

Historic Preservation Commission

Staff Report

Meeting Date: October 14, 2026

Case #: HPC-51-26

Site Address:	905 Almon Avenue
Parcel ID:	31-05-22-4-001-001.000
Applicant:	Chandler Overcash
Owner:	Crawford Nixon

Proposed Work:	Petition for a Certificate of Appropriateness for alterations to an existing porch on the property located at 905 Almon Avenue in the Druid City Historic District (Council District 4)
Current Zoning:	DHE-H

Historic District:	Druid City Historic District
Architectural Style:	Greek Revival
Year Built:	1835
Contributing:	Yes
Historic Survey:	Druid City Historic Survey

Resource 262. 905 21st Avenue. Collier-Boone House. Circa 1835. Two story, wood frame Greek Revival residence with hip roof of asphalt shingles, interior end stucco clad chimneys, stucco clad façade, symmetric 5/5 bay façade, second story façade with central paneled double leaf door with sidelights and transom, balcony with open rail wheat sheaf motif balustrade, 9/9 double hung sash windows, first story façade with central paneled double leaf door with sidelights, transom, paneled pilasters, pediment, 9/9 double hung sash windows with fluted moldings, corner block paterae, and wood shutters, full width hexastyle portico with engaged roof, entablature, six tapered and paneled columns and two paneled pilasters, brick piers with brick basket weave infill. (C/NRHP 1975; HABS: AL-268) Also individually listed in the NRHP in 1971.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED PROJECT:

The petitioner has relocated the placement of the steps on the rear porch of the principal structure after revising the internal drive alignment for the adjacent Colier Row development, noting that the steps were in a state of disrepair prior to their removal. Although the alteration of the rear porch steps was not included in the scope of work or approval for the Colier Row development, it was included and approved in the site's land development permit plans.

At the former stair opening, the porch railing has been reconstructed to match the adjacent existing railing, and the porch apron has been infilled with painted cementitious board while leaving the brick at the base of the porch exposed. Following the removal of the original steps, the new steps were reconstructed toward the side yard rather than the rear yard. The reconstructed steps and porch will use materials to match what was existing including stained wood treads, painted wood stringers, and painted wood handrails and newel posts.

