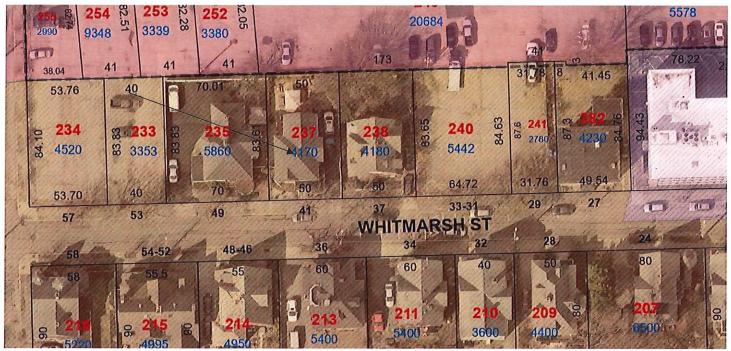
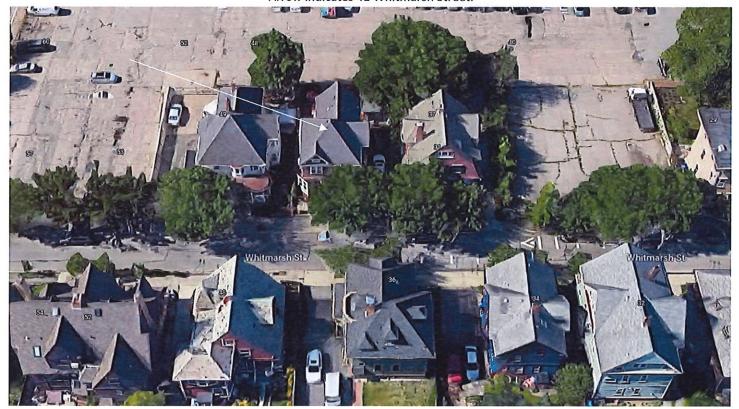
## 2. CASE 23.074, 41 WHITMARSH STREET, Alfred M. Williams House, c1889 (NORTH ELMWOOD)

Gable-fronted 2½-story-hip-roofed Queen Anne structure, with a Colonial Revival, Ionic column corner porch. Williams was Editor of The Providence Journal.

**CONTRIBUTING** 



Arrow indicates 41 Whitmarsh Street.



Arrow indicates project location, looking north.

Applicant/Contractor: Bright Power Solar, Scott LeDuc, 1451 Grafton Street, Worcester, MA 01604

Owner: Evans Peralta, 41 Whitmarsh Street, Providence, RI 02907

**Proposal:** The scope of work proposed consists of Minor Alterations and includes:

• the installation of 18 solar panels to three slopes of the modified-hip-roof: four panels to roof A (west slope); eight panels to roof B (northeast slope); and six panels to roof C (northwest slope).

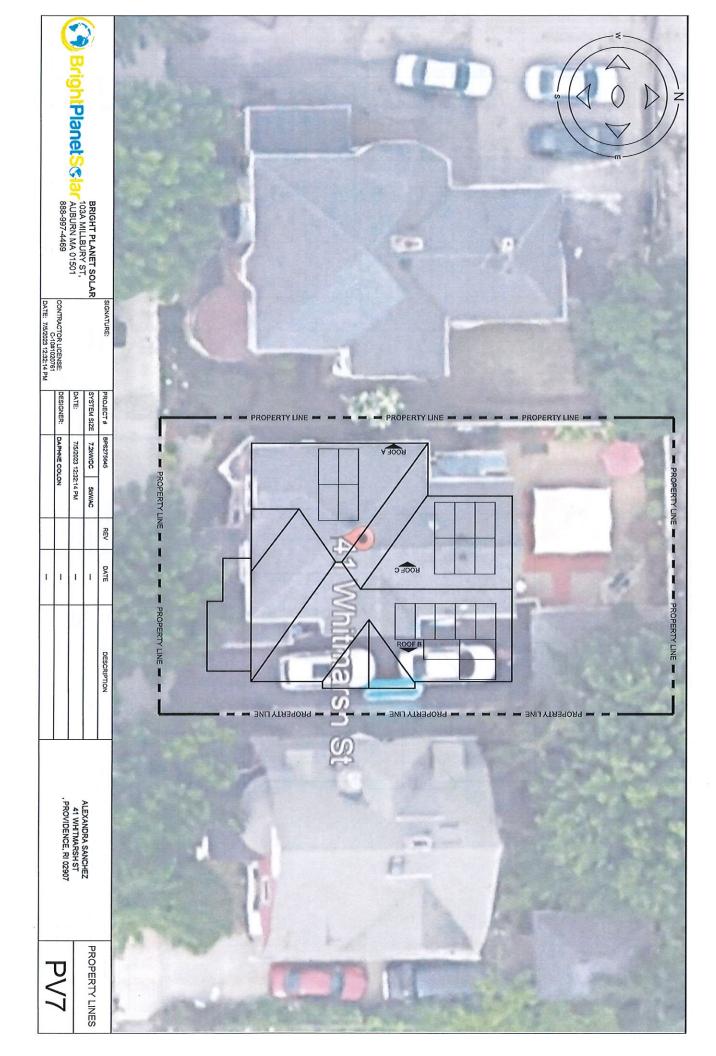
**Issues:** The following issues are relevant to this application:

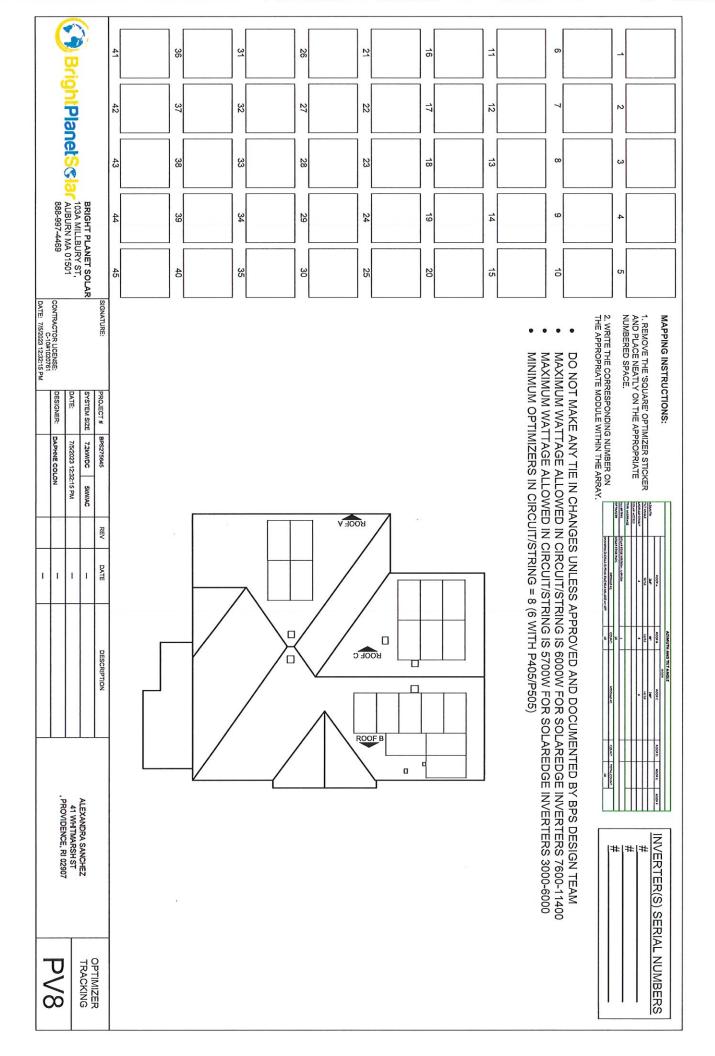
- At the June 26<sup>th</sup> meeting the matter was continued. It was realized that the panels had already been installed. A discussion ensued from which the Commission determined that the application as presented no longer represents the facts and that the matter will be continued with the applicant to return with revised documentation, confirming what had been installed. The Commission also suggested that the panels as in the submitted documentation were highly visible and suggested that the system be redesigned to be less visible from the public rights-of-way;
- Some of the modifications as proposed (roof A) will be (minimally) visible from the public rights-of-way; due to the close proximity to the neighbors it is Staff's opinion that the panels on the west slope will be minimally visible;
- The modifications as proposed meets Minor Alterations: Solar Energy Systems Guidelines, Section 2, in the following manner: Panel layout shall be sympathetic or appropriate to design and scale of building. Rectangular configurations are preferred, with ample setback from edge of roof, dormers, chimneys, etc. (2.A); Panels shall be installed parallel to the existing roof slope and matched as closely as possible to the roof plane (2.B); Panels shall be installed without destroying or replacing original or historic materials or significantly compromising or altering the building's structural integrity (2.C); Panels shall be compatible in color to existing roofing insofar as possible (2.D); Installation of panels shall be as inconspicuous as possible when viewed from public right-of-way (2.E); Installation shall be reversible. Panels shall be removed when no longer viable or functioning and roofing restored to pre-existing conditions (2.F); and,
- Revised plans, specifications and pictures have been submitted.

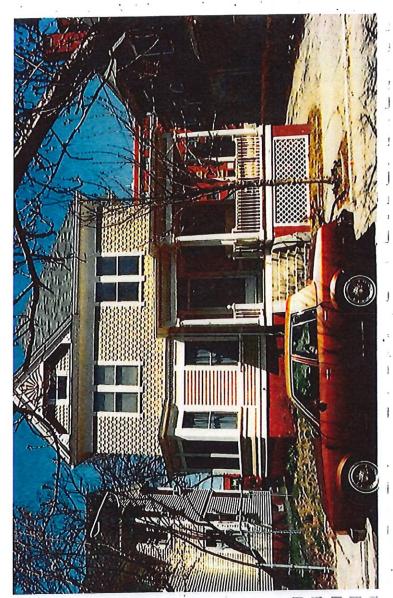
Recommendations: The staff recommends the PHDC make the following findings of fact:

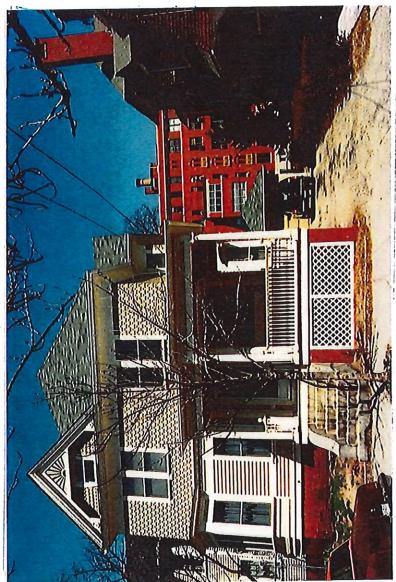
- a) 41 Whitmarsh Street is a structure of historical and architectural significance that contributes to the significance of the North Elmwood local historic district, having been recognized as a contributing structure to the Elmwood National Register Historic District;
- b) The modifications as proposed meets Minor Alterations: Solar Energy Systems Guidelines, Section 2, and the application is considered complete; and,
- c) The work as proposed is in accord with PHDC Standards 8 & 9 as follows: 8) the work will be done so that it does not destroy the historic character of the property or the district as they are not on the primary elevation and will be minimally-to-not visible from the public rights-of-way; and, 9) Whenever possible... alterations to structures shall be done in such a manner that if removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the structure and the site will be unimpaired.

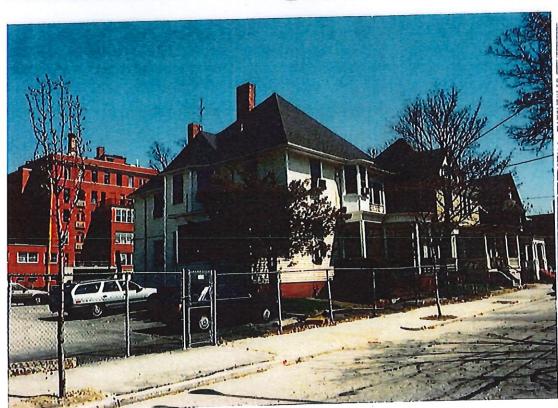
Staff recommends a motion be made stating that: The application is considered complete. 41 Whitmarsh Street is a structure of historical and architectural significance that contributes to the significance of the North Elmwood local historic district, having been recognized as a contributing structure to the Elmwood National Register Historic District. The Commission grants Final Approval of the proposal as submitted as the proposed alteration is appropriate having determined that the proposed alteration does not destroy the historic character of the property or the district and are historically and architecturally compatible with the property and district as the proposed alteration meets Minor Alterations: Solar Energy Systems Guidelines, Section 2, is reversible and will not have an adverse effect on the property or district as they are not on the primary elevation and will be minimally visible from the public rights-of-way (Standards 8 & 9), and the recommendations in the staff report, with staff to review any additional required details.











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