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**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**

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June 13, 2000

Mary Louise McGregor  
36 Bowdoin Street  
Portland, ME 04102

Re: 36 Bowdoin Street- gate installation

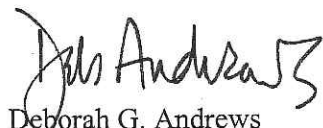
Dear Mary Louise:

On June 12, 2000, the Historic Preservation staff of the Portland Planning Department reviewed and approved your application for a Certificate of Appropriateness. Approval is for the installation of two solid-board wood gates to the rear of your property.

All improvements shall be carried out as shown on the submitted plans and specifications, dated May 4, 2000. Changes to the approved plans and specifications and any additional work which may be undertaken must be reviewed and approved by this office prior to construction, alteration, or demolition. If, during the course of completing the approved work, conditions are encountered which prevent completing the approved work, or which require additional or alternative work, you must apply for and receive a Certificate of Appropriateness or Non-Applicability PRIOR to undertaking additional or alternative work.

This Certificate is granted upon condition that the work authorized herein is commenced within twelve (12) months after the date of issuance. If the work authorized by this Certificate is not commenced within twelve (12) months after the date of issuance or if such work is suspended in significant part for a period of one year after the time the work is commenced, such Certificate shall expire and be of no further effect; provided that, for cause, one or more extensions of time for periods not exceeding ninety (90) days each may be allowed in writing by the Department.

Sincerely,



Deborah G. Andrews  
Historic Preservation Program Manager

cc: Approval File



Dear Deb,

Enclosed at long last is our historic preservation application for approval of proposed gates to our backyard. These are not the open lattice gates you and I previously discussed. Michael ( endorsed by Lynn Shafer) really wants a gate that will block our view of the car in the driveway. Our backyard and the gates themselves are so recessed from the road and sidewalk that the transparency or opaqueness of the gates should have little or no effect on the passerbys' visual experience. The proposed driveway gate is taller to block more of the view of our van. Eventually the yew hedge will grow up to the level of the gate. The height of the other gate is designed to match the height of the adjacent chain link fence. I intend to paint both gates to match the house. The gates are designed to primarily relate to our house rather than our fence or McCann's chainlink fence.

I have enclosed some photos. Let me know if you need anything else. Phaedre has learned to jump the babygate prompting my belated activity on this project.

Thank you,



Mary Lou

## CITY OF PORTLAND

Dear Applicant for Historic Preservation Review:

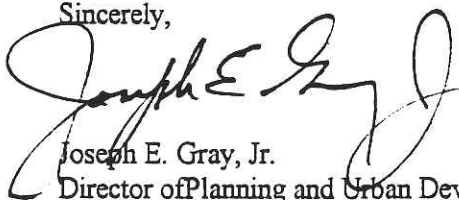
To receive a Certificate of Appropriateness for work proposed in an historic district, it is necessary for you to complete the enclosed application form and return it with a copy of proposed plans, drawings, and specifications to the Department of Planning and Urban Development, Portland City Hall, 389 Congress Street, Room 404, Portland, Maine, 04101.

Following a preliminary review of your application by staff, you may be asked to submit additional information. Staff will work with you to encourage work consistent with the standards provided. Minor projects, such as signage and awning installations, are reviewed and approved at the staff level. For projects requiring Committee review, the application should be submitted at least two weeks before the desired meeting date of the Historic Preservation Committee. The Committee meets on the first and third Wednesdays of each month.

Please note that there is no application fee required for historic preservation review. However, when an application requires Committee review, applicants are responsible for the costs of sending notices and placing a legal ad in the newspaper. Such costs shall be paid prior to the issuance of a Certificate of Appropriateness /Building Permit or upon denial.

If you have questions or need assistance in completing this form, please contact Deborah Andrews, Historic Preservation Program Coordinator, at 874-8721, ext. 8726; or David Jordan, Preservation Enforcement Officer, at 874-8721, ext. 8729.

Sincerely,



Joseph E. Gray, Jr.  
Director of Planning and Urban Development



Date: May 4, 2000

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION**  
**APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS**

Pursuant to review under the City of Portland's Historic Preservation Ordinance (Chapter 14, Article IX of the Portland City Code), application is hereby made for a Certificate of Appropriateness for the following work on the specified historic property:

Property Name and Address: 36 BOWDOIN STREET

**APPLICANT**

Name: Mary Louise McGregor Telephone 772-1924

Company, if applicable: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: 36 Bowdoin St.  
Portland, ME 04102

**PROPERTY OWNER, IF DIFFERENT**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Architect (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Contractor or Builder (if any): Allison & Davidson

Local Designation:

Landmark  Within Historic District  Historic Landscape District

Mary Louise McGregor \_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Signature Owner's Signature (if different)

\*\* Note: No application fee is required. Applicant is responsible for costs of sending notices and placement of legal ad. Such costs shall be paid prior to issuance of Certificate/Building Permit or upon denial

## I. DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT

Describe in a separate paragraph each type of proposed exterior architectural alteration, such as window replacement, roof replacement, porch alteration, repointing of masonry, or new addition/construction. Briefly describe the feature or materials affected by the work and give the approximate date that it was constructed, if known. Describe in detail the proposed work and how it will impact the existing feature. Use as many items as necessary to cover all aspects of the project. If more space is needed, continue on a separate page. Reference work items to accompanying drawings or photographs.