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

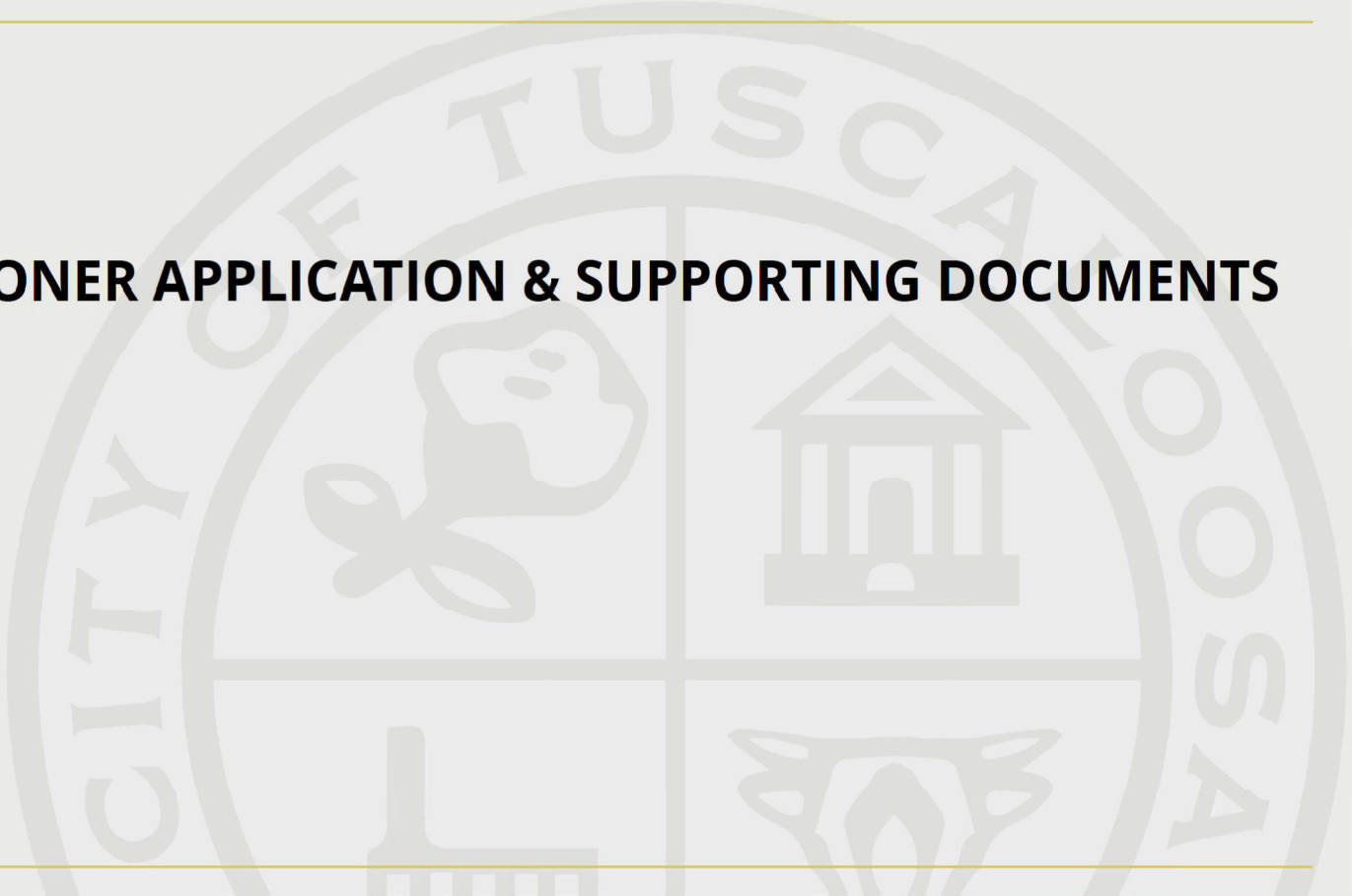
5. Materials

- 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.

D. 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



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Certificate of Appropriateness Application

Property Information:

Site Address:

905 Almon Ave, Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35401

Historic District:

Druid City

Estimated Cost of Construction:

5000

Detailed Description of the Proposed Work:

During subsequent site and grading coordination for the Collier Row development, the internal drive alignment was revised and the approved Civil drawings reflected removal and relocation of the existing rear steps at the historic Grimes House. The steps, which were in a state of disrepair, were removed during construction in accordance with those approved plans; however, the stair alteration was not included in the original Historic Preservation Commission submission. At the former stair opening, the porch railing has been reconstructed to match the existing adjacent railing, and the porch apron has been infilled with similar painted cementitious board while leaving the existing brick exposed at the base. The Owner proposes to reconstruct the rear steps in a revised location toward the side yard.

Detailed Description of the Proposed Materials:

The reconstructed rear steps will use materials to match the existing rear porch steps that remain, including painted wood stringers, stained wood treads, and painted wood handrails and newel posts. The reconstructed railing at the former stair opening will match the existing painted wood porch railing. The porch apron will consist of painted cementitious board, with the existing brick foundation remaining exposed below.

Applicant Information:

Applicant Name:

Chandler Overcash

Is the applicant also the property owner?

