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**Attachments:** [514 N Carroll 103 Langdon COA 8-28-19.pdf](#)

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Laura,

Attached is your COA for the fence replacement. Let me know if you have questions as you proceed.



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**Subject:** Re: Request to Replace Fence: 103 Langdon and 514 N Carroll

Hi Heather~

Thanks for the call Monday afternoon.

Following up to see if you need anything further from us or if we can expect the Certificate of Appropriateness (I think that's what it is called...) to arrive within the next week or so.

Thank you!  
Laura Stoller

On Mon, Aug 26, 2019 at 9:57 AM Laura Stoller <[laura.stoller@gmail.com](mailto:laura.stoller@gmail.com)> wrote:

Good morning!

We would like to amend our request. We would like to replicate the fence that was there. Our team at Findorff has a plan for doing so and we would anticipate the fence going in before winter. It would be made of cedar and painted to match what had been in place previously.

I left a voice message in the general voicemail for Landmarks (the number on your signature block) but wanted to be sure we connected today. Please feel free to call my mobile number at 608-556-9399 to discuss by phone as that is easier. I am wondering if you

still need me to attend the meeting this evening with this update. I can do so but if not necessary, I'll save you the time on the agenda.

Thank you,  
Laura Stoller

On Fri, Aug 9, 2019 at 3:51 PM Laura Stoller <[laura.stoller@gmail.com](mailto:laura.stoller@gmail.com)> wrote:

Good afternoon Ms Bailey~

Please accept this letter of request to appear in front of the Landmarks Commission on Monday, August 26. We would like to request permission to replace a fence between 103 Langdon and 514 N Carroll. These two properties are owned by the House Corporation of the Omega Chapter of Delta Gamma. We house 55 women during the collegiate school year between the two homes.

The fence would run parallel to Carroll Street and provides privacy and security for the 54 women who live in these two homes. Please see the attached plan which shows fence location.

In an effort to better manage water between the two properties and prevent further water damage in the basement of the 514 house, we undertook a large project this summer which involved digging up the concrete apron between the two properties. As part of that work, we removed the fence. That fence was weak due to construction of simple plywood and 2x4s and we knew it would need to be replaced.

Two years ago, we began discussions with the city architect regarding replacing the fence. We continued those this past winter knowing that the fence would have to come out during the concrete work and in hopes of having approval for us to build this summer.

In early August, it was discovered that the fence has been in place since at least 1971 as is shown in a photo attached. There is, then, increased scrutiny about what kind of fence should go in that spot. This leads us to request an appearance at the Landmark Commission.

For purposes of budget, maintenance and strength, we had hoped we could use a composite material or build something that matches what is between 103 and 105 Langdon. Please see attached photo below marked 'ChiOWoodFence'. As the fence was not original to either property, we originally operated under the impression that we could build anything within city zoning regulations and this was one of our early choices.

After meeting with you, we understand that this is not in keeping with the style of the previous fence. When considering a refurbishment of what was there, our contractors at Findorff advised that the materials were too worn to do so. Replication of that fence would, again, be of plywood and 2x4s and would not be advisable as they do not provide the strength we would like. Further, it would be at a greater cost due to the custom work that would need to be done.

As a compromise and something we can make work within our budget, we would like to

build a 6' white picket fence that matches the style of the 103 Langdon house and would mimic a fence that is already in place on the side of that parcel. The new picket fence would replicate the 3 ½" wide vertical fence boards with the pointed top and have 1/4" gaps between boards. It would be located in the same place as the previous fence as is drawn on the Fence Plan Layout below.

Thank you for your time and I look forward to hearing from you to confirm our appearance at the August 26 meeting. If you need anything further from me before that time, please let me know.

Have a great weekend!

Laura Stoller

Delta Gamma, Omega Chapter

House Corporation President