

8/18/2020

**CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS**

888 Chicago Boulevard Detroit,  
MI 48206

**RE: Application Number 20-6792; 888 Chicago Boulevard, Boston – Edison Historic District**

Dear ,

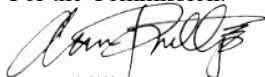
At the regularly scheduled meeting held virtually on August 12, 2020, the Detroit Historic District Commission (“Commission”) reviewed the above-referenced application for building permit. Pursuant to Section 5(10) of the Michigan Local Historic District Act, as amended, being MCL 399.205, MSA 5-3407(5)(10) and Section 21-2-73 of the 2019 Detroit City Code; the Commission has reviewed the above-referenced application for building permit and hereby issues a Certificate of Appropriateness, which is effective as of August 18, 2020.

The following proposed work meets the defined elements of design for the historic district and the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation and guidelines for rehabilitating historic buildings (36 CFR Part 67).

- **Construct a new concrete front entry driveway directly east of the house including the following scope items:**
  - Removal of existing lawn and grading of location for proposed driveway.
  - Removal of existing sidewalk at location of proposed driveway and curb cut.
  - Create new curb cut and pour new concrete driveway. Driveway is to be 8’ wide and 55’ long, with a 10’ driveway apron and will not extend to the rear yard but will instead stop just shy of the existing tree at the side yard to avoid removal of the existing tree. The eastern edge of the proposed driveway is to abut the neighboring driveway and an approximately 4’-4” swath of grass will remain on the western edge of the driveway between the house and the driveway.

Please retain this COA for your files. You should now proceed to obtain a building permit from the City of Detroit Buildings, Safety, Engineering and Environmental Department. It is important to note that approval by the Detroit Historic District Commission does not waive the applicant’s responsibility to comply with any other applicable ordinances or statutes.

For the Commission:



Ann Phillips

Staff

Detroit Historic District Commission



**ADDRESS:** 888 CHICAGO BLVD

**HISTORIC DISTRICT:** BOSTON - EDISON

**APPLICANT:** KYLE CHRISTENSEN & YAZMIN CHRISTENSEN

**PROPERTY OWNER:** KYLE CHRISTENSEN & YAZMIN CHRISTENSEN

**SCOPE:** CONSTRUCT NEW DRIVEWAY

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**DESCRIPTION OF EXISTING CONDITIONS** ([photographs](#))

The building located at 888 Chicago Boulevard is a three-story single family residence constructed ca. 1915. The building is a typical example of American Eclectic style utilizing the popular four-square plan. The two story facade is symmetrical with a central door, prominent porch and symmetrical window placement. The side gabled roof has two dormers placed in line with the windows. The facade is divided into upper and lower stories by a limestone belt course. The majority of the facade is brick, and the building retains the original wood windows. The porch features a shallow American Eclectic style utilizing the popular four-square plan supported by fluted columns with Doric style capitals and adds visual interest to the orderly facade.

The property does not currently have a front facing driveway; it does include a 1-car garage with entrance through the public alley.

**DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT** ([photographs](#))

With the current proposal, the applicant is seeking the Commission’s approval to construct a new concrete driveway adjacent east of 888 Chicago Blvd. The driveway is to be 8’ wide and 55’ long, with a 10’ driveway apron. The driveway will not extend to the backyard, only extending to the side of the building. This is done to avoid unnecessary tree removal. Adjacent to the right of the driveway will be the neighbor’s 8’ wide driveway; adjacent to the left of the driveway will be 4’ 4 ¼” of lawn. The driveway will not be flush with the building.

**SCOPE OF WORK**

Included in the proposal are the following in scope items:

- Removal of existing lawn and flattening out of area where driveway will be laid out

- Removal existing sidewalk where curb cut will be added
- Pouring of new concrete driveway. The driveway is to be 8' wide and 55' long, with a 10' driveway apron. The driveway will not extend to the backyard, only extending to the side of the building.

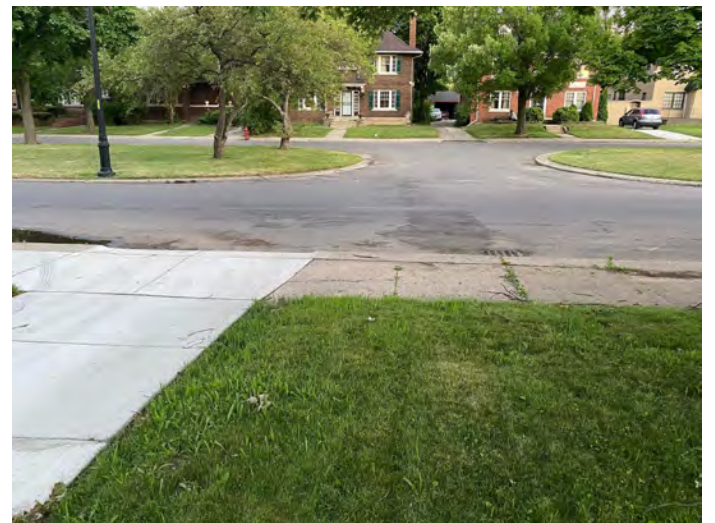
List of materials:

