



HISTORICAL AFFAIRS AND LANDMARK REVIEW BOARD
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TO: HALRB

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SUBJECT: 2338 N. Fillmore Street, CoA 23-21, Maywood Local Historic District

Background Information

The Colonial Revival style pre-1923 home at 2338 N. Fillmore St. is described in the *Maywood National Register Nomination* as follows:

The wood frame American foursquare dwelling sits on a solid concrete foundation and is capped by a hipped roof with asphalt shingles and a central hipped dormer. The dwelling, clad in weatherboard and wood shingles, measures two bays in width and features an end-bay entry, two-bay porch with Tuscan column supports, overhanging eaves, and 1/1 and 1-light awning wood windows. Other details include beaded surrounds and sills, square balusters, louvered shutters, a beaded fascia board, and a Colonial Revival door surround.

The house is a contributing resource in the Maywood National Register Historic District. In August 2015, the HALRB approved CoA 15-12 for modifications to the foundation to allow a finished living space in the basement. In June 2017, the HALRB approved CoA 17-14 for some landscaping changes.

Proposal

The applicant is requesting to install a Rivian (model PT00057325-A) Electric Vehicle (EV) charger on the north side of the house adjacent to the driveway. The charger will be installed in the parged foundation wall behind the front porch hand rail, between the porch and the basement window well. The charging box will be 16.4" high x 7.7" wide x 5.8" deep and will have a 25' charging cable. Electrical power to the unit will run through the parged foundation wall and will not be visible from the exterior.

Design Review Committee (DRC) Review

At its November 1, 2023, hybrid meeting, the DRC considered the proposal and had no questions or concerns. The DRC members placed this item on the Consent Agenda for the November 15, 2023, hybrid HALRB public hearing.

Staff Recommendation

The Historic Preservation Program (HPP) staff recommends approval of the subject application. The HALRB has previously approved EV chargers in the Maywood Local Historic District (LHD), including CoA 20-16 at 2314 N. Kenmore St. and CoA 23-19 at 3500 21st Ave. N.

The scale of this proposed site element is similar to that of a mailbox (a design feature exempt from HALRB review). Given the addition over time of electrical panels, gas meters, and other utility equipment, the installation of such chargers is not necessarily incompatible with the architectural character of the Maywood LHD. As such, the HALRB should make reasonable accommodation to allow for environmentally sustainable energy in the district.

In this case, the charger will be installed on the side of the dwelling on the parged foundation surface which will not affect the historic weatherboard siding. If the charger were ever removed in the future, the foundation could easily be repaired, which complies with Standard #10 of *The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation*:

10. New additions and adjacent or related new construction shall be undertaken in such a manner that if removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the historic property and its environment would be unimpaired.

For these reasons, the HPP staff finds that the proposed installation is appropriate and complies with Chapter 7: Site Elements of the *Maywood Design Guidelines*.