

ADDRESS: 1707 PORTER ST

Proposal: Construct rear addition, alter side openings

Review Requested: Final Approval

Owner: Carley Pascetta and William Pasquarello

Applicant: Timothy Kerner, Terra Studio LLC

History: 1906; James H. and John T. Windrim, architects

Individual Designation: None

District Designation: Girard Estate Historic District, Contributing, 11/10/1999

Staff Contact: Kim Chantry, kim.chantry@phila.gov

BACKGROUND:

This application proposes to construct a two-story rear addition and alter side openings at 1707 Porter Street. The addition would be visible from Roseberry Street, a service alley at the rear that marks the northern boundary of the district, and from S. 17th Street at the side. The addition would maintain an open porch at the first floor, and be clad in fiber-cement siding. The rear chimney is proposed for removal as part of this project. Many of the openings on the side were previously altered or infilled. A proposal for a similar two-story rear addition on this same block was approved by the Commission in 2003, and a one-story rear addition on this block was approved by the Commission in 2014.

SCOPE OF WORK

- Construct two-story rear addition and alter side openings.

STANDARDS FOR REVIEW:

The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties and Guidelines include:

- *Standard 9: New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction will not destroy historic materials, features, and spatial relationships that characterize the property. The new work shall be differentiated from the old and will be compatible with the historic materials, features, size, scale and proportion, and massing to protect the integrity of the property and its environment.*
 - The proposed addition will only be visible from the far side, and rear along a service alley, and will not destroy the features and spatial relationships that characterize the property, owing to its location and context.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approval, provided the chimney above the roof is retained, pursuant to Standard 9.

July 14, 2020

To: Kim Chantry, Historic Preservation Planner
Philadelphia Historical Commission
1515 Arch Street
Philadelphia, PA 19102

Re: 1707 Porter Street

Dear Ms. Chantry,

The attached drawings and images depict a two-story addition proposed for the back of 1707 Porter Street, which is within the Girard Estate Historic District. The owners, Carley Pascetta and William Pasquarello, recently purchased this property and wish to enlarge the house to meet the needs of their family.