- Gravel
- Sand
- Concrete



## PHOTOGRAPHS OF EXISTING LOCATION

**Clockwise from top left:** 1. Front profile of 888 Chicago Blvd, 2. Proposed location of driveway adjacent to neighbor's driveway, 3. Point at which driveway would stop (before tree), 4. View of street where proposed driveway would be constructed

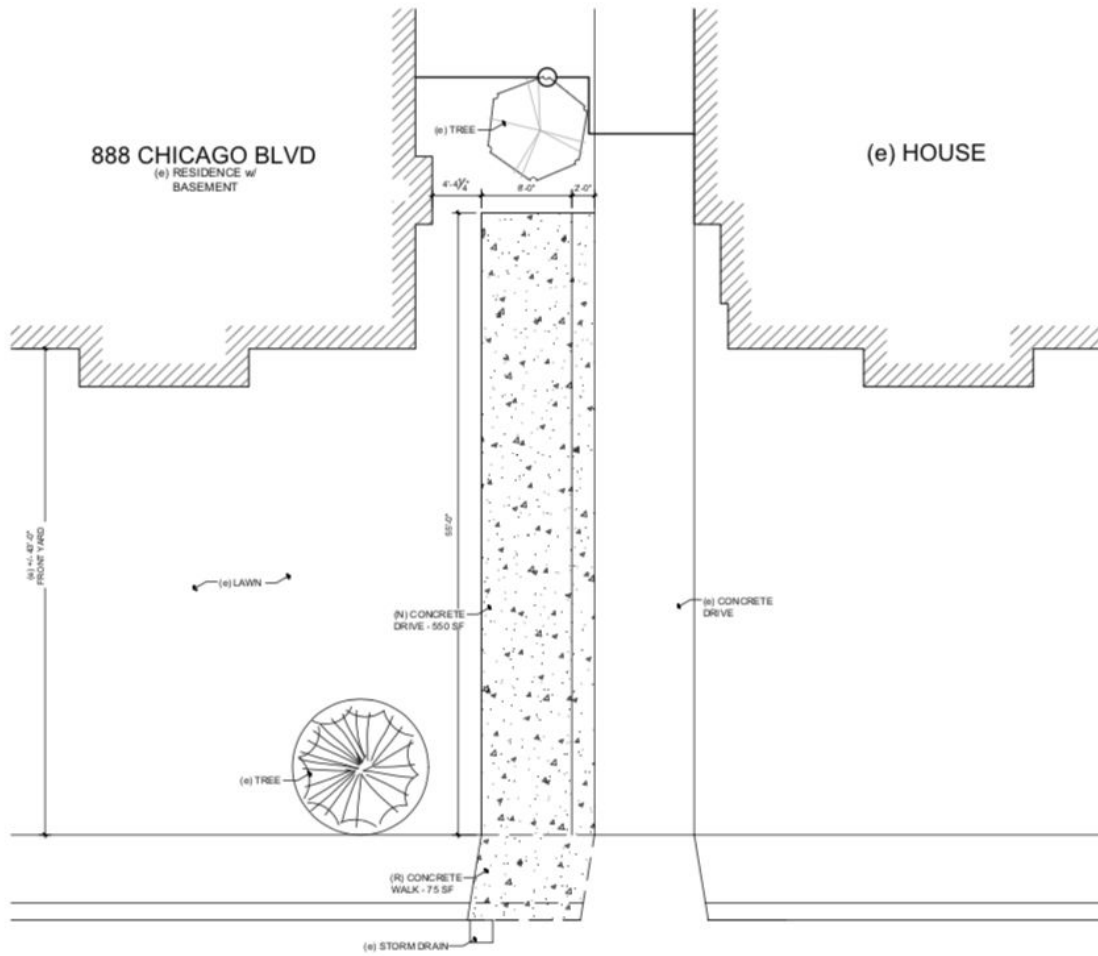




**Clockwise from top left:** 5. Detailed view of current sidewalk next to neighboring driveway, 6. Location of proposed driveway, 7. Angled view from end of proposed driveway, 8. Detailed view of where proposed driveway would end



**PHOTOGRAPHS OF PROPOSED WORK**



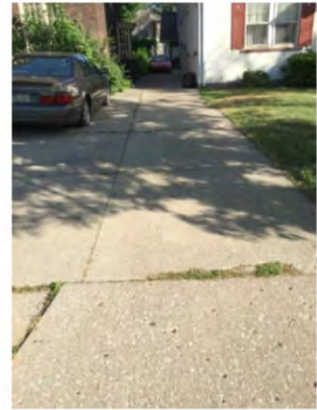
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**SITE SKETCH**

SCALE: 1/8" = 1'-0"







2 EXISTING NEIGHBORHOOD EXAMPLES  
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3 PROPOSED AREA OF WORK  
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