting and may be removed in the future without damage to the historic structure
- Introduce decks in inconspicuous locations, usually on the building's rear elevation and inset from the rear corners, where they are not visible from the street.
- Design and detail decks and associated railings and steps to reflect the, scale and proportions of the building. Materials for decks should be compatible with the building. Deck and deck railing designs should be coordinated with existing elements wherever possible.
- In rare occasions where it is appropriate to site a deck in a location visible to the public right-of-way (i.e. the side of a building), it should be treated in a more formally architectural way. Careful attention should be paid to details and finishes, including painting or staining the deck's rails and structural support elements in colors compatible with the colors of the building.
- Align decks generally with the height of the building's first-floor level. Visually tie the deck to the building by screening with compatible foundation materials such as skirtboards, lattice, masonry panels, and dense evergreen foundation plantings.
- It is not appropriate to introduce a deck if doing so will require removal of a significant building element or site feature such as a porch or a mature tree.

- It is not appropriate to introduce a deck if the deck will detract from the overall historic character of the building or the site.
- It is not appropriate to construct a deck that significantly changes the proportion of built area to open space for a specific property.

2. Porches and Railings

- Maintain and repair historic porches to reflect their historic period and the relationship to the structure.
- Use materials that blend with the style of the structure or other structures in the district. Balustrades of stairs and ramps should match the design and materials of the porch or be unobtrusive.
- Do not permit enclosure of front porches. Where rear or side porches are to be enclosed, the enclosure shall preserve the original configuration of columns, handrails and other important architectural elements.

PETITIONER APPLICATION & SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS



HPC Revisions (Including Expedited Review)

Use this form to submit revisions/missing documents from a previously submitted HPC application or Historic Expedited Review application.

Property Information:

Original Application Type:

Historic Expedited Review Form

Site Address:

1014 Myrtlewood Dr, Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35401

Applicant Information:

Applicant Name:

Theodore Trost

Supporting Documents:

Response to request for additional information:

As a result of our previous petition (invoice number 26-00308), we received permission to remove two trees from our property. Tree #2 (see item 1) was successfully removed on March 24. Removal of tree #1, however, was halted because we realized we needed to change our plans (see item 2). We discovered that the supports to the deck were in worse shape than we thought (see items #a, b, c). Therefore, pending permission of the Historical Commission, we would like to do the following:

1. Complete the removal of tree 1
2. Dismantle the deck and attached screen
3. Replace the deck with a Juliet balcony (fuller description below)
4. Replace the lattice screen with a new screen (also described below)

PHASE 1 Tree, Screen, and Deck Removal

To more easily remove the tree without damage to the Trax board—which we want to preserve in order to build the new Balcony—we seek first to dismantle the deck and the attached lattice screen. This has become necessary because of the deterioration of some of the wood upon which the current construction is supported (items 3a, b, c).

The rest of tree 1 will then be removed. With the deck and screen dismantled, the roots that had grown close to the foundation of the house can be more easily attended to—as discussed in the previous petition.

PHASE 2 Balcony and New Lattice Screen

We would like to replace the deck with a small Juliet balcony that would provide an exterior overlook to the back yard (item 6). The proposed structure would be 6 1/2 feet long and 3 1/2 feet wide and would be 3 feet, 5 3/4 inches above the ground—the same height as the current deck (item 4). The structure will have two wooden posts on the outside corners that are set into concrete in the ground. It will have Trax decking with metal handrails and spindles. In addition, a new lattice screen made of wood will replace the existing one parallel to the south wall of the house. The screen will have the same design as the current structure

(a partial view in item 2; see also item 5). It will be 11 feet high, but will only extend eight feet from the house (the current structure is 16 feet long). The wooden screen will be stained brown and the metal rail and spindles will be painted black.

Thank you for taking this proposal into consideration.

