

PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF BEXLEY ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

The Bexley Architectural Review Board will hold a Public Meeting on the following case on Thursday, September 13th, 2012, at 7:00 P. M., in City Council Chambers, Bexley City Hall, 2242 East Main Street, Bexley, Ohio.

The Board of Zoning Appeals hears requests for Special Permits and Appeals for Variances to the requirements of the Zoning Code, Ordinance No.8-72.

SPECIAL NOTE TO THE APPLICANT: It is important that you or your representative be present at the Public Hearing. It is a rule of the Board to withdraw an application when a representative is not present.

Application No.: 12-0003 CC
Applicant: Owner
Owner: Joe Kuspan & Dorri Steinhoff
Location: 2115 Clifton Avenue

REQUEST: **The applicant is seeking a recommendation to Bexley City Council (in accordance with Ordinance No. 42-12) to allow the existing lot to be split to create a separate parcel/building lot between 2115 Clifton Avenue and 2125 Clifton Avenue. The applicant is also seeking a recommendation to City Council for a variance to allow the existing principal structure at 2115 Clifton Avenue to encroach into the east side yard setback.**

A copy of this application is available for review in the Building Department office during the hours of 8:00 A.M. until 4:00 P.M. If you have any questions, please call the Bexley Building Department at 559-4240.

Please contact the City of Bexley at 559-4240 at least 48 hours before the scheduled meeting if you need any accommodation or assistance in order to participate at the meeting.

Mailed by 09-06-2012

CITY OF BEXLEY PLANNING COMMISSION



Decision and Record of Action –August 27, 2012

The City of Bexley Planning Commission took the following action at this meeting:

1. **Location: 2115 Clifton Avenue**
Application #:12-0003
Applicant: Owner
Owner: Joe Kuspan & Dorri Steinhoff
Zoning: R-3

(Ord 42-12)

Request: Bexley City Council requests that Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals make a recommendation to permit the existing lot to be split to create a separate parcel/building lot between 2115 Clifton Avenue and 2125 Clifton Avenue. The applicant is also seeking a recommendation to City Council for a variance to allow the existing principal structure at 2115 Clifton Avenue to encroach into the east side yard setback.

MOTION: To recommend approval of this request to City Council, permitting the lot split based on the following: 1) This is an isolated case in that the original plat was for 3 separate lots; 2) It is a unique situation and the Planning Commission supports it on it's own merits, being surrounded by 3 Planned Unit Residential (PUR) Districts; 3) the new east lot line for 2115 Clifton be shifted 1 foot to the east in order to maintain the minimum fire safety code setback of the existing principal structure at 2115 Clifton Avenue, making the newly created lot (2121 Clifton Avenue) 49' in width; 4) the footprint of the new home is to be substantially similar to the proposed conceptual footprint; 5) The proposed setbacks for the new dwelling be maintained; and 6) The mature trees on the newly created lot be preserved to the best extent possible.

VOTE: 7-0 by the Planning Commission to recommend approval to City Council.

RESULT: This application was recommended for approval to City Council.

Staff Certification

Kathy Rose
Planning Officer

Recorded in the Official Journal this 27th
day of August, 2012.

Cc: Applicant, Development Office, File Copy

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
CITY OF BEXLEY
PLANNING COMMISSION**

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Mailed by: 08.20.12

ORIGINAL

Ordinance 42-12

Introduced by: Matt Lampke

An Ordinance to approve a variance to allow a lot split located at 2115 Clifton Avenue, Bexley, Ohio, said variance being necessary as the new lot will not meet existing R-3 zoning requirements. Said variance application and proposed lot split attached hereto.

WHEREAS, Joseph F. Kuspan and Dorri J. Steinhoff have requested permission to split the existing lot located at 2115 Clifton Avenue; and

WHEREAS, said lot split will not meet the existing R-3 zoning requirements, as the principal structure will be closer to the side yard property line than the code allows; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEXLEY, OHIO:

Section 1. Based upon the findings set forth in the recitals to this Ordinance and pursuant to this Council's power and authority to grant variances of the Planning and Zoning Code of the City of Bexley, said variance as requested for the property located at 2115 Clifton Avenue, Bexley, Ohio is hereby approved.

Section 2. That this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the earliest date permitted by law.

Benjamin J. Kessler, Mayor

Date

Clerk of Council

Dated: _____, 2012

President of Council

Dated: _____

PROPOSED LOT SPLIT
at 2115 Clifton Avenue
Bexley, Ohio

Dorri Steinhoff & Joe Kuspan
July 2012

CONTEXT

We are requesting a lot split at the 2115 Clifton Avenue so that we can build a smaller and more energy efficient home, requiring less maintenance as we approach retirement age.

The context consists of three separate high density planned unit residential (PUD) developments that surround two existing single family houses at 2115 and 2125 Clifton Avenue. Bishop Square, to the west, has 5 two story multi-unit condominium buildings with several detached garage structures. Sessions Village, to the south, and Lyon's Gate, to the east, both have detached and multi-unit attached single family houses. The adjacent northwest portion of Sessions Village and the entirety of Lyon's Gate, when fully implemented, will be very dense with zero lot lines and minimal setbacks the norm. Lyon's gate will have twice the density with 18 single family dwellings on a property that is 4.5 times larger than the 2 dwellings/properties at 2115 and 2125 Clifton Avenue. Bishop Square, while not directly comparable with its five 4-unit buildings on 3.2 times the property area, is over 3 times the density.

It is within this context we propose to construct a new house. The existing zoning is R-3 medium density single family residential development, which provides significantly lower density than any of the surrounding developments. We propose to derive the lot size and requirements using the R-6 high density single family residential development as a guideline, which is more stringent and less dense than the three surrounding developments, particularly Lyon's Gate.

Bexley has precious few opportunities for growth, and the resulting property tax gain alone could be in the vicinity of \$10,000/year with the construction of a new house at 2121 Clifton Avenue - a new structure that will be completely compatible with its immediate neighbors in architectural character and scale.



EXISTING CONTEXT

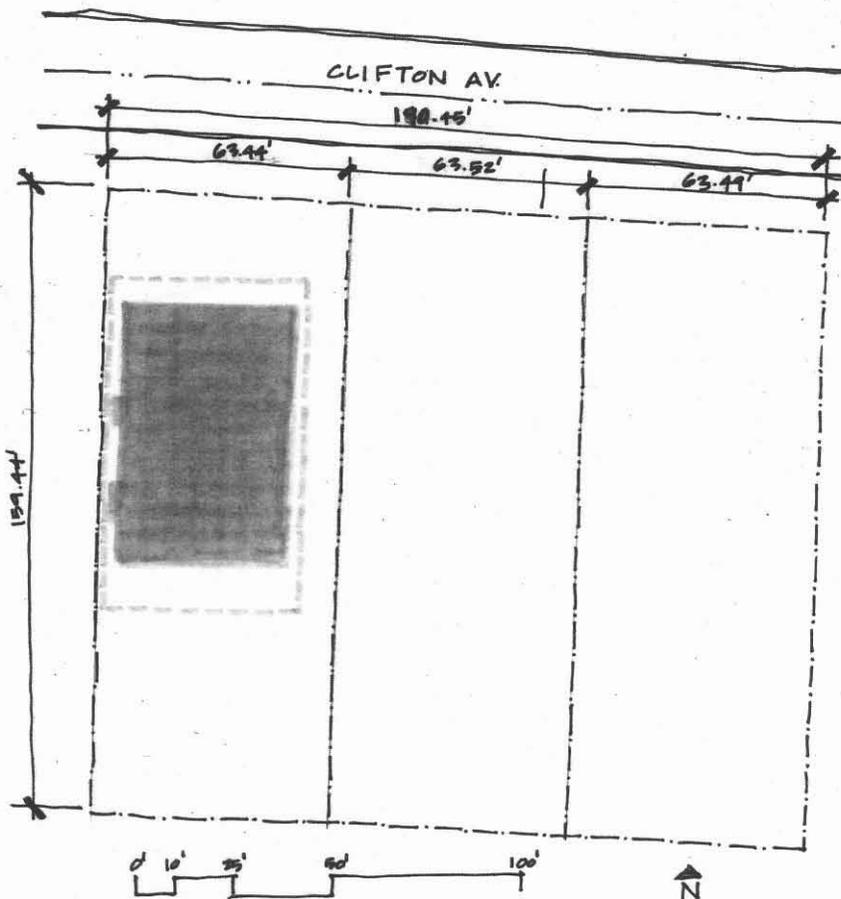
ORIGINAL LOTS

Our lot was originally platted as 3 of 4 parcels with a southern parcel which is now the northwestern-most lot (#18) of Sessions Village. The house at 2115 Clifton Avenue was constructed in 1965 as a one story structure located on the western-most of the three remaining parcels along Clifton Avenue, with limited setbacks on the east & west sides. In 1975, a 10 foot by 100 foot strip of property along the west was purchased from the developers of Bishop Square, adding to the west portion of the lot at 2115. In 1976, a second floor master bedroom suite was constructed that spanned over the original roof, with overhanging east and west balconies. In 1981, a lot split was granted and the eastern original parcel of the 3 adjoining Clifton Avenue frontage parcels, plus 11'-6" of the old center parcel, was sold and a house (2125 Clifton Avenue) was constructed.

2115 Clifton Avenue - 63.45' X 159.44' = 10,114 sf lot

2121 Clifton Avenue - 63.5' X 159.44' = 10,124 sf lot

2125 Clifton Avenue - 63.5' X 159.44' = 10,124 sf lot



ORIGINAL LOTS
WITH ORIGINAL 1965 HOUSE AT 2115 CLIFTON AV.

