

This new Craftsman-style home was designed to closely fit the neighborhood's architectural context. Its massing, proportion, materials, style, and layout all complement the surrounding homes. The original home that stood on the site was deteriorated, out of scale and was dominated by an attached garage facing the street. The new home, in contrast, features a welcoming human scale with a front porch, careful detailing and detached garage at the rear. Soon to be completed landscaping will provide full and lush vegetation to complement the existing trees. Overall, this new home builds on the aesthetic traditions of the area and fits effortlessly into the surrounding urban fabric.

Size & Massing

The scale and massing of the home was carefully considered to match the proportions of the neighboring homes. A thorough study of the site suggested that a narrow and longer form would maximize light and air for the home and the adjacent houses. The rooflines, window sizes and floor heights of the surrounding homes were referenced in order to create a new home that is a contextual and welcome addition to the streetscape.

Building Exterior

The design uses a variety of strategies to create a welcoming environment and human scale. Depth and detail were added to the front façade through an inset porch (a wonderful streetside gathering space), brackets and stepped layers of clapboard siding. These historic details and complex forms were carried throughout the home to provide a rich architectural experience at all levels and scales.

Building Materials

The materials, colors and textures were carefully selected to be compatible with the neighborhood context while maintaining a distinct presence. Sustainable green construction is seamlessly blended with historically sensitive details through the use of stucco, horizontal cement clapboard siding and clad double hung windows. This updated Craftsman was designed and built to withstand the test of time.

Orientation

In keeping with the neighborhood, the entry faces the street and the detached garage is located at the rear of lot. A porch welcomes visitors and creates an outdoor space common to many homes in the neighborhood.

Auxiliary Structures

All of the exterior elements were designed to integrate with the new home and the environment. The front porch is inset, the garage design and materials match the house and the rear deck extends seamlessly out from the family room. A wood fence, commonly used in neighboring lots, was selected to weather and blend in with the surrounding landscape.

Garages

Although the lot does not have alley access, the garage was detached and located at the rear of the lot in order to preserve the architectural integrity of the front of the home. The tucked-away garage matches the historic styling of the new home with corresponding materials, details and roof pitch, without blocking views between houses.

Significant Vegetation

Careful design by a landscape architect will preserve existing old growth trees and add new trees and vegetation to enhance the appearance of the home and the yard from the street. The plantings and trees will create a soft green buffer that enhances the beauty and health of both the home and the surrounding neighborhood.

Stormwater Runoff

Green space and vegetation were maximized in order to address storm water runoff on site as much as possible. A water permeable deck was used at the rear of the property to provide an ample area for runoff.