Sincerely,

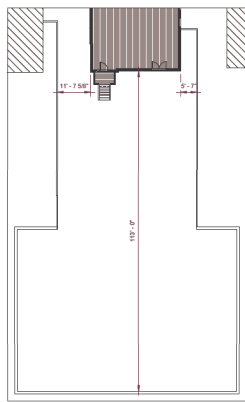
Theo. Trost and Catherine Roach

List of illustrations

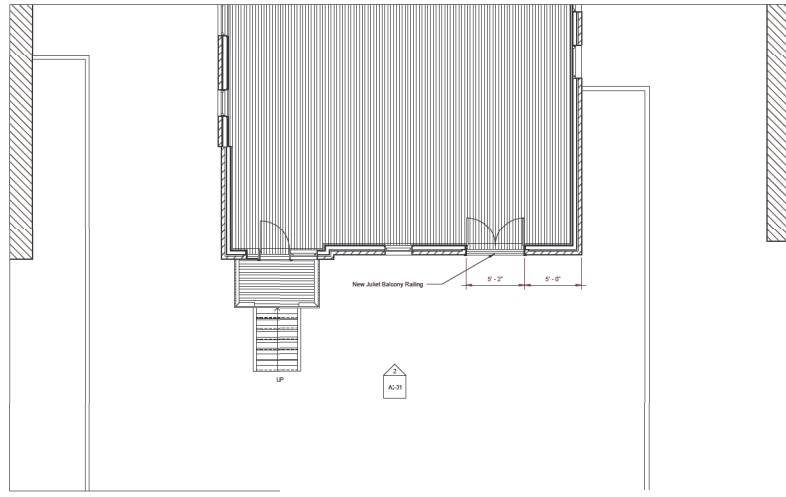
- 1 Tree removal map from previous petition. Showing Tree #1 and the deck in question.
- 2 The tree and the deck
- 3a Deck bench deterioration
- 3b Deck support beam deterioration
- 3c Lattice support beam deterioration
- 4 Sketch of proposed balcony and lattice to replace existing structures
- 5 Existing lattice screen that the new screen will resemble
- 6 View of back yard
- 7 Certificate of Appropriateness HPC 04-26

Documents (if applicable):

- 1 Tree removal map copy.jpeg
- 2 tree and deck.jpeg
- 3a deck bench.jpeg
- 3b deck support beam.jpeg
- 3c lattice support beam.jpeg
- 4 proposed balcony and screen.jpeg
- 5 existing lattice screen.jpeg
- 6 scenic overlook.jpeg
- 7 Certificate of Appropriateness HPC04-26.jpeg



① Back Yard Plan
1/4" = 1'-0"



② Level 1
1/4" = 1'-0"

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Trost-Roach House

1014 Myrtlewood Drive
Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35401

No.	Description	Date

Trost-Roach House
Back Yard Plans

Project number 2553
Date June 17, 2020
Drawn by JSM

Checked by
A101
Scale AS INDICATED

ADA 1.9" Round Handrail & Components

	Description Aluminum ADA Handrail 1.9" Round x 6 ft. (Pipe only.) EZA100-6X		Description ADA Handrail End Cap (Interior fit.) EZA410-X
	Description Aluminum ADA Handrail 1.9" Round x 95.25" ft. (Pipe only.) EZA100-8X		Description ADA Handrail Miter Elbow 90° Includes 3" splice EZA500-X
	Description Aluminum ADA Handrail 1.9" Round x 23 ft. (Pipe only.) EZA100-24X		Description ADA Handrail 1-12 Slope Ramp Elbow Includes 3" splice EZA712-X
	Description ADA Handrail Wall Bracket EZA200-X		Description ADA Handrail Radius Elbow 90 Degree Includes 3" splice EZA585-X
	Description ADA Handrail Wall Return Includes 3" splice EZA575-X		Description ADA Handrail 34 Degree Stair Elbow Includes 3" splice EZA712-X
	Description ADA Handrail Stair End Loop (Endcaps purchased separately.) Includes 3" splice EZA300-X		Description ADA Handrail Adjustable Angle EZA555-X
	Description ADA Handrail End Bracket (Endcaps purchased separately.) Includes 3" splice EZA325-X		Description ADA Handrail 3" Internal Splice - Mill (For handrail to component connection) EZA600-M
	Description ADA Handrail End Bracket (Wall mount, exterior fit.) EZA400-X		Description ADA Handrail 5" Internal Splice - Mill (For handrail to component connection) EZA650-M

