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REPORT OF ALTERATIONS TO DESIGNATED RESOURCE Site Number/Address: 321 E. Olive Street Laurel School National Register Historic District ISSUED: October 18, 2021

ATTN: Tony Hartwell Michell & Charles Hartwell Trust 321 E. Olive Street Fort Collins, CO 80524

Dear Mr. Hartwell:

This report is to document proposed alterations to the C.S. Miner/Groshong Residence at 321 E. Olive Street, pursuant to Fort Collins Municipal Code Chapter 14, <u>Article IV</u>. A copy of this report may be forwarded to the Colorado Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation.

The alterations include:

- Demolition of existing rear porch addition and rear (non-historic) deck
- Construction of a new, one-story rear porch addition

Our staff review of the proposed work finds the alterations do meet the <u>SOI Standards for</u> <u>Treatment of Historic Properties</u>. A summary is provided below:

Applicable Code Standard	Summary of Code Requirement and Analysis (Rehabilitation)	Standard Met (Y/N)
SOI #1	A property will be used as it was historically or be given a new use that requires minimal change to its distinctive materials, features, spaces, and spatial relationships;	Y
	The property will remain in single-family use.	
SOI #2	The historic character of a property will be retained and preserved. The removal of distinctive materials or alteration of features, spaces, and spatial relationships that characterize a property will be avoided.	Y
	The Miner House was constructed in 1903 by Charles Button (builder) for then owner Charles S. Miner. The construction included the main 6-room frame cottage valued at \$2,000 and a barn valued at \$300. Charles and his wife Sallie were from Michigan but Sallie passed away just after they and their	

daughter Lura/Laura moved into the house. Charles worked as a bookkeeper for the Mountain Supply Ditch Company, which was later acquired by the North Poudre Irrigation Company that still exists, headquartered in Wellington. Charles died in 1913 and is buried in Grandview Cemetery at the west end of Mountain Avenue along with Sallie. After that, the property sold to Clyde and Bertha Chenault who ran the Chenault Candy Co. out of a shop at 208 Linden (now part of the Domistyle shop). The Groshongs arrived sometime in the mid-1920s and were German immigrants to the U.S. – J.V. had passed away by 1930 but Kattie remained here with her grandson Donald into the 1930s.

An historic survey completed in 1995 shows the property mostly in the same condition as it is presently:



The rear porch, while apparently an original feature to the residence, has been modified significantly over time and no longer reflects its likely historic appearance. It is not a character-defining feature and its demolition does not conflict with this Standard. The new porch is located on the rear and will not features, spaces, or spatial relationships that define the property. This project meets this Standard.

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SOI #3 *Each property will be recognized as a physical record of its time, place, and use. Changes that create a false sense of historical development, such as adding conjectural features or elements from other historic properties, will not be undertaken.*

The proposed new rear porch reflects common elements of Victorian-style porches in overall massing and fenestration pattern but includes elements not normally on such a feature to help reflect its status as new construction, including paired rear

	exit doors and a stone veneer below the window sills. However, the differentiation of the new rear porch could be improved by simplifying other decorative details, including potentially replacing the sash windows with single-light casements.	
SOI #4	 Changes to a property that have acquired historic significance in their own right will be retained and preserved. Research into building permit records found the following history of alterations at the property: 1903 – main house and rear barn constructed; 1906 Sanborn map shows main house in current configuration, including rear porch 	Y
	 1931 - repair barn damaged by fire 1949 - add insulation 1951 - wire fence added 2003 - garage constructed w/ 264 ft2 loft (barn presumably demolished at this time or before) 2007 - garage upstairs adapted to living space (410 ft2) 2005 - reroof 2019 - reroof house & garage 	
	As noted above, the existing rear porch is original to the house but has been heavily modified since construction. While conservation of building materials is encouraged, no significant historic features are being removed.	
SOI #5	 Distinctive materials, features, finishes, and construction techniques or examples of craftsmanship that characterize a property will be preserved. Although an original feature, the existing rear porch has been heavily modified, including being resided, and having its assumed window pattern (likely with a high number of windows), enclosed/infilled. No distinctive materials or features 	Y
SOI #6	 are proposed for removal as part of this project. Deteriorated historic features will be repaired rather than replaced. Where the severity of deterioration requires replacement of a distinctive feature, the new feature will match the old in design, color, texture, and, where possible, materials. Replacement of missing features will be substantiated by documentary and physical evidence. 	N/A
SOI #7	<i>Chemical or physical treatments, if appropriate, will be undertaken using the gentlest means possible. Treatments that cause damage to historic materials will not be used.</i>	N/A
SOI #8	Archeological resources will be protected and preserved in place. If such resources must be disturbed, mitigation measures will be undertaken.	N/A

	While some excavation will be undertaken to construct the new foundation and basement entry, the ground is already heavily disturbed and unlikely to yield significant, diagnostic, archaeological resources.	
SOI #9	New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction shall not destroy historic materials that characterize the property. The new work shall be differentiated from the old and shall be compatible with the massing, size, scale, and architectural features to protect the historic integrity of the property and its environment. The existing rear porch, although original, is heavily modified	Y
	and is no longer a character-defining feature. The new rear porch will be distinguished from the old through the use of stone veneer and dual rear patio doors. Differentiation could be improved by simplifying the windows to single-light casements, but the proposed windows will be aluminum-clad, making them sufficiently differentiated to meet this Standard. The new rear porch is placed on the rear and is a single story with basement access, making it compatible with the massing, size, scale, and overall architectural features of the property. It should have limited to no visibility from public rights-of-way.	
SOI #10	 New additions and adjacent or related new construction will 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. Considering the historic construction of the property, a rear porch should remain on the Miner House to retain the historic layout and general spatial organization of the house. However, if removed and not replaced in the future, the essential form of the key features of the house would remain and it would likely remain a contributing resource in the Laurel School Historic District. 	Y

The Miner House is expected to remain a contributing resource to the Laurel School Historic District, listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1980. It should retain access to financial incentive programs such as the Colorado Historic Tax Credit Program: https://www.historycolorado.org/preservation-tax-credits

If you have any questions regarding this review, please contact me. I may be reached at jbertolini@fcgov.com, or at 970-416-4250.

Sincerely,

Jim Bertolini Historic Preservation Planner







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ROOF FRAMING PLAN

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FOUNDATION PLAN

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<u>5. Framing:</u>	All framing shall be in accordance with the provisions of 2018 IRC. All connections or members not shown are per code or the general contractor/owner. All manufactured wood products shall be installed per the manufacturers specifications. Refer to the code for additional requirements.
Walls:	All exterior wall framing shall be 7/16" Structural rated OSB sheathing over 2x4 HF#2 @ 16" on-center unless noted otherwise. Sheathing shall be attached per the braced wall panel schedule.
	Built up columns are 3-2xwall thickness HF#2 or better unless noted otherwise on the plans.
Roof:	Roof sheathing shall be 2x6 min horizontal sheathing w/ (3) 16d common nails at boundary edges (end supports where horizontal sheathing is spliced) and (2) 16d common nails at intermediate supports.
	Dimensional lumber rafters are hem-fir #2 unless noted otherwise.
Misc:	All wood in contact with concrete shall be pressure treated or redwood.
	Provide solid blocking to transmit all point loads continuous to the foundation as necessary.
	If there are 20 percent of overdriven nails in sheathing, then sheathing must be renailed with proper gun pressure not to break surface of sheathing.
	Wall sheathing must not break at wall top or bottom plates, instead break at middle of rim or 12" below wall top plate.