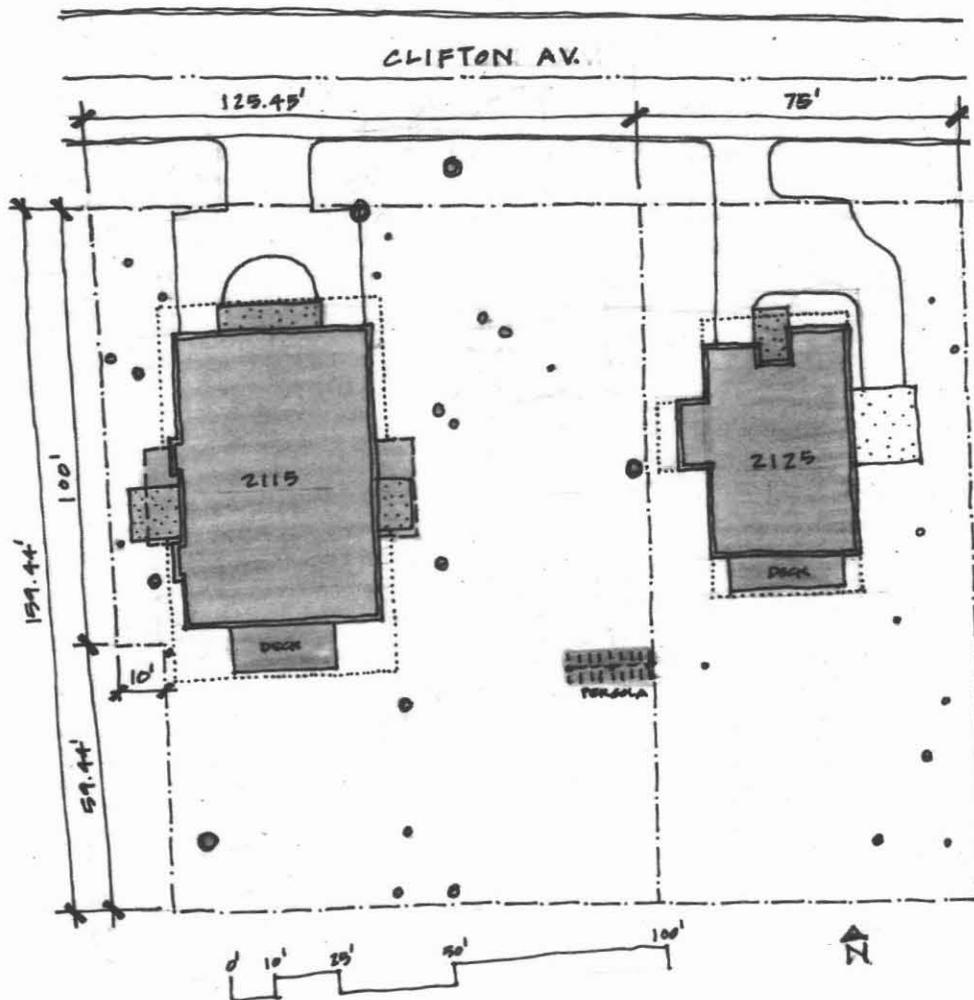
■ ORIGINAL HOUSE 1965

EXISTING CONDITIONS

The house at 2115 does not comply with the setback requirements for R-3 on its west side.

The existing lot at 2125 does not comply with the width nor the area requirements for R-3 medium density single family residential development. The house's west setback also does not comply with R-3.

2115 Clifton Avenue - 4014 sf house & pergola on 19,405 sf lot = 20.7 % lot coverage
2125 Clifton Avenue - 2073 sf house on 11,958 sf lot = 17.3% lot coverage



EXISTING CONDITIONS

- MATURE TREES
- AREAS IN LOT COVERAGE CALCULATIONS

PROPOSED LOTS

The proposed lot at 2115 is 75.45' wide (along Clifton Avenue) x 159.44' deep, which is an area of 11,435 sf.

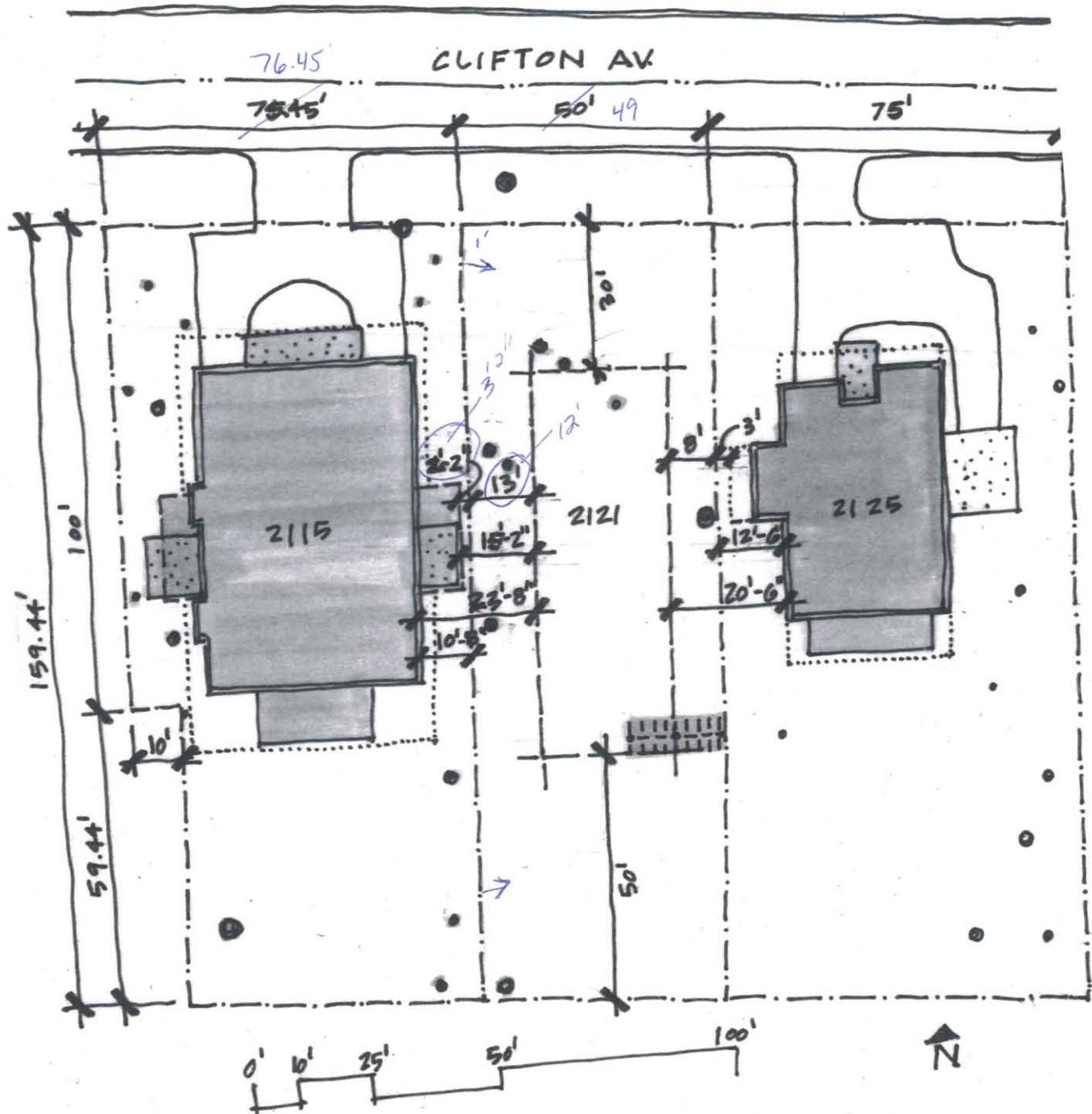
The existing lot to remain unchanged at 2125 is 75' wide (along Clifton Avenue) X 159.44' deep, which is an area of 11,958 sf.

The proposed lot for 2121 (new structure proposed to sit between 2115 and 2125) would be 50' wide (along Clifton Avenue) and 159.44' deep with an area of 7,972 sf. This width is derived from the R-6 high density single family residential district minimum width. The R-6 minimum lot requirement is 6,000 sf. The proposed setbacks are 30' at the front, and 50' at the rear, which both comply with existing R-3 requirements. The east setback is 8' which is derived from the R-6 requirements and the west setback is 13'. These side setbacks ensure that the new house will maintain a reasonable separation from the two adjoining structures, with the west setback providing a minimum 23'-8" distance from the principal east exterior wall of both stories at 2115 - the existing first floor facade's only glass at eye level is a 7'-5" wide sliding glass door. A open balcony projecting from the east at the second floor of 2115 would be 15'-2" from the setback for 2121 - This balcony has a 12' sliding glass door. The east setback will provide a minimum distance of 20'-6" from the principal exterior wall at 2125 - the existing west facade's only glass is a 4' wide casement window. There is a storage room along part of the west side of 2125 with an overhanging shed roof that is 3' from the property line.

2115 Clifton Avenue - 75.45' (southern boundary = 65.45') X 159.44' = 11,435 sf lot area

2125 Clifton Avenue - 75' X 159.44' = 11,958 sf lot area

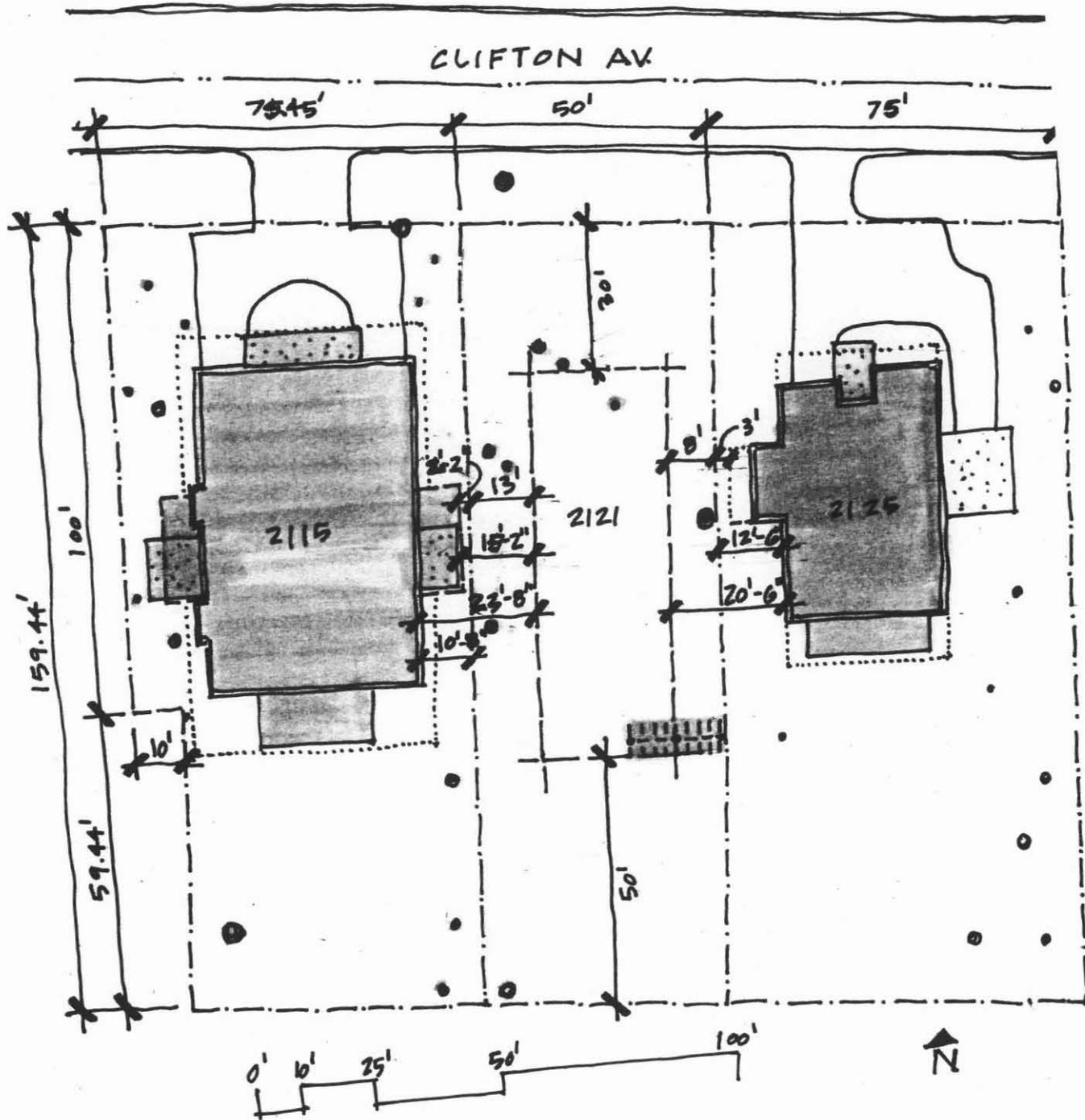
2121 Clifton Avenue - 50' x 159.44' = 7,972 sf lot area



PROPOSED LOT - 2121 CLIFTON AV
WITH PROPOSED SETBACKS FOR NEW LOT

- MATURE TREES
- PROPOSED SETBACKS

Exhibit "A"



PROPOSED LOT - 2121 CLIFTON AV
WITH PROPOSED SETBACKS FOR NEW LOT
 ● MATURE TREES
 --- PROPOSED SETBACKS

PROPOSED CONCEPT

The proposed lot change at 2115 would make the lot coverage 34.1%, complying with the R-6 requirements being used as a guideline. The existing lot coverage at 2125 has lot coverage of 17.3%, in compliance with R-3 requirements. The proposed conceptual footprint for the new house at 2121 is 1,800 sf. This is comprised of 1,500 sf for a 2 story house, 180 sf for a covered rear deck and 120 sf for an existing pergola. This makes the proposed lot coverage 22.6%, which complies with R-3 requirements. The combined lot coverages of 2115, 2121, and 2125 (34.1, 17.3 and 22.6%) would be 24.8%, complying with R-3 requirements.

The design concept has a courtyard carved out of the center of the house's form along the east. This breaks the house into two parts allowing for windows to be placed on the north and south elevations in keeping with green design principles. In addition, this courtyard is centered on a large sycamore tree at the east property line. Four other mature deciduous trees along the west property (1 black walnut, 2 oaks and 1 maple) will also be preserved. One mature black walnut and one mature hemlock (currently shows signs of decline) will be removed by the construction of the house. We plan to recycle the walnut as a finish material in the new house.

The 2-car garage will match the concept of the garages at both adjoining houses, with cedar shakes that camouflage the two overhead doors framed by brick piers. The house's cladding will employ the shakes used on both adjoining houses as well as the swimming pool structures across the street (all 3 are different products). The rooflines will match the look of the flat roofs of 2115 and 2125, except for the east facade where the roofline will be slightly sloped, conforming to the sloping roofs around the courtyard that will drain into rain barrels and a rock bed in the courtyard. A white roof (like the recent roof replacement at 2115) will reflect the sun for energy efficiency while reducing urban heat island effects on a large scale and on a small scale for the surrounding trees (A green roof was contemplated, but the water is needed by the surrounding trees and will be properly distributed to them). To protect everyone's privacy, clerestory windows only will be utilized along the west and east for daylight and the natural ventilation that 2115 has, and will provide character and scale to these facades. The height of the proposed house will nestle comfortably between the two existing structures. 2125, while only one story, has a flat roof that houses the trusses that span the building, making for unusually tall facades of 13'-8". 2115 sits on an elevated grade from 2125, with tall floor-to-floor heights of 12' at the first floor and 11'-3" at the second floor.

A geothermal HVAC system is being contemplated and currently being investigated.

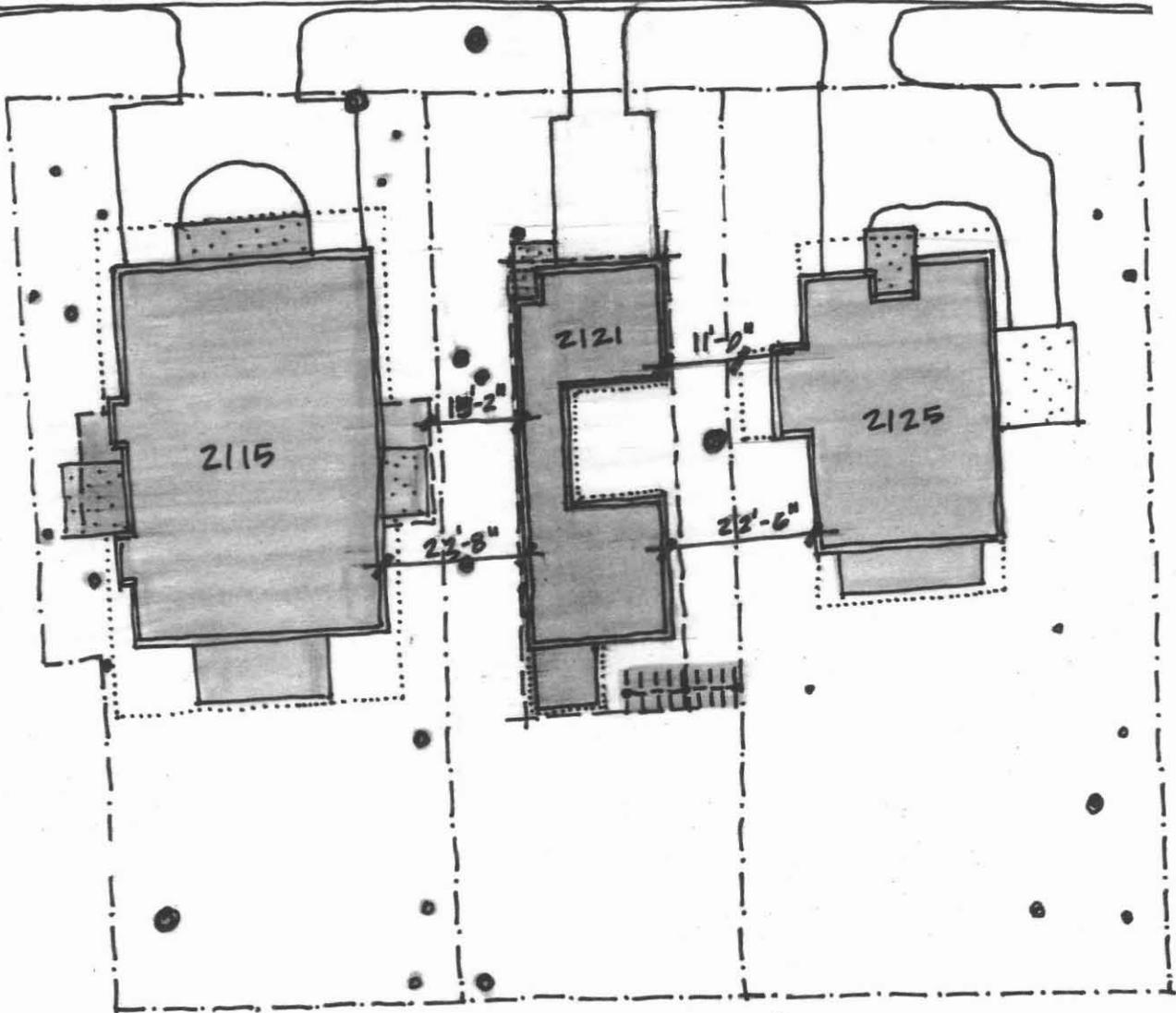
2115 Clifton Avenue - 3894 sf house on 11,435 sf lot = 34.1% lot coverage

2125 Clifton Avenue - 2073 sf house on 11,958 sf lot = 17.3% lot coverage

2121 Clifton Avenue - 1800 sf house & pergola on 7,972 sf lot = 22.6% lot coverage

2115, 2121 & 2125 combined - 7677 sf on 31,365 sf lots = 24.8% lot coverage

CLIFTON AV.



**PROPOSED CONCEPTUAL FOOTPRINT
FOR 2121 CLIFTON AV.**

- MATURE TREES
- AREAS IN LOT COVERAGE CALCULATIONS

Exhibit B

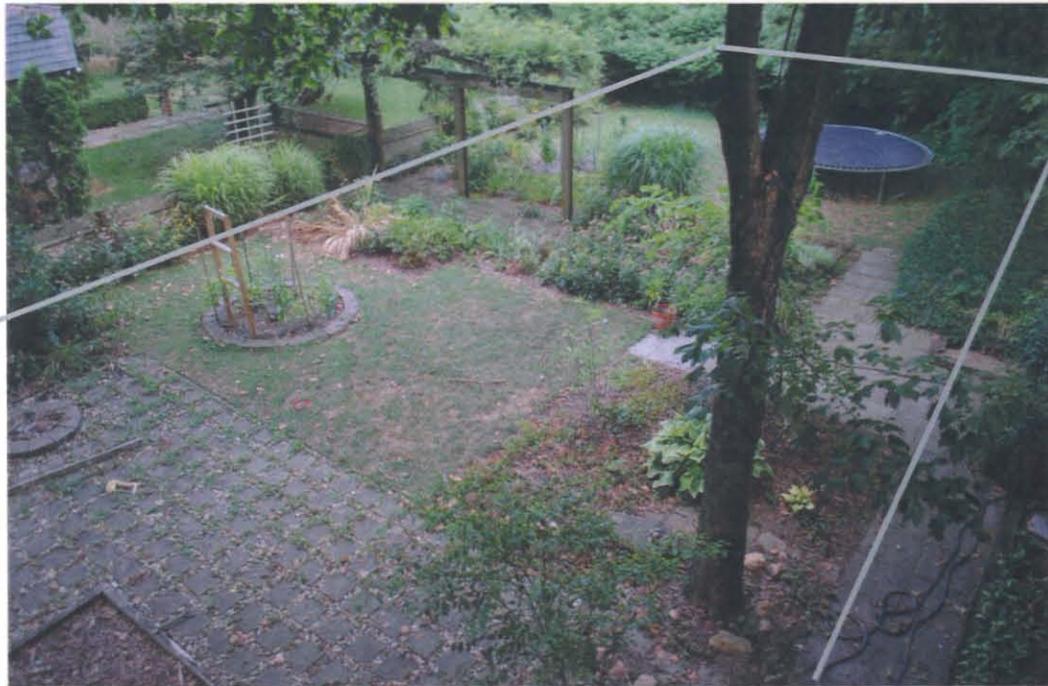


2125



2121

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Aerial of proposed lot





2125

2115



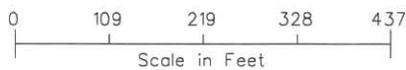
Lyon's Gate

2125



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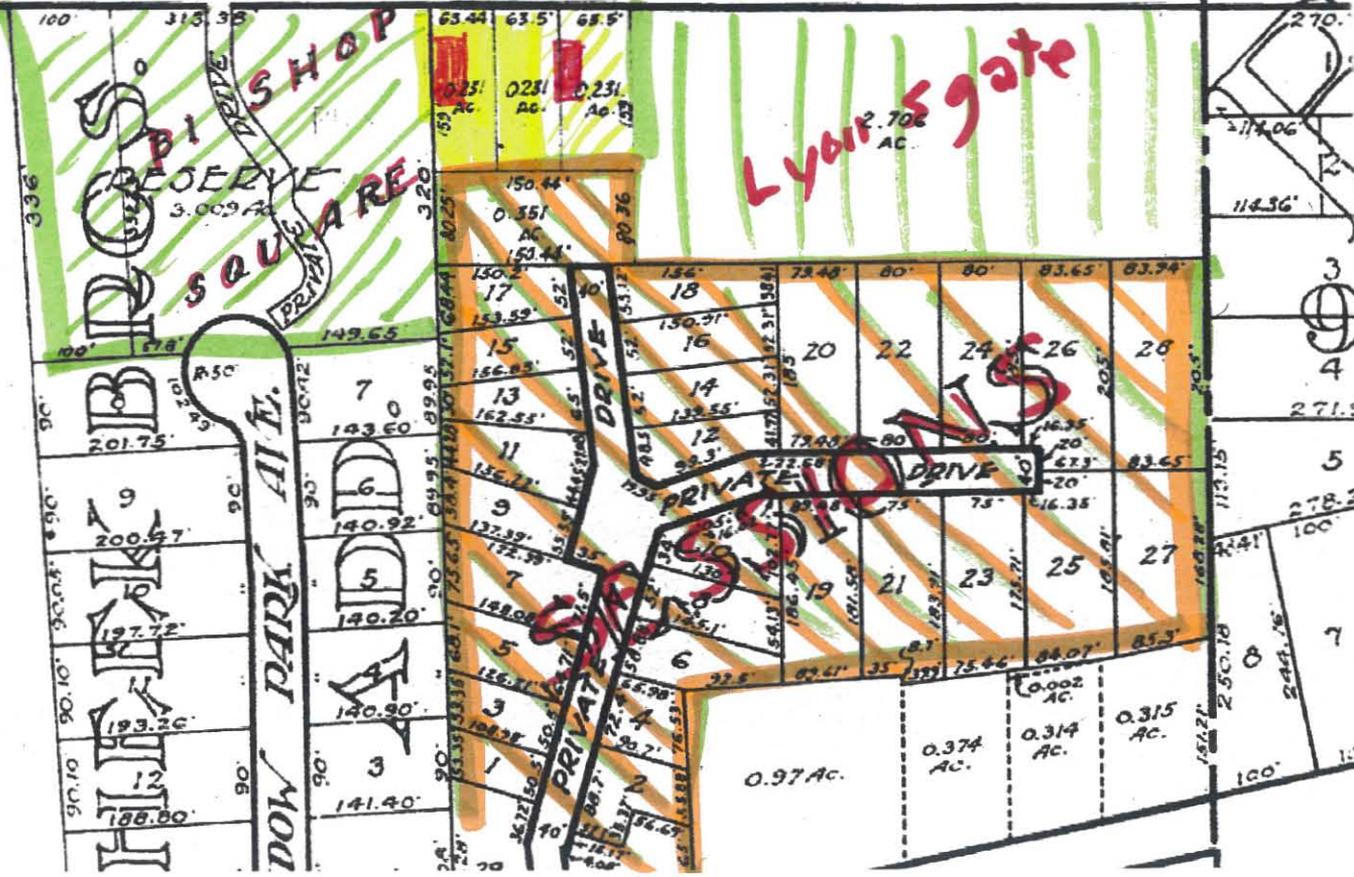
City of Bexley

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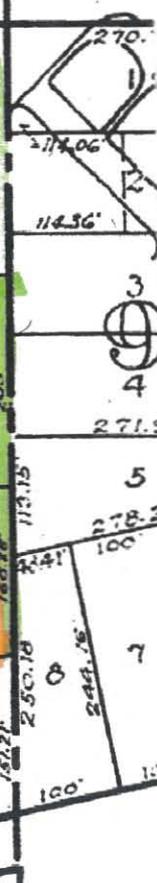
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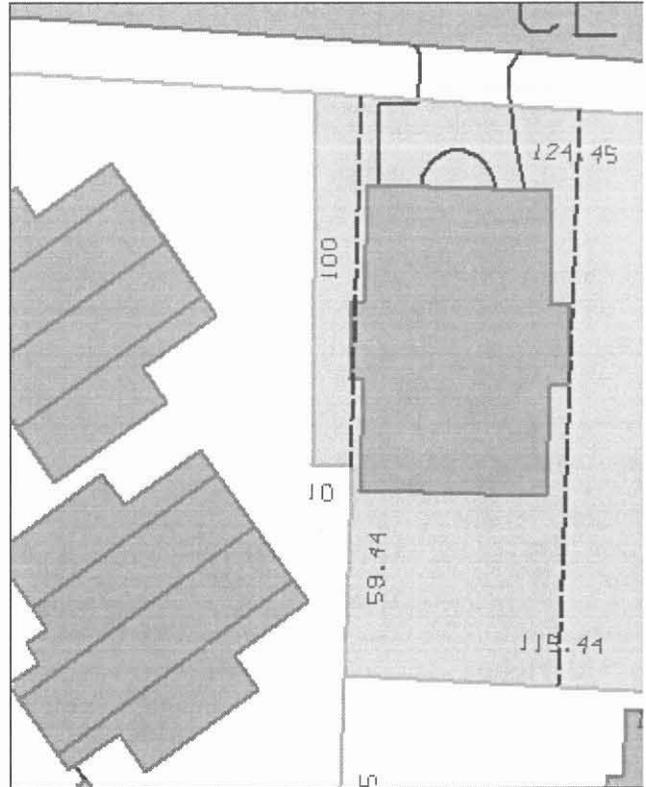


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Columbus Station 15	1.5 miles

24 August, 2012

Kathy Rose
Building Department Manager
City of Bexley
2242 East Main Street
Bexley, Ohio 43209

Dear Kathy Rose,

The Navarre Musson designed properties at 2115 and 2125 Clifton Avenue have been unique features of the Bexley landscape for many years.