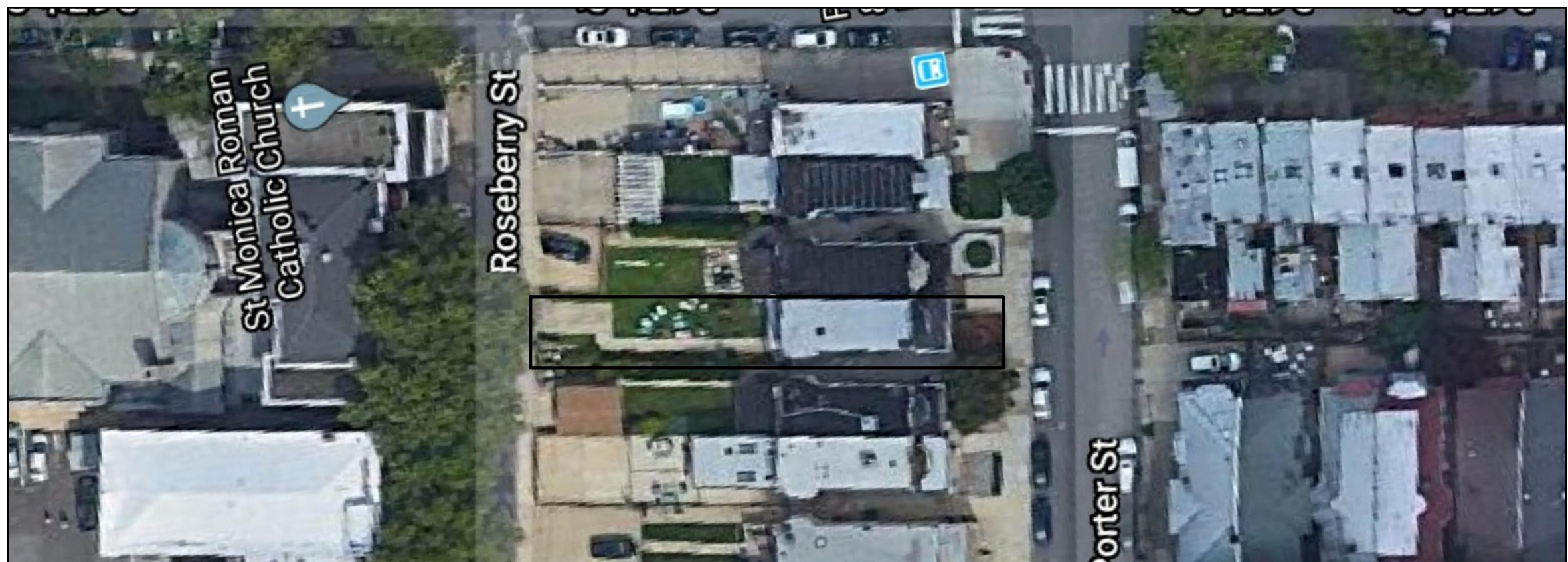
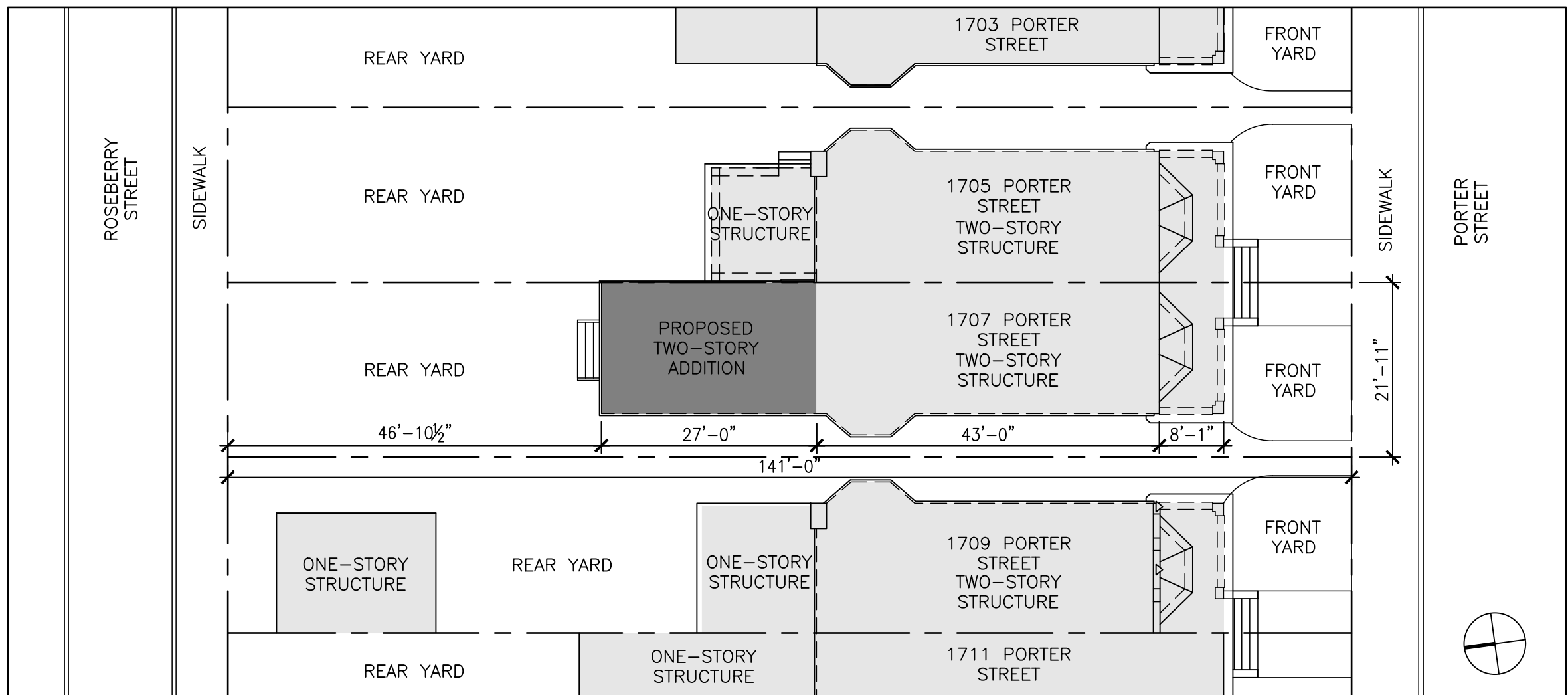
The front of the house is the most historically significant aspect of this property and it will not be altered. As you can see from the photos and drawings, the existing back of the house lacks architectural merit. Additionally, this elevation is positioned almost 74' from the rear property line along Roseberry Street; a service street with driveways along the entire south side of the block and sides of structures along the north side.

In addition to providing comfortable spaces for the family, the intention of the addition is to improve the appearance of the back of the house in a manner that is both distinct and compatible with its historic character. The construction of the addition would allow for a rear yard with a 47' depth, leaving sufficient green open area to meet the intent of this early twentieth-century Garden City development. We are hopeful the Historical Commission will agree and look forward to discussing the project with you.

