

From: Kristi Chase, Preservation Planner, and
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RE: Recommendation for 8/16/2011

Application: **HPC 11.74 – 27 Chester Street, - 1885, Clifton Bacon House**

7/27/11

Applicant: Francis X. Colannino

Historic and Architectural Significance

See attached survey form.

Existing Conditions

This house has been fully renovated and is well-maintained. The chain link fence that surrounded the property was removed several years ago and replaced with a hedge. Last month, the Commission approved the installation of 2 iron gates on Chester and Orchard Streets.

Proposed Work and Recommendations

Owners who seek a **Certificate of Appropriateness (C/A)** to:

1. Install 1 iron gate for the patio to match those previously approved for Orchard and Chester Streets



The Applicant proposes to construct a third gate to match the ones approved on Orchard Street and Chester Street. The gate would be located to the right of the building as seen in the photo above. See attached sketch and images

Guidelines note that fences (and gates) are prominent landscape features and should be constructed in a manner and design that is sensitive to the character of the historic structure and district.

1. Natural materials should be used for fences and walls especially those that can be seen from the street. Appropriate materials are wood, brick, stone and cast iron. Aluminum or tubular steel fencing that mimics wrought iron is allowed. Vinyl fencing is not allowed. Wood fencing should be stained or painted to match the house trim. Materials and style should blend with buildings, walls and fences found in the neighborhood.
2. Fences should not be used to screen front yards, rather front yard fences should be open and decorative in nature. The maximum height for front yard fences is 4 feet along all public rights-of-way. Fencing may be used to screen parking areas or mechanical systems.



Staff believes that the proposed gate meets the above guidelines and is stylistically compatible with this grand Queen Anne style house. Staff recommends granting a Certificate of Appropriateness for the proposed additional iron gate.