

Project Overview: 19331 Canterbury Road

Our house was built in 1955. The swimming pool in the side yard was part of the original house. We purchased the house in July 2015 and opened the swimming pool that same month. This was the first time the pool had been used in several years. The years of neglect prior to our ownership created many problems with the swimming pool, most notably a main drain that no longer worked, as well as cracks in the foundation that led to water constantly draining from the pool. We recently decided to remove the pool and received a COA from this commission to do so. The pool is scheduled for removal in late-November/early-December 2020.

Like the original owner, we would like to make use of this large area of our property. We worked with a local historic architect on a plan to construct a one-car garage that matches the existing house and carport, as well as implement a comprehensive landscaping plan that includes a sport court and a section of fence on one side.

We solicited feedback from our neighbors on this plan and worked closely with the Sherwood Forest Association historic committee and board, who approved this plan in-full in October.

Our goals for this project are to create something that: (1) is compatible with the unique mid-century character of our house; (2) is compatible with the Sherwood Forest neighborhood and is an aesthetically pleasing and welcoming sight as people enter the heart of our neighborhood (where our property sits); and (3) makes use of the space in a way similar to the original intent of the owners.

We feel we have accomplished these three goals. The one-car garage designed to match the shape, style, and color of the existing house and carport. It is slightly separate from the carport and set lower than the house and carport, which will allow the new structure to blend into the property and give it a feel as though it has been there all along. The landscaping and fence are designed to match the character of the house and existing pieces in other parts of the yard. And finally, a sport court/patio will allow us to still make use of this space for recreation, however in a way that is more subtle way than the existing swimming pool.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Homeowners at 19331 Canterbury Road