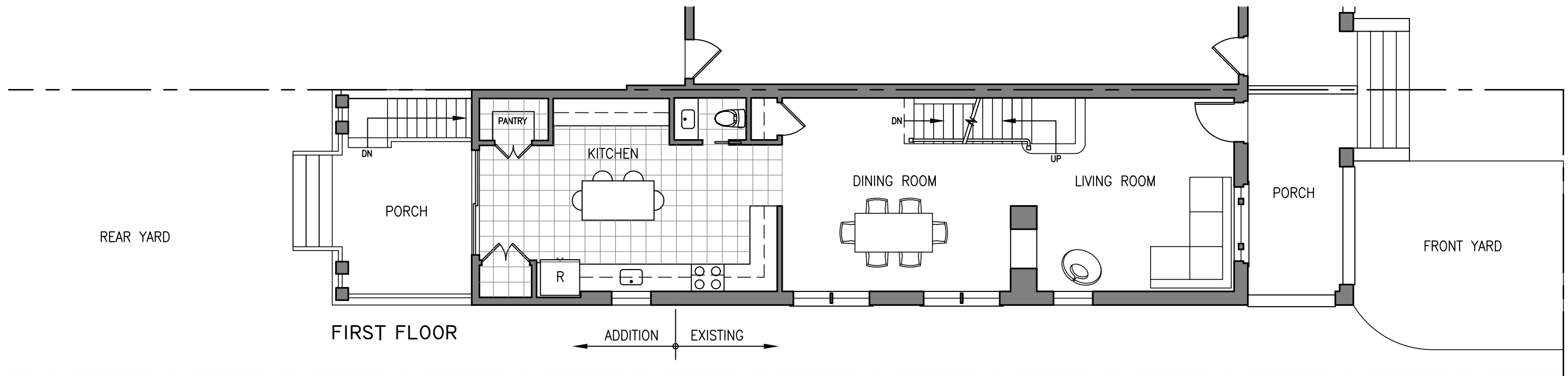
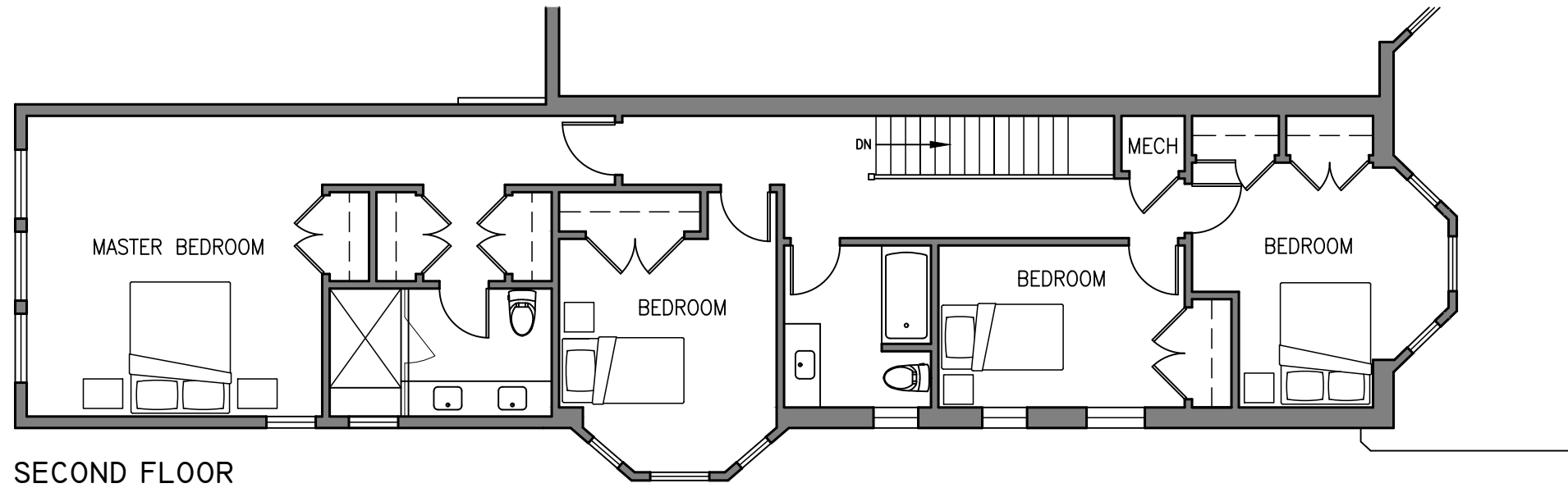
Sincerely,

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Timothy Kerner, AIA









PROPOSED REAR ELEVATION

PROPOSED SIDE ELEVATION



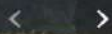
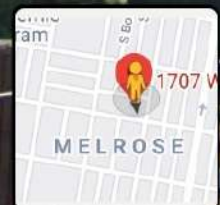
EXISTING REAR ELEVATION

EXISTING SIDE ELEVATION

1701 Roseberry St
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania



Street View



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