



September 25, 2018

To: Historic Review Board
From: Kelly Reid, Oregon City Planning Division
Re: HRB Fence Review – staff concurrence

Concurrence Approval

Staff concurrence is a process by which staff may verify a staff-level decision with the Board. Staff are authorized by the code to approve requests that meet the HRB policies. On rare occasions, where the policy is not 100% clear or there is not a precedent for approval, staff will ask the Board for concurrence, or agreement, with the staff decision, to ensure that decisions are compatible and consistent.

If the Historic Review Board finds that the proposal does not meet HRB policies, the Board may decline to concur with staff's finding and require that the applicant comply with the Historic Design Guidelines and/or request approval from the Historic Review Board through a publicly-noticed Type III land use application.

Background:

Rick Larson, a project manager for the Oregon City School District, has requested to install a steel fence at the Barclay School, which is a contributing resource in the McLoughlin Conservation District at 817 12th Street.

Historic Building Description:

This T-shaped building has simple Colonial detailing, centered primarily on the entries. The main entrance to the school is pedimented with paired square columns and pilasters. Dentils at the cornice are actually scored wood moldings. The entrance has a denticulated cornice and paneled and glass doors with a series of arched lights in the transom above. Other entries have curvilinear pediments. The corners of the building have triple vertical cornerboards. The windows are 6/6 wood double-hung with a wide simple trim. A hexagonal ventilator with a tent roof and iron weathervane houses the first school bell on the Pacific Coast, which came around the Horn to be placed in the first Barclay School. The interiors are quite intact with glazed classroom doors and fine lighting fixtures.

The school district proposes the following:

“I am attaching some pictures of the existing chain-link fence that we are planning to replace and a picture of the location of a new section of fence on the eastern property line that would replace a fence that had been removed because it encroached on the adjacent City park. The new section of fence will be located north/south along the property line which matches up with the white line painted in the driveway.

I am also attaching the cut sheet from our vendor showing the type of fence we are proposing to use. Please see the highlighted section on page 3 of the fencing cut sheet for the specific type of fence. The proposed fence will be 4' tall.”



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Product Cut Sheet

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Product Detail

Analysis:

The proposed fence is steel, and is proposed in the side/rear yard of the school. It is highly visible from the right of way; it follows the front building line of the school but does not project in front of the school.

HRB Policies (see below) allow ornamental cast iron and iron picket fences. The policy is silent on other types of metal as it was written over 25 years ago when modern fence products such as this were not as common. The proposed fence mimics a cast iron picket fence; staff finds that it is closely similar to iron and may be approved.

Adopted Policy:

Fences or walls that are listed in the "ACCEPTABLE" category may be reviewed and a decision made by staff. The primary criterion to be used by staff shall be compatibility of the proposed fence or wall with the style and period of the designated structure. If the proposal is not on a designated, the primary criterion shall be compatibility with surrounding historic structures. Either staff or applicant shall have the option of referring the plans to the Historic Review Board for resolution of doubtful or contested application of standards. Fences or walls that are not listed, or that are specifically listed under the "NOT ACCEPTABLE" category must be submitted for review and decision by the Historic Review Board.

Fences and Walls in Front Yards and Corner Side Yards	
ACCEPTABLE	NOT ACCEPTABLE
Iron Picket	Chain-link
Ornamental Cast Iron	Post and Rail / Split Rail
Brick	Concrete Block
Combinations of Iron and Masonry	Stockade
Wood Picket - flat boards or square vertical	Plywood / Hardboard or Asbestos Panel
Woven Wire if installed according to height Available from manufacturer and with wood posts and rails	Hollow, Twisted Wrought Iron
	Mixed Material Diagonal Board (e.g. brick / wood/vinyl)
Fences in Interior Side Yards, Alleyways and Rear Yards	
ACCEPTABLE	NOT ACCEPTABLE
All that are acceptable above	All that are not acceptable above
Concrete Block	
Horizontal Board	
Staggered Vertical Board (good neighbor)	
Solid Wood - flat-topped, clipped top or capped vertical	

Conclusion:

Staff believes the proposed fence is closely similar to acceptable fence types and believes the property owner should be allowed to proceed with the installation.