No

Property Owner Information:

Owner 1**Property Owner Name:**

Crawford Nixon

Property Owner Phone Number:

Property Owner Email Address:

Supporting Documents:

Site Plan:

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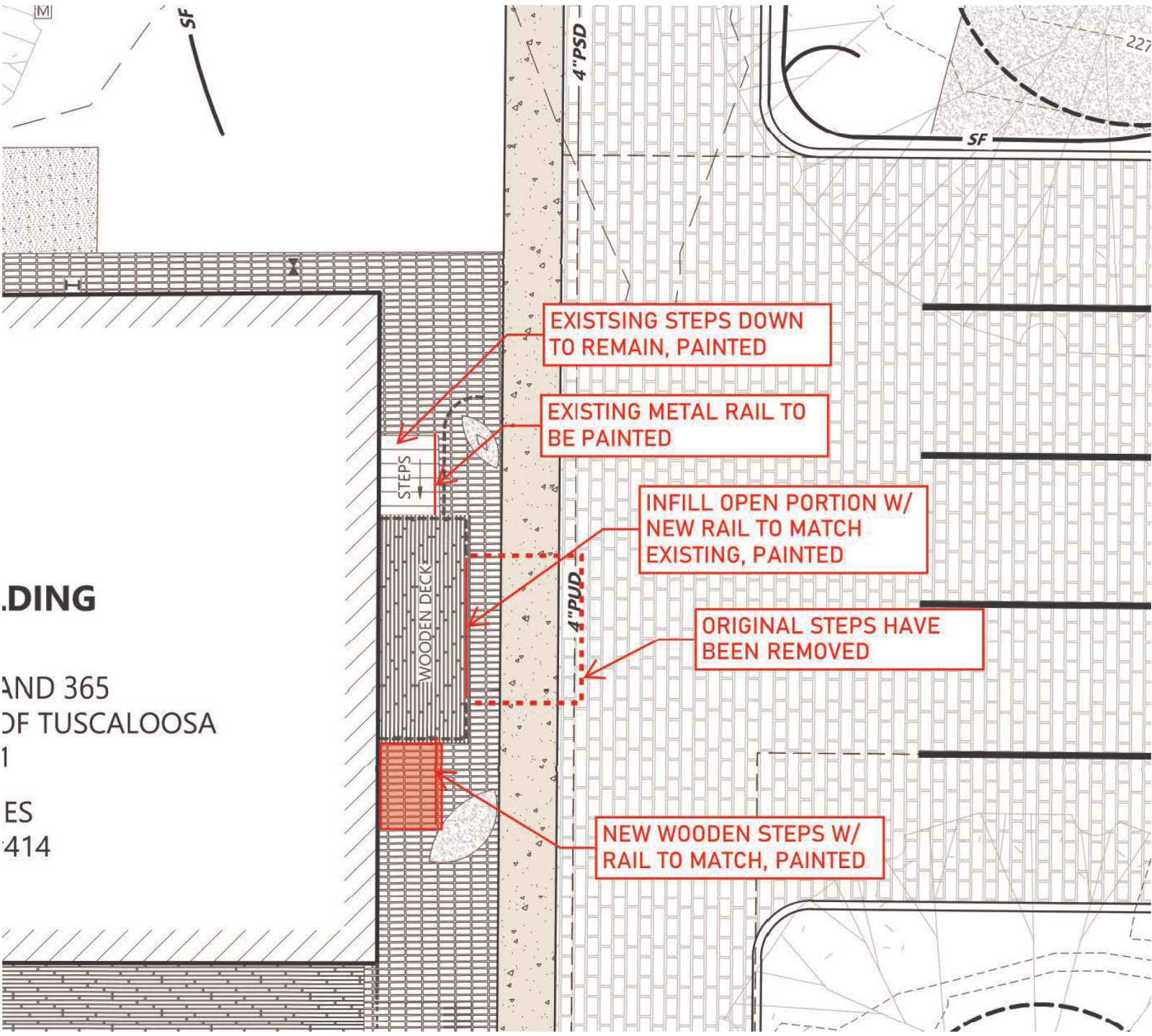
Elevation Drawings:

Exterior Elevations_09-23-2026.pdf

Proposed Materials Documents:

Additional Documents:

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.



