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Staff Report

To: McClellanville Architecture Review Board

From: Eddie Bernard, RLA, Planner

Date: March 18, 2025

Re: 338 McClellan Avenue– Shutters, Louvers, copper lanterns and wood door replacement
TMS 766-03-00-035

The applicant is seeking approval for some cosmetic changes to the front of the house including the replacement of fixed vinyl shutters with operable wooded shutters, replacement of lattice with horizontal louvers, replacement of the existing door with a new wooden front door and replacement of existing wall mounted porch lights with copper lanterns. The request to change the porch and stair handrails noted on the application has been withdrawn. The property is zoned Residential and is within the Town's local historic district but is not a contributing parcel.

The existing fixed, vinyl shutters are not in compliance with the design guidelines which indicate shutters should be operable rather than fixed and that they should cover the window completely without overlapping each other or the wall surfaces. The proposed shutters will be operable and of the correct size for the windows.

The existing lattice under the steps and sections that hang down from the porch are proposed to be replaced with full lengths of wood horizontal louvers under the stairs and under the entire portion below the face and sides of the porch. The proposed louvers are to be 1x6 lumber. The design guidelines indicate that lattice, basket weave or vertical slat wood screens are appropriate treatments for enclosure between piers on contributing and non-contributing buildings. Horizontal louvers are a common enclosure type used in the Town.

The replacement door is proposed to be wood however additional details of the door will be needed. The guidelines indicate that new doors should be consistent with a building's character and that the original door opening be retained whenever possible. The proposed door in the images show a door with a double row of 4 rectangular windows running from the top to just below the knob, however the bottom of the door is not completely shown but appears to be solid wood. The lights to either side of the front door are also proposed to be replaced with copper lanterns.

Zoning review: Staff would ask that details or manufacturer cut sheets be provided for the door and lanterns for clarity on the actual product details and sizes.

Zoning approval of the changes to the house are separate and distinct from the ARB's approval and required prior to obtaining a building permit.