We wish to install two gates to complete the enclosure of our yard.

The first gate will be angled toward the left at the head of the driveway in the gap in the yew hedge. It will consist of seven  $5\frac{5}{8}$  inch white cedar vertical boards, with  $\frac{1}{2}$  -  $\frac{5}{8}$  inch spaces between the boards. It will be approximately 42 inches wide and 56 inches high. It will be hung between two 4x4 white cedar posts. See attached sketch of proposed gate and birdseye view of proposed location.

The second gate will latch to the east wall of our house, 12 feet from toward the street from the southeast corner of the house. It will also consist of  $5\frac{5}{8}$ " white cedar vertical boards with  $\frac{1}{2}$  -  $\frac{5}{8}$  inch spaces between the boards. It will be approximately 42 inches wide and 48 inches high. It will hang on a 4x4 white cedar post adjacent to our neighbor's chain link fence, sunk 4 inches off the concrete walk. See attached sketch of proposed gate and birdseye view of proposed location.

Both gates will be painted to match the trim color of the house.

**II. ATTACHMENTS**

Provide a copy of the plans, renderings, drawings and written specifications of the alteration. To supplement your application, it would be helpful to submit photographs or slides of current conditions, material samples, site plans, sketches, historical documentation, or anything else that will illustrate to the Committee and staff the effect of the proposed change.

**The following information is enclosed:**

- Exterior photographs
  - Sketches, elevation drawings and/or annotated photographs
  - Floor plans
  - Site plan showing relative location of adjoining structures, if located within a district
  - Specifications
  - Other (explain) \_\_\_\_\_
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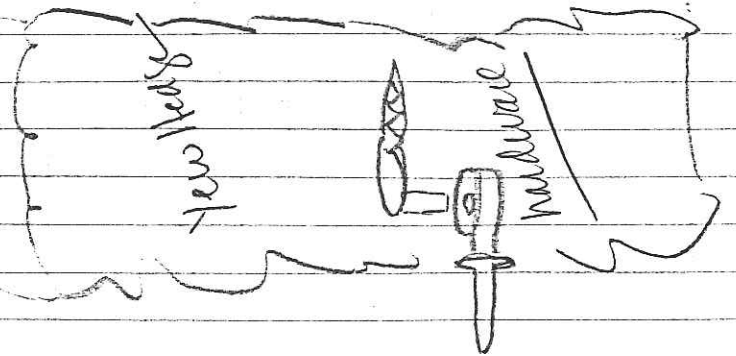
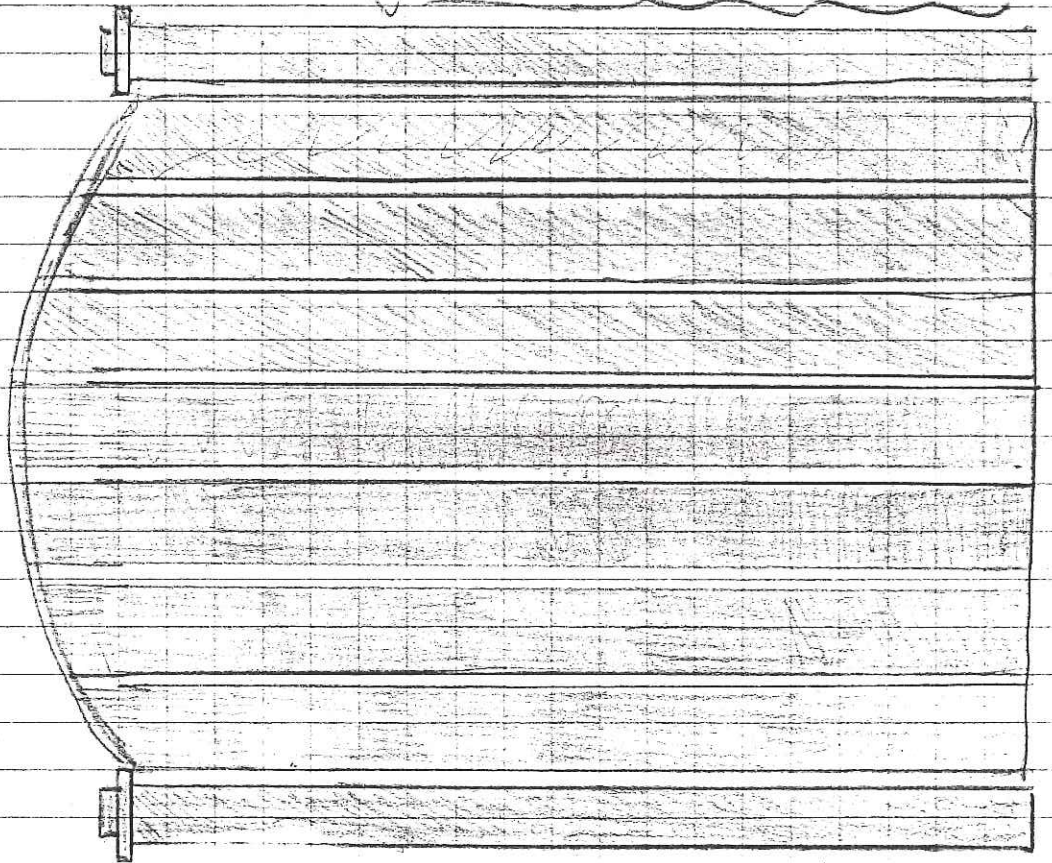
Please note: In order to be photocopied by the City, plans or drawings should generally not exceed 11" x 17". If you wish to submit larger plans, please provide 10 copies for distribution.

