Historic Preservation Commission
Staff Report

Meeting Date: October 14, 2026
Case #: HPC-59-25

Site Address:	625 Queen City Avenue
Parcel ID:	31-06-23-2-015-003.000
Applicant:	Kelly Fitts
Owner:	Kurt Alexander
Proposed Work:	Petition for a Certificate of Appropriateness for the construction of a wall and gate on the property located at 625 Queen City Avenue in the Druid City Historic District (Council District 4)
Current Zoning:	SFR-3H
Historic District:	Druid City
Architectural Style:	Queen Anne
Year Built:	1899
Contributing:	Yes
Historic Survey:	Druid City Historic Survey

Resource 205. 625 Queen City Avenue. Foster-Kirkpatrick House. Circa 1899. Two and one half story, wood frame Queen Anne with truncated hip with cross gable roof of asphalt shingles, gable dormer with 1/1 double hung sash windows, interior brick chimneys with corbel work, weatherboard siding, second floor with 1/1 double hung sash windows, first floor with two single leaf paneled doors with single light, one with sidelights and transom, the other with a transom, two story bay window with gable featuring a pointed arch vent and pent and 1/1 double hung sash windows, wrap around porch with rectangular posts, brick pier foundation. (C/NRHP 1975)

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED PROJECT:

The petitioner proposes to build a new brick wall located at the front perimeter of the principal structure, with gates positioned at both the driveway and the front walkway.

The proposed wall will be constructed to resemble the adjacent property's brick wall and will consist of 4' brick pillars, a 3' brick wall, and 1' of decorative wrought-iron fencing on top of the brick wall, with six light fixtures installed on each brick pillar. Brick is identified as an appropriate material for walls and fences per the Design Guidelines.

Two wrought-iron gates are proposed: one at the entrance to the front walkway, measuring 7' wide and 4' tall, and another at the driveway, measuring approximately 12' wide and 5' tall.

APPLICABLE DESIGN GUIDELINES:

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
- Brick
- Stone
- Stucco over masonry
- Historically appropriate wire
- Powder-coated aluminum mimicking cast/wrought iron

Examples of Inappropriate Fence Materials:

- Chain link
- Stockade
- Post and rail
- Unstuccoed concrete block
- Masonite
- Plastic
- Plywood or asbestos panels
- Vinyl

PETITIONER APPLICATION & SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Certificate of Appropriateness Application

Property Information:

Site Address:
625 Queen City Avenue, Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35401

Historic District:
Druid City

Estimated Cost of Construction:
15000

Detailed Description of the Proposed Work:
A new brick wall at the front yard sidewalk, with gates located at the driveway and front walkway.

Notes:
1. 'Alternate location' for proposed driveway gate is shown. (Preference to be determined.)
2. Brick walkways and driveway strips have been previously approved.

Detailed Description of the Proposed Materials:
Brick wall to compliment the existing wall on the adjacent property. (see photo 01)
Decorative wrought iron topper to be painted black.

Wrought iron gates to be painted black.

Light fixture to be located at top of each 4' pillar. (see photo 02)

Applicant Information:

Applicant Name:
Kelly Fitts

Is the applicant also the property owner?
No

Property Owner Information:

Owner 1

Property Owner Name:
Kurt Alexander

Supporting Documents:

Site Plan:
A1 (Site Plan) (9.29.26).pdf

Elevation Drawings:
A3 (Gate Details) (9.29.26).pdf

A2 (Elevations) (9.29.26).pdf

Proposed Materials Documents:
Photo 01 (brick wall).pdf

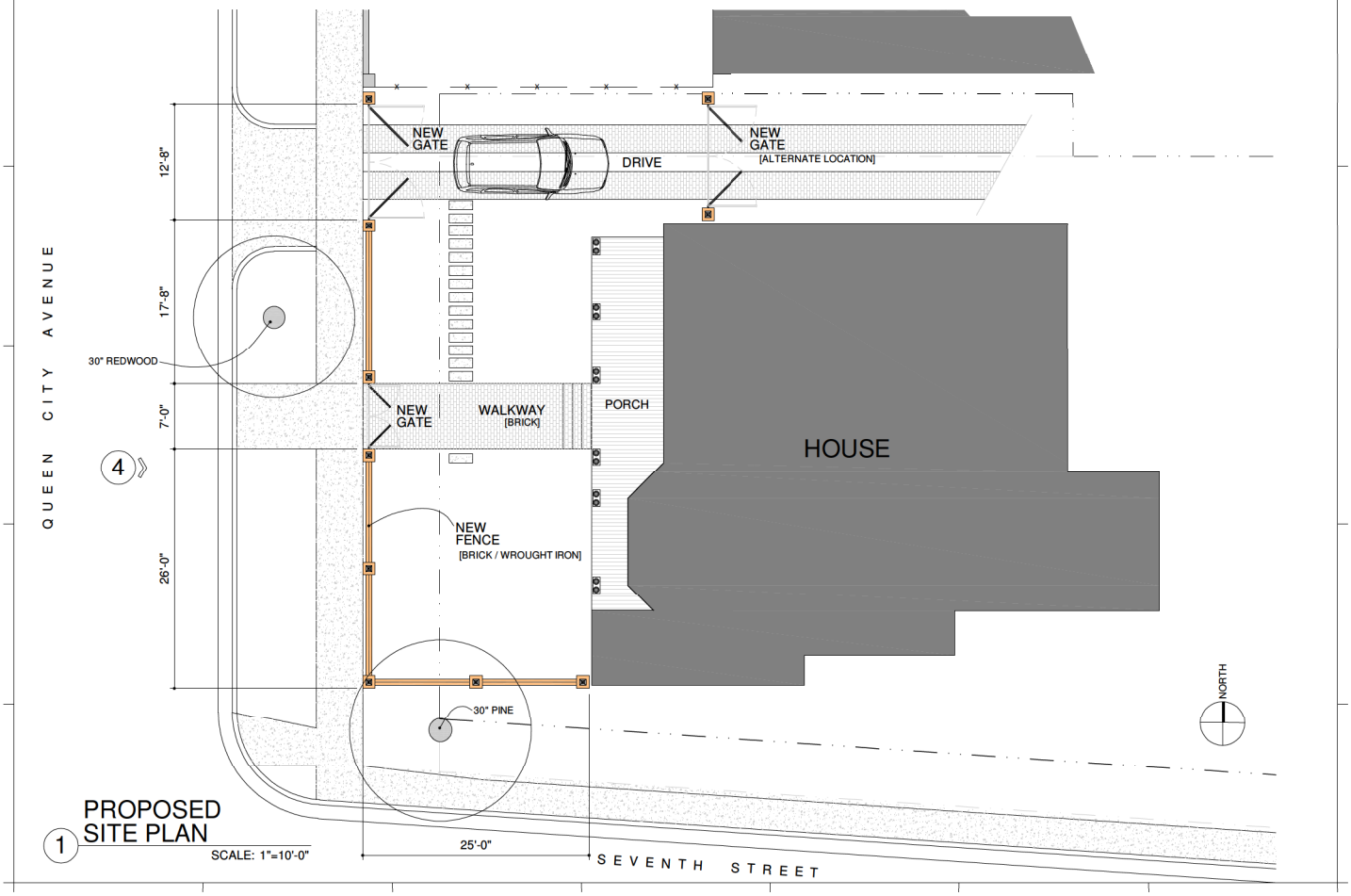
Photo 02 (pillar light fixture).pdf

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.







1 PROPOSED SITE PLAN

SCALE: 1"=10'-0"

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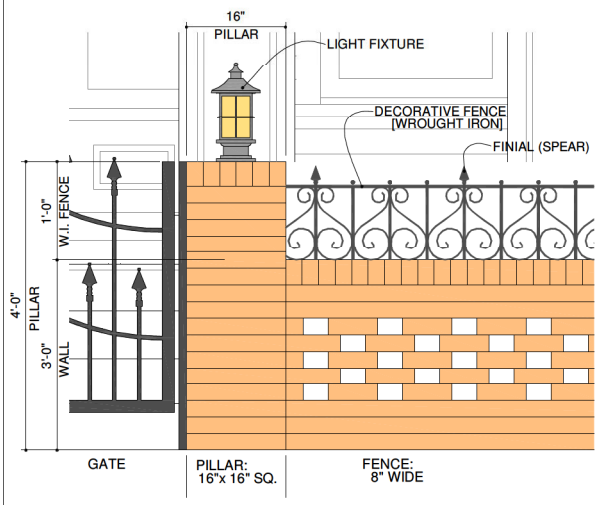
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SHEET FENCE SITE PLAN

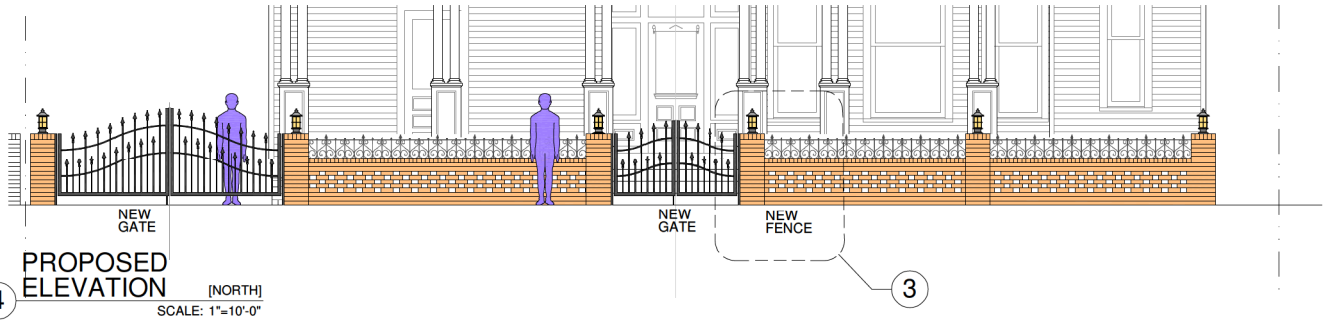
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2 ELEVATION [NORTH]
SCALE: 1"=10'-0"



3 ELEVATION DETAIL
SCALE: 3/4"=1'-0"



4 PROPOSED ELEVATION [NORTH]
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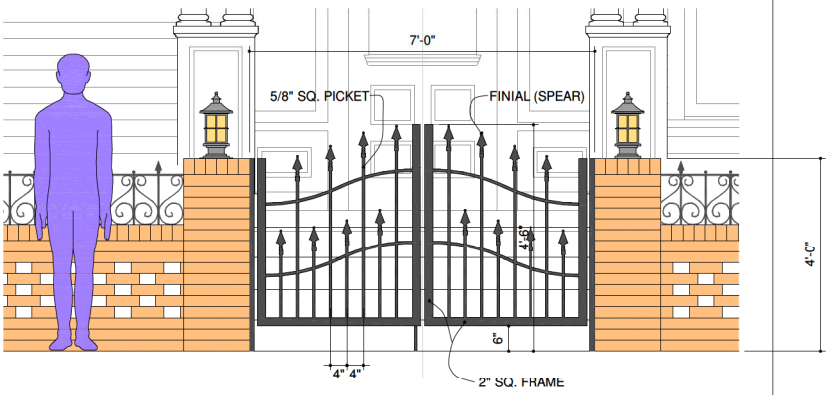
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ELEVATIONS / DETAIL

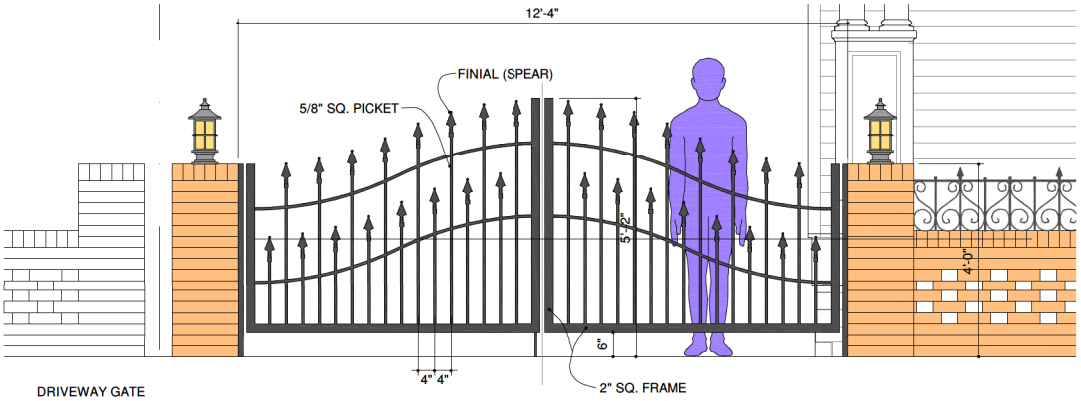
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WALKWAY GATE

5 ELEVATION DETAIL

SCALE: 1/2"=1'-0"



DRIVEWAY GATE

6 ELEVATION DETAIL

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SHEET GATE ELEVATION DETAILS

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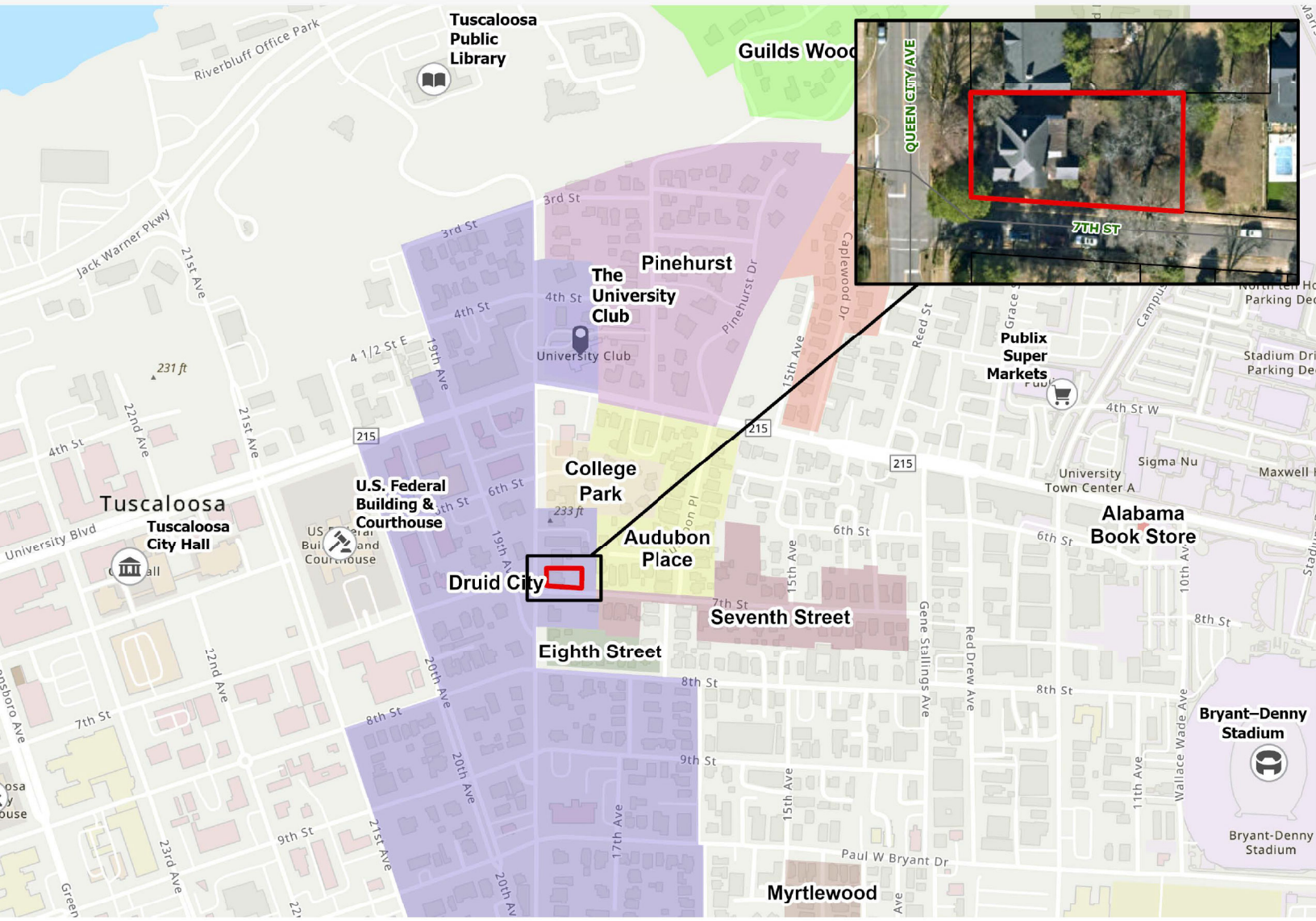
VICINITY & AERIAL MAPS

625 Queen City Avenue

1 inch = 500 feet

0 250 500 750 1,000 Feet

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625 Queen City Avenue

1 inch = 50 feet

0 25 50 75 100 Feet

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ADDITIONAL STAFF PHOTOS OF SUBJECT PROPERTY









STAFF PHOTOS OF ADJACENT PROPERTIES



