

LAKE HARRIET CLASSIC *WITH A MODERN TWIST*

BACKGROUND.....

When this lot came on the market, the buyers were flooded with childhood memories as Mrs. Buyer grew up on the street behind this home, her childhood house just kitty-corner from the home's backyard. With such personal ties to the area, these homeowners are extremely passionate about Southwest Minneapolis, including the area's vintage architecture. It was important to them that their home reflect the character and charm of the other homes in the community.

EXTERIOR DESIGN.....

As we were working with the buyers on the exterior design we included several traits reflective of the 1900's era of homes in the area. Some of these included the sweeping front porches with classic Linden Hills white spindled porch railings, tongue and groove wood ceilings, and multiple sets of French doors opening onto the porch, letting the sound of the trolley filter through the home...a sound familiar to residents for over 100 years. The design also included white pillars across the front elevation, a single gable centered at the top, and numerous windows w/classic window grids facing Queen Avenue and Lake Harriet.

EXTERIOR MATERIALS.....

We used a variety of materials to enhance the design, vintage feel and overall curb appeal. Materials included several over-sized windows, French doors, a fiber-board siding that resembles wood, natural stone and lastly, pine for the ceiling of the charming porches. We used a dark blue as the main color with classic white for the trim, pillars & railings; very characteristic of the older homes you see in the area. We tied in a bit of warmth with a mahogany-stained wood garage door and warm-toned natural stone.

A MODERN-DAY DESIGN & FLOW ON THE INSIDE.....

The interior of the home boasts an open, efficient floor plan w/all the modern-day bells and whistles and a touch of old-world charm. Starting with the flooring, we used a narrow hickory with a natural finish and the same solid hickory on the upper stairwell with a classic carpet runner. The dining room features a herringbone pattern installed hickory with a deep-stained walnut inlay/border around it, both to define a special dining space and touch of elegance.

From floor to ceiling, no detail was left behind. The home has a smooth ceiling texture throughout with a white bead-board ceiling in the kitchen, a walnut coffered ceiling in the family room, custom white ceiling trim design in the main floor office and dramatic barrel vault in the foyer of the master bedroom, accented with a crystal chandelier.

Other interior details worth noting - reclaimed wood throughout much of the home to add yet another touch of history and texture, a custom-designed walnut hood to compliment the dining room floor inlay, a walnut kitchen island designed to mimic a historic piece of furniture, rich white enameled cabinetry & woodwork, wide window trim with "old school" accent pieces and so much more. This home was thoughtfully designed inside and out, with the goal of creating a beautiful, functional home that perfectly blends in among classic Linden Hills architecture.