

The Multi-Generational Family Home 4700 Bryant Ave. North, Minneapolis

The **Multi-Generational Family Home** is an infill design for North Minneapolis, an area in which the city fabric has been broken by the tornado of 2011 as well as considerable demolition following foreclosure and abandonment. This particular site and the adjacent lot were previously developed as a boxy 4-plex. It was a challenging property for the neighborhood in many ways and the building had since been demolished.

The new, affordable home is designed to **re-weave the fabric of the neighborhood** by fitting in with the scale of the neighborhood, while also providing a larger living space option for extended family living. It provides a new living option for our city's changing demographics and lifestyles. It is located nicely for family living within several blocks of Bohanan Park, Weber Park and the soon to be reconstructed, Weber Library.

While it is essentially two living units on one lot, it's **massing is broken down** through the transition spaces such as the side entry, front porch and the one-story Accessory Dwelling Unit at the back of the building. Other two-story houses of a comparable scale exist in the immediate vicinity.

The building **exterior compliments the surrounding neighborhood** with it's use of durable siding materials including trim details to enhance the residential scale and break up the visual impact of the two-story design. Windows are plentiful to provide natural light to the interior, but also to mimic the proportions and pairing evident in older, existing homes in the neighborhood. It was designed and developed in conjunction with the site to the north, 4704 Bryant Ave. N. While both have similar floor plans, the exteriors differ and bring variety to the block.

The house sits in line with adjacent homes along the street while the detached garage continues the physical structure of the existing alley. The Accessory Dwelling Unit is attached, **continuing the single-family typology** of the area, but steps down to minimize the sense of mass of the building.

While the existing lot was a flat, blank slate, native landscaping has been used to soften the entries and **bring a natural element to the yard**. A tree native to Minnesota will be planted when available through the Tree Trust program in Minneapolis. It is graded to prevent rainwater from draining into adjacent yards, but also to allow an accessible entrance into the Accessory Dwelling Unit in the back.