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Answers to 5.1-5.2 pertain to only windows/doors that are street facing & highlighted above.

5.1 Compatibility with District Character:

The home at 151 N. Wright Street is a Craftsman Bungalow constructed in 1919. We propose replacing older windows and doors that are no longer functioning properly and show significant wear. In doing so, we aim to make thoughtful improvements, such as updating the glass design or modestly increasing window widths, while maintaining the home's architectural integrity. These updates will be in keeping with the Craftsman Bungalow style and are not expected to adversely impact the character of the neighborhood.

5.2 Compatibility with Architectural Style:

Our proposed updates, including enlarging select window openings and incorporating leaded glass designs, are rooted in the architectural traditions of the Craftsman Bungalow movement during the 1910–1925 period which had an emphasis on natural light, handcrafted details and balanced proportions. Larger grouped windows were a hallmark of the style, often placed to frame views of the surrounding landscape and create a seamless connection between the home's interior and exterior. Simple, rectilinear leaded glass patterns were also a common decorative feature of the era, adding subtle visual interest without detracting from the overall simplicity of the design. By integrating these historically appropriate elements, the updates will enhance both the function and aesthetic of the home, improve energy efficiency, and maintain its compatibility with the surrounding neighborhood. The intent is not to alter the architectural identity of the home, but rather to restore and elevate it in a manner consistent with its original design principles and the period in which it was built.

Answers to 5.3-5.6 pertain to only windows/doors that are street facing, highlighted above and that are labeled as “discouraged”.

5.3/5.4/5.6 Economic Reasonableness, Energy Efficiency & Historic Building Design & Resource Manual:

The Craftsman Bungalow style is known for its natural light, handcrafted details, and well-balanced proportions. The current windows and doors are worn and not functioning as they should, which impacts comfort, energy efficiency, and security. We are proposing to replace them with high-quality, historically compatible units, including some slightly larger window openings and the addition of simple, geometric leaded glass designs. These changes are drawn directly from the Craftsman Bungalow traditions of the 1910–1925 period, when larger grouped windows were common and often positioned to highlight views and bring more light into the home. Leaded glass with clean, rectilinear lines was also widely used in both doors and windows, adding character while keeping with the simple, honest style of the era.

These updates are not only in keeping with the home’s historic style—they also make practical and financial sense. New energy-efficient windows that follow historic patterns will help lower heating and cooling costs year-round. Choosing durable materials will mean fewer repairs and replacements over time. And, by keeping the design period-appropriate, the improvements will boost the home’s curb appeal and can increase its overall value. This approach allows us to address functional issues while respecting and enhancing the home’s original charm, ensuring it remains both beautiful and livable for many years to come.

As the *Naperville Historic Building Design and Resource Manual* notes, “Rehabilitations, renovations and new improvements in an historic district must be compatible in terms of scale, style, exterior features... and support property values by ensuring compatibility with the historic, architectural and aesthetic character of the districts.” Our proposal fully supports these guidelines.

6. Related Variance, Conditional Use of Rezoning Requests: N/A