Recently my neighbors, Joe Kuspan and Dori Stienhoff have made me aware of plans for a new house adjoining the western edge of my property.

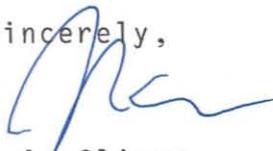
I have reviewed the lot split and design features of the new construction proposed by my neighbors.

I am in favor of this project for two reasons:

- 1) The contemporary design of the new house will further enhance the esthetic diversity of the Parkview/ Clifton area.
- 2) The lot split will add additional tax revenue to the community.

I encourage you and the other board members to weigh the positive aspects of this proposal as it has great potential to artistically enhance this area of Bexley.

Sincerely,



S.A. Climer
2125 Clifton Avenue



City of Bexley

Building Department - Code Enforcement

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

This is to inform you that a public meeting will be held by the Zoning and Development Committee of the Council of the City of Bexley, Ohio, at 6:00 P.M. , Tuesday, October 9^h, 2012, at Bexley City Hall, 2242 East Main Street, to consider adoption of Ordinance No. 42-12. This ordinance, if approved, would grant a variance to allow a lot split for property known as 2115 Clifton Avenue, Bexley Ohio, said variance being necessary as the new lot will not meeting existing R-3 zoning requirements.

Documents regarding the project are on file in the Bexley Building Department, Bexley City Hall, 2242 East Main Street, Bexley, Ohio, between the hours of 8:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday through Friday.

All interested persons are invited to attend.

Mailed: September 6th, 2012

**Planning Commission Meeting
August 27, 2012
Staff Recommendations:**

a.)Capital University Temporary Art Installation

The submitted plan involves for the temporary installation of a sand fence sculpture by artist and CCAD president Dennison Griffith. The Main Street Design Guidelines do not regulate art installations. President Griffith is a renowned artist, and his work on this installation is being sponsored and promoted by Capital University. This sort of a project helps to provide energy and vitality to the Main Street Corridor, and will attract positive outside interest to the City. We recommend for approval of this application.

b.)Columbus School for Girls, 65 South Drexel Avenue Signage

The application as proposed involves the installation of lettering onto a masonry monument surface which was previously approved as a part of the Drexel Avenue Plaza. The bronze lettering is 5.25" in height and is consistent with other lettering found on existing buildings of the CSG campus. This property is zoned PUR, and does not have any specific signage standards. Given the conformance of this sign to other signage on the campus, and given the high quality and appropriate scale of the materials used, we recommend for the approval of the plan as submitted.

On a side note – the landscape has been modified to screen the gas meters installed during construction that are located along Drexel Avenue, just east of the south parking lot. Staff would recommend that if the Commission finds the landscape modification acceptable, that the representative from CSG agree to make sure this landscape screen is maintain in perpetuity.

c.)ATM at Gateway South

The submitted plan involves a smaller ATM unit than was previously proposed, constructed of a higher quality stainless steel finish. The Main Street Design Guidelines to not directly address a free-standing ATM machine. We do not view this unit to be a secondary structure via Main Street Design Guidelines B.20 or signage. We feel that this improvement would provide a meaningful amenity to users at the Gateway and Alexander, and feel that the smaller design is more appropriate to the property on which it is located. In light of these considerations, we recommend for approval of this application.

d.)2115 Clifton Avenue

 The original plat for this area indicates 3 lots, non-conforming in size in the R-3 Zoning District, where two homes (2115 Clifton and 2125 Clifton) are currently located. There have been changes over the years that have shifted the original lot lines which have resulted in the two existing parcels fronting on Clifton Avenue. The Parcel to the west is made up of the west lot and most of the center lot. The applicant would like to split this parcel, to basically takes it back to the 3 lots and further create a building lot between the two existing homes. Although the lots still

will not conform to the R-3 Zoning District, these lots are surrounded by 3 different Planned Unit Residential (PUR) Districts. The PUR Districts all have high density lot coverage and zero lot line setbacks in some cases, and should not be negatively impacted by this change. Staff would support the lot split, with a lot line adjustment of a one (1) foot shift to the east for the new east lot line created for 2115 Clifton Avenue, in order to maintain the minimum fire safety code setback of the existing principal structure at 2115 Clifton Avenue.

e.)2240 East Livingston Avenue Speedway Sign

In light of a pending Livingston Avenue overlay that has been proposed by the administration and recommended by the council-adopted 2011 Bexley Land Use Strategy, we recommend that this application be modified to specify a monument sign to be generally in accordance with C.24 of the Main Street Design Guidelines, regulating free-standing signage. Ground-mounted signage would conform to the new monument sign installation at the proposed Tim Horton's, and would conform to proposed signage standards for Livingston Avenue as discussed in public meetings of the Planning Commission and the Tree and Public Gardens Commission. While the sign as proposed does conform to the signage standards of the CS zoning district, we recommend working with the applicant to negotiate a sign design which is more fitting to a revitalized Livingston Avenue corridor.

f.)2511 East Main Street – Gledhill Robbins & Talis Group

The submitted plan calls for installation of a new wall sign and window lettering on the premises. The window lettering as proposed is conforming, and is tastefully presented. The Main Street Design Guidelines allow a wall sign that has a square footage not exceeding the linear feet of the building front. In this instance, the proposed sign is 16 square feet in area with building frontage of 18'. The 2' x 8' sign size is consistent with the sign package for the building. In the instance of this property, this sign is adjacent to several other storefront properties with similarly sized and placed signs. However, the profile as proposed does not mimic that of the adjacent signs. We recommend for acceptance of the application as proposed, with the modification of the sign profile to match the rounded corners of the adjacent signage at the same level as the subject property.