Replace X with Color Code

			
W White	BZ Bronze	DT Clay	HB Hammered Black
		Touch-up Paint 1 oz. Available in White, Bronze, Clay, Black EZTUPX	
CV Copper Vein	SV Silver Vein		



Description
ADA Handrail Round Post Kit with Base Covers Available in 34" or 41" height. Use with adjustable cradle bracket cap, purchased separately.
EZARP34-X
EZARP41-X



Description
ADA Handrail Adjustable Cradle Bracket Cap
EZA275-X

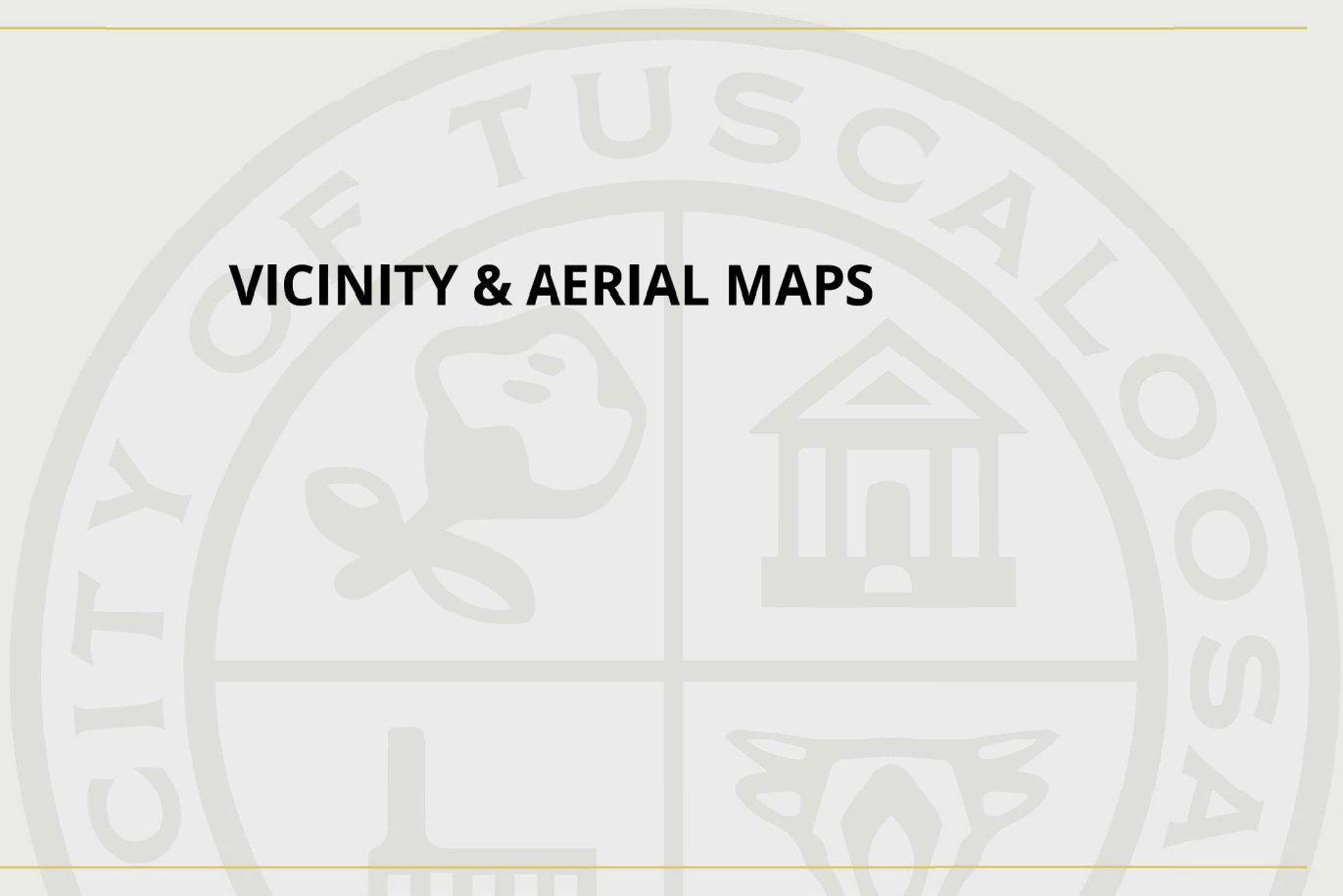


Description
ADA Handrail Adjustable Wall Bracket
EZA285-X

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VICINITY & AERIAL MAPS





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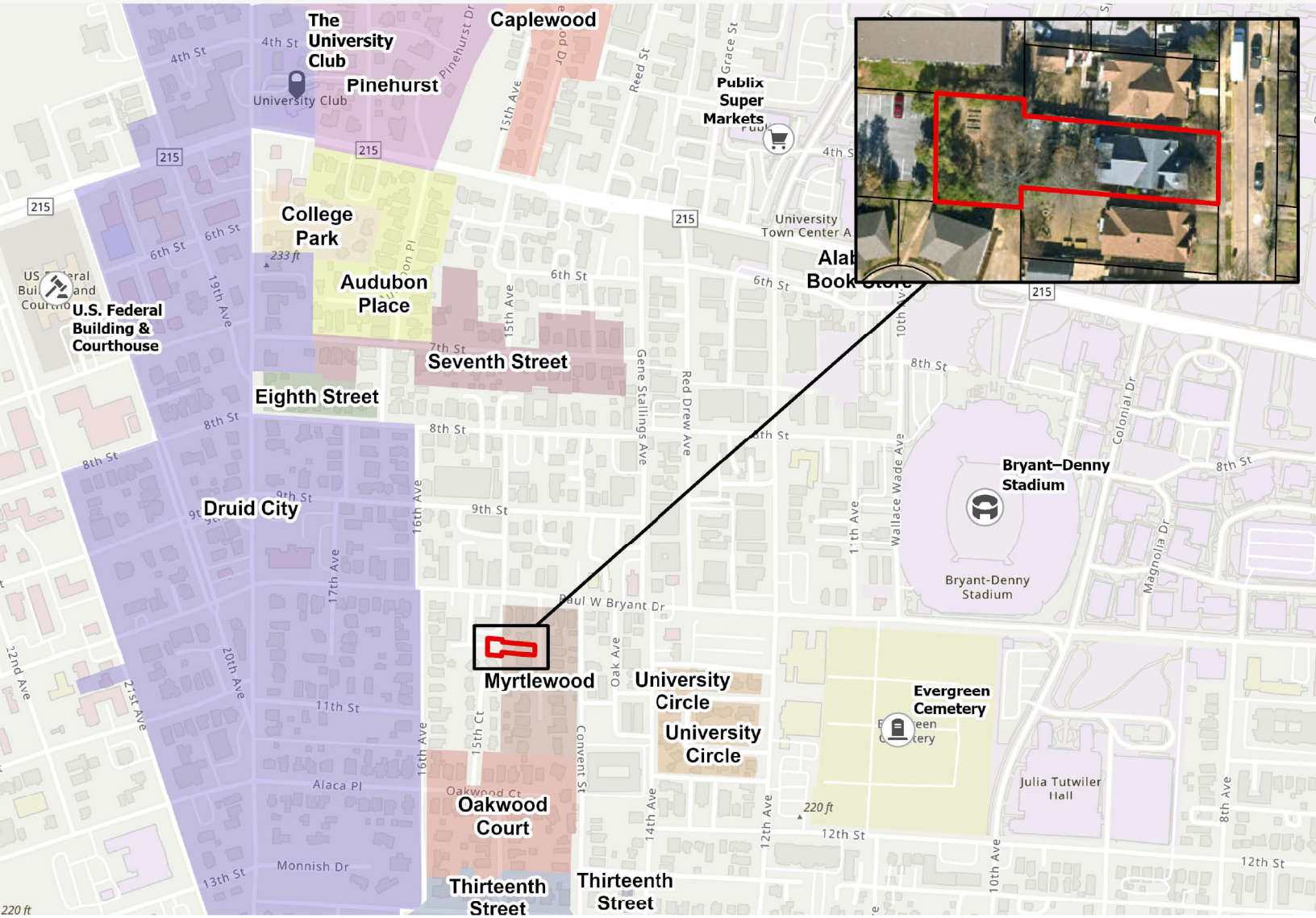
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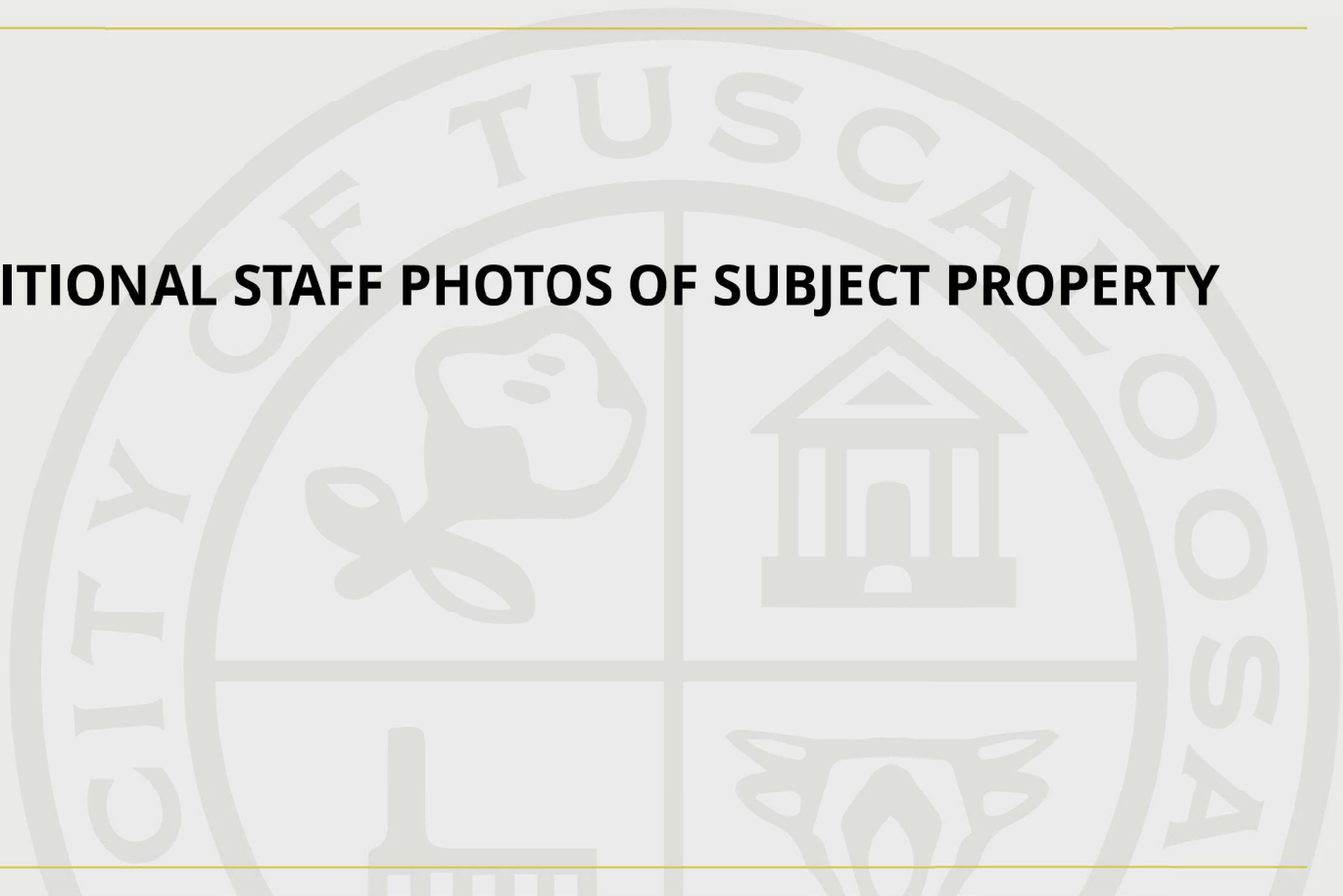


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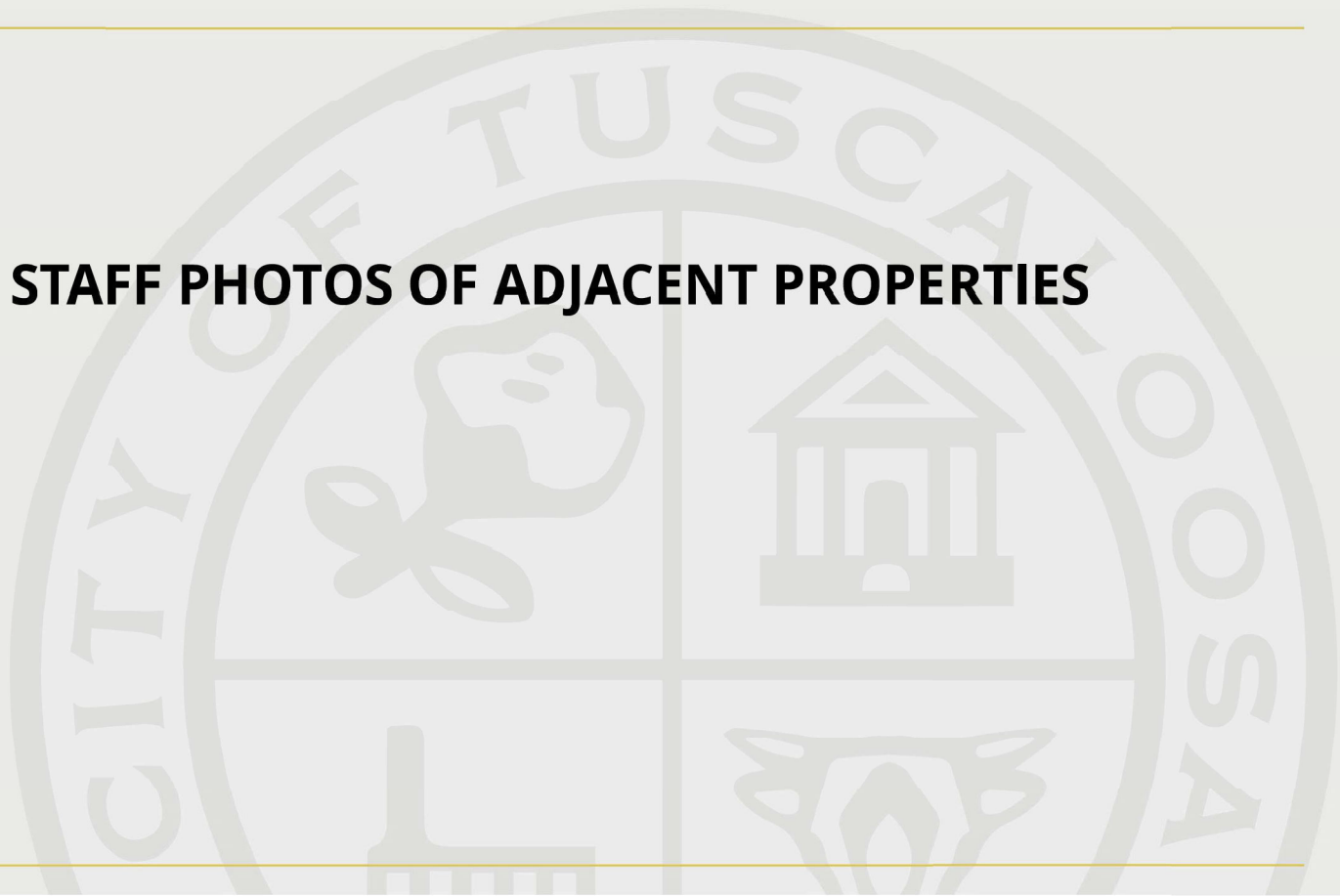


ADDITIONAL STAFF PHOTOS OF SUBJECT PROPERTY





STAFF PHOTOS OF ADJACENT PROPERTIES





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