

The Garage with 1311 West Main Street

Although not listed as either “Contributing” or “Non-Contributing,” the garage with the property listed with the plat of 1311 West Main Street is requested for demolition in the original request. No feasible or prudent alternative has been found to leave the garage in its current condition in its current location. The proposed development necessitates the removal of this structure. The re-development plan for the garage location will be an ingress and egress to the property located behind the historic district boundary. To mitigate harm to the overall residential district and to maintain the overall residential feeling of the West Street artery to the West Boulevard Historic District, the ingress and egress to the property will be landscaped to fit within the Department of the Interior’s Standards for new construction within an existing Historic District and will be submitted as a new application.

To mitigate harm to this garage itself, the owner has agreed to award the garage to anyone wishing to relocate it. Current setbacks and variances would have to be investigated by anyone wishing to relocate it as the garage is a large “unit” to be added to a property within the district. After marketing the garage to the public, