

Discuss and advise

DISCUSSION:

The city is preparing a project to improve N. 14th Street from Superior to Interstate 80, including widening to four through-lanes and completion of a sidewalk on the east side. The Dr. Slattery House, a designated landmark, is adjacent to the project on the east side, between Morton Street and Fletcher Avenue.

Staff of the City Public Works Dept. and Danja Pegram-Siders, the homeowner, have asked the assistance of the Commission in reviewing the project plans and for advice on how to avoid, minimize, and mitigate impact of the street project on the landmark property. The plans call for most of the street-widening to be located to the west of the existing pavement. On the east side, a sidewalk in the right-of-way, some regrading, reinstallation of fencing, and the planned closing of the south curb-cut of the double driveway would have some impacts of the Slattery House site.

The landmark’s preservation guidelines recommend that “Original environmental features shall be maintained. Original and new plantings shall be trimmed so as to frame the architecture, rather than concealing it. New planting and outdoor appurtenances shall be compatible with the historic and architectural character of the property.” In general terms, the preservation goal might be described as maintaining a “country house” character in an increasingly urbanized setting. It is fortunate that the site is large enough to provide considerable buffering.

This item is listed for discussion and advice because most of the work will occur on City ROW and the City is not strictly bound by the zoning code, but staff are interested in working with the homeowner and the Commission for the best mutual outcome.