If you have any questions or need assistance in completing this form, please contact the Historic Preservation staff at 874-8721 or 874-8719 (Deborah Andrews, ext. 8726).

**Please return this form and related application materials to:**

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Portland City Hall  
4th Floor  
389 Congress Street  
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Gate at top of driveway  
#1



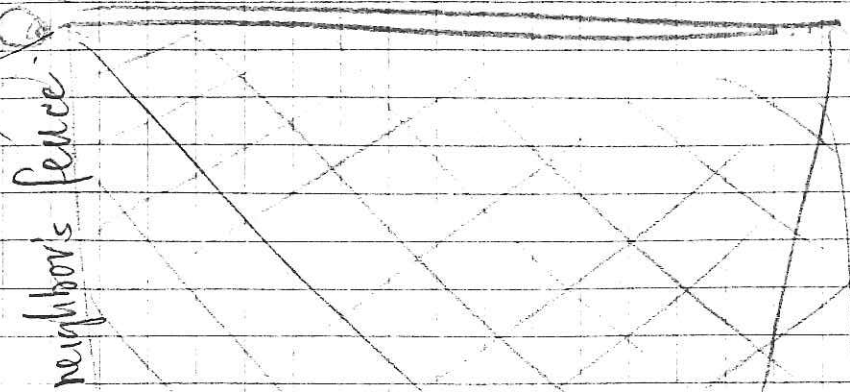
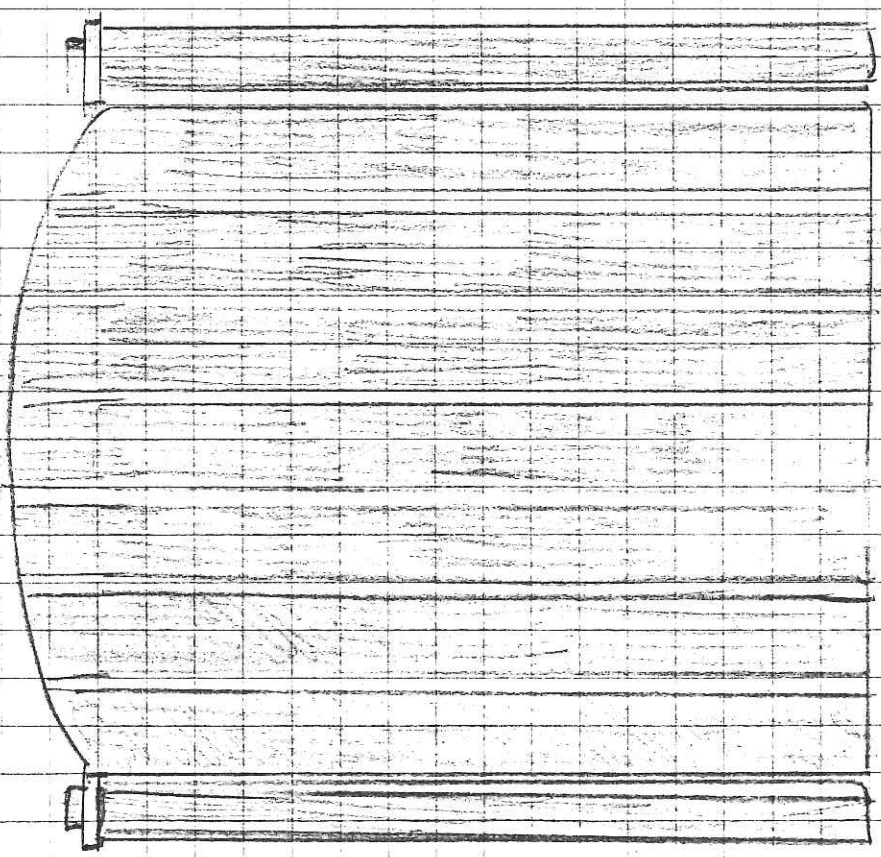
YEW HEDGE