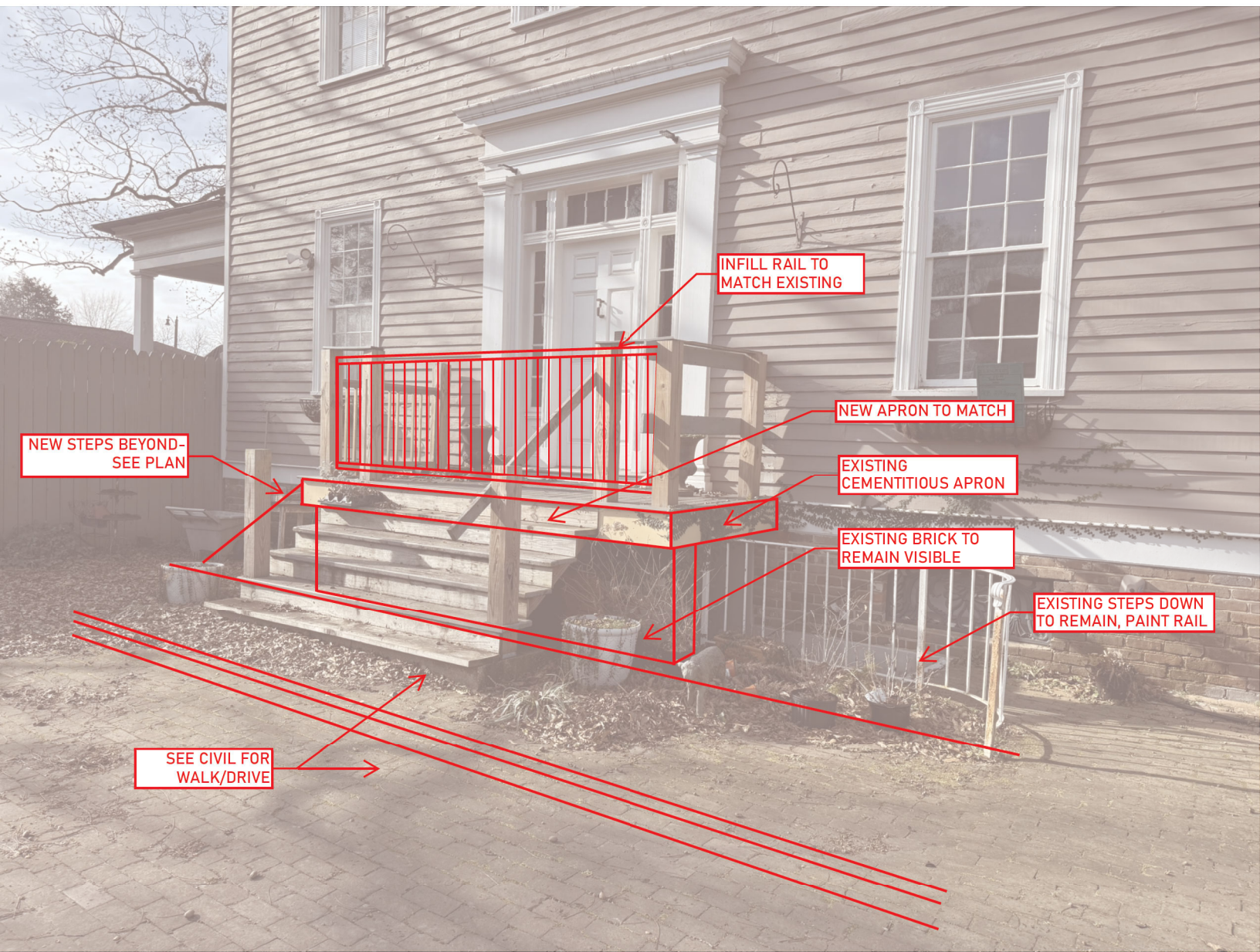
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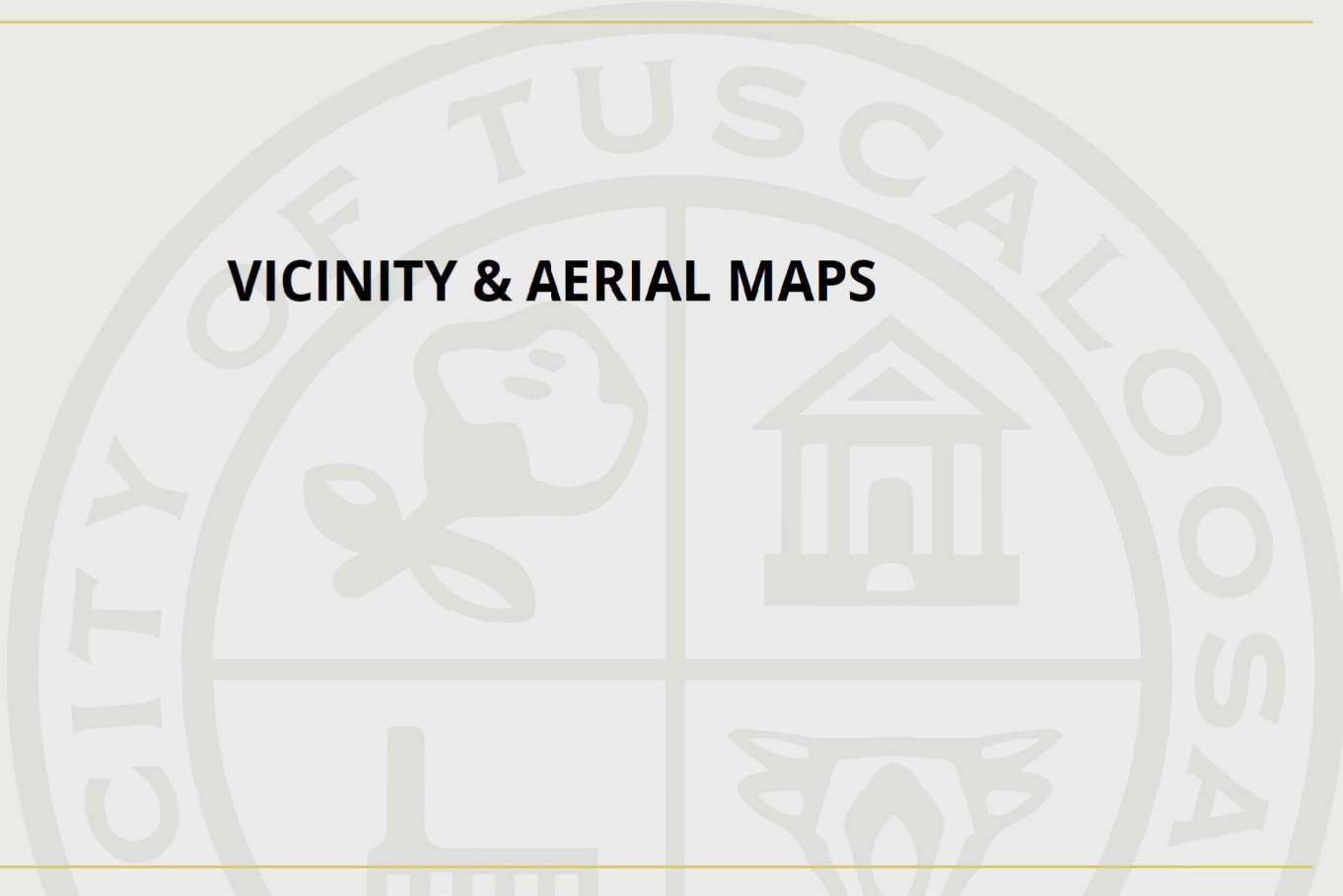
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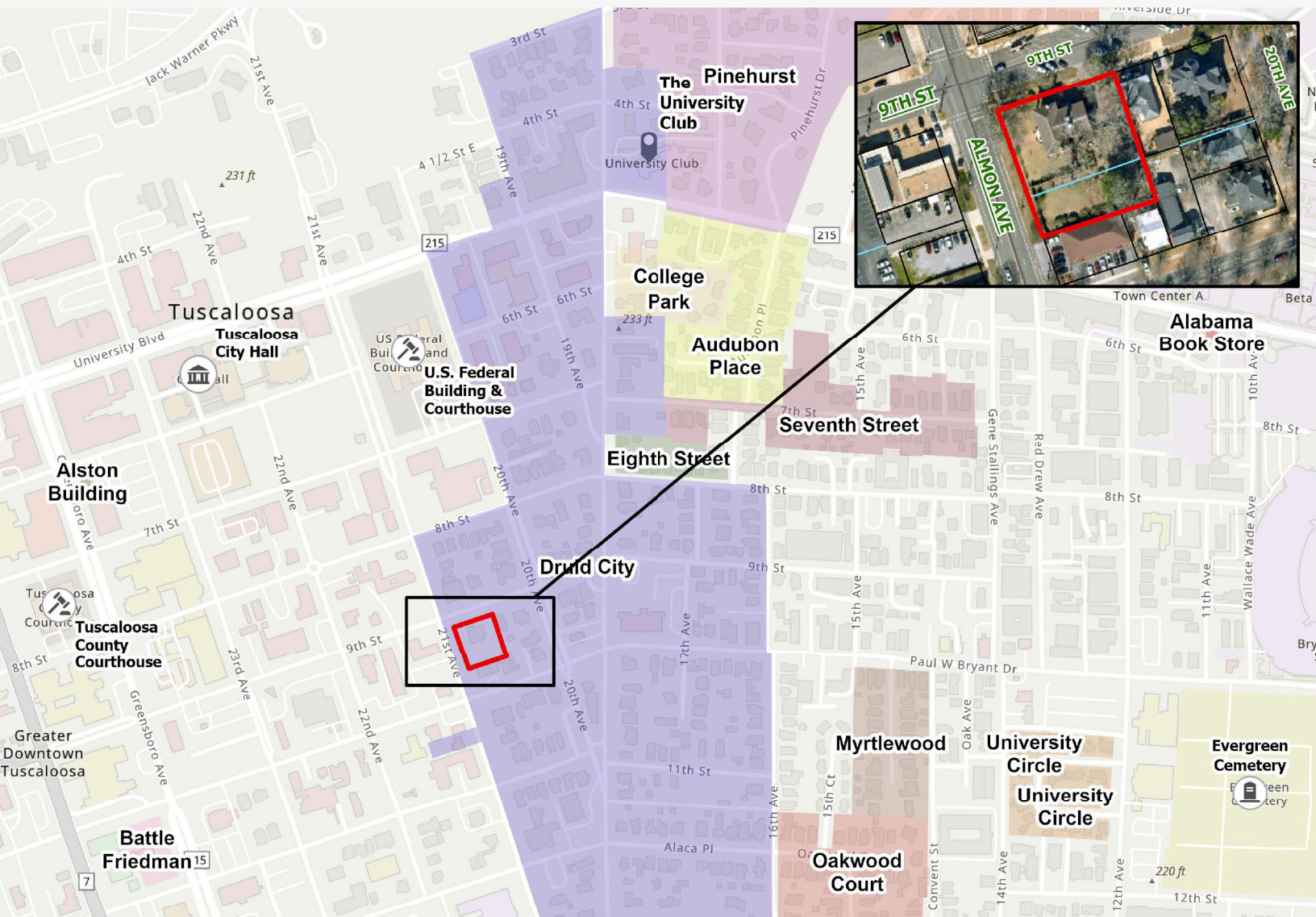
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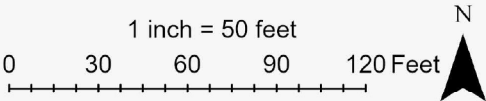
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ADDITIONAL STAFF PHOTOS OF SUBJECT PROPERTY





STAFF PHOTOS OF ADJACENT PROPERTIES





