2. CASE 23.146, 118 MELROSE STREET, Thomas H. Allen House, c1923 (SOUTH ELMWOOD) Long 2½-story L-plan, cross-gambrel, weather-boarded dwelling, with enclosed porches. CONTRIBUTING



Arrow indicates 118 Melrose Street.



Arrow indicates project location, looking north.

Applicant/Contractor: Melissa Fleming, Freedom Forever Massachusetts, LLC, 135 Robert Treat Paine Dr., Taunton, MA 02780 Owner: Kehinde Adegoke, 118-120 Melrose Street, Providence, RI 02907

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

installation of 16 solar panels to the rear, east slope of the cross-gambrel roof.

Issues: The following issues are relevant to this application:

- The modifications as proposed may be minimally be visible from the public rights-of-way, although they are at the rear of the building;
- The proposal before the Commission is a modified plan. Staff requested the applicants reduce the number of panels
 originally proposed as there was a substantial number of panels on the front elevations that would have been highly
 visible from within the district due to the buildings prominent position on the corner of Melrose and Atlantic;
- 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,
- Plans, specifications and pictures have been submitted.

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

- a) 118 Melrose Street is a structure of historical and architectural significance that contributes to the significance of the South Elmwood local historic district, having been recognized as a contributing structure to the Elmwood National Register Historic District;
- 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. 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.