Scale  
1" = 1'

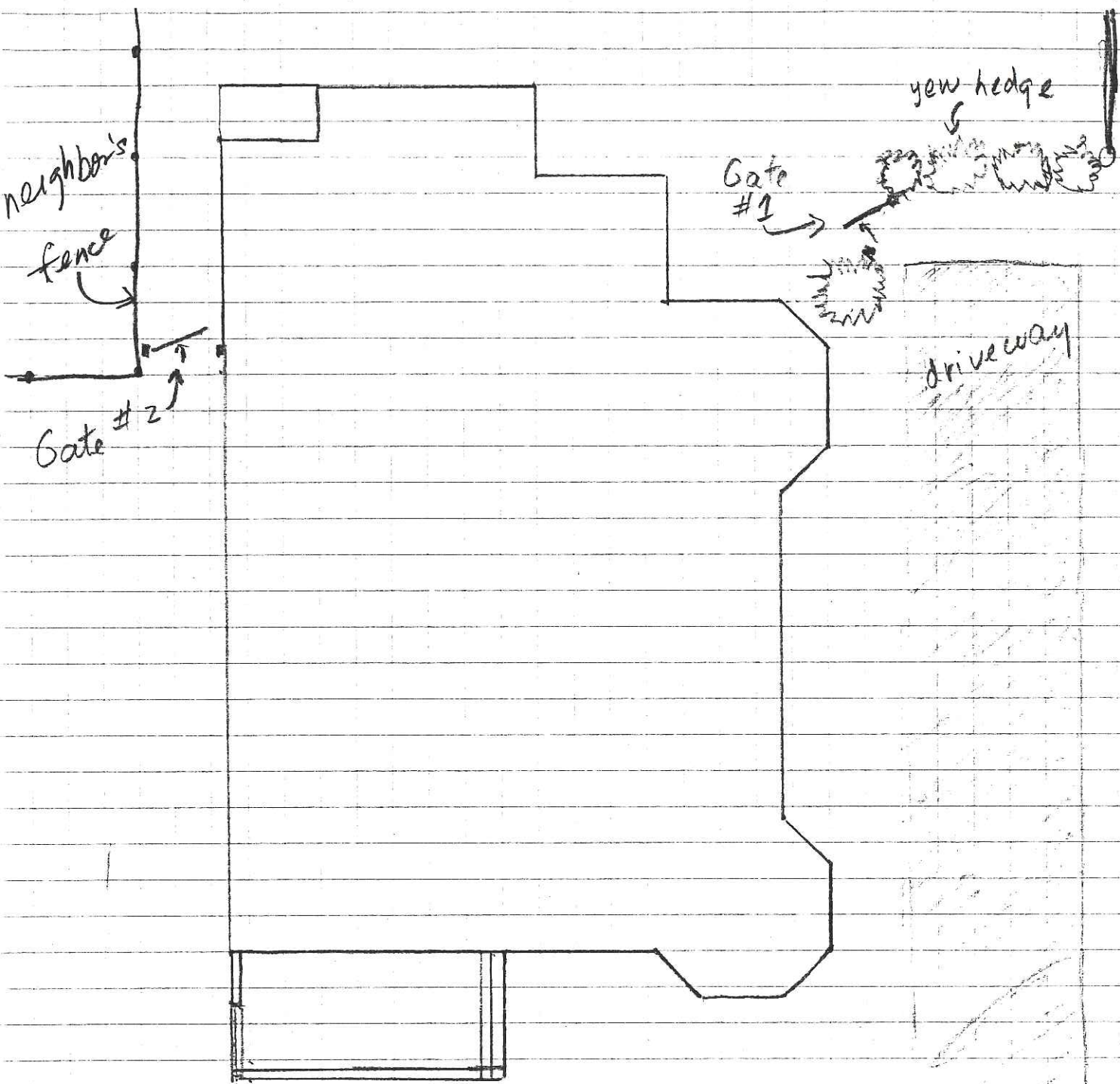


Gate #2

HOUSE



neighbor's fence



Bowdoin St