

Proposal to Remove “Little Shed”

381 Tenney Circle

Historic District Commission Meeting

Tuesday, October 10, 2023

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Outline of Proposal

- 381 Tenney Circle Overview
- Little Shed description
- Event of August 15-16: White Oak Falls on “Little Shed”
- Supporting Photos
- Justification for Project
- Discussion

381 Tenney Circle: Overview

- House constructed in 1810
 - Original Tenney farmhouse
 - Boarding house for James K Polk
 - Series of additions and renovations through 1974
- Purchased from Tenney family (Betty Owens) by John and Elizabeth Pringle in 1992
- Renovation in 1993 with goal of preserving historical character of house
 - Significant attention to both interior and exterior preservation
 - 1994 Community Appearance Award
 - Citation for Preservation and Conservation, 1994, CH Preservation Society

Little Shed Description

- Constructed in ~1950
- In disrepair in 1992
- Renovated in 1993 by John and Elizabeth Pringle
 - 2 rooms, 1 bathroom, sink
- Used by Pringle family for 30 years
 - Ping Pong table
 - Spare sleeping capacity for family gatherings
- Little Shed does not have any significant cultural or historical significance
- No materials worth salvaging for future use

Events of August 15-16

- Large White Oak fell from neighbor's property
 - Largest White Oak on Tenney Circle
 - Multi-trunked, with span ~100, height 125'
- Landed on "Little Shed" causing catastrophic damage
 - Trunk split house in half
 - Roof collapsed in multiple places
- Not possible to repair
 - Construction quality of original structure not excellent
- Current condition hazardous
 - Dust and debris
 - Unstable

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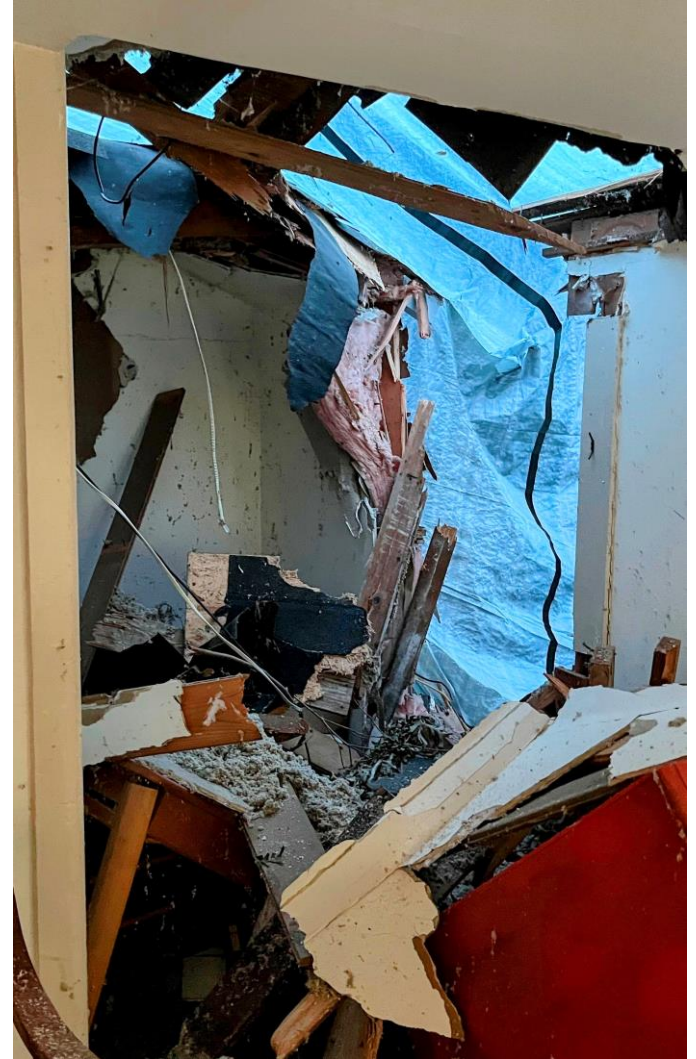
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Request approval to remove “Little Shed”

- Currently represents health and safety hazard
- Catastrophic damage: Split in half and roof collapsed in multiple locations
 - Cannot be repaired. Requires complete demolition
- Structure was not of significant historical importance to 381 Tenney Circle or district as a whole
- Absence does not detract from historical nature of main house, property
- No valuable or historic materials to be salvaged for future use
- Site does not present risk of erosion/sedimentation during/following removal
- Pringle family committed to preserving main house and property

Questions and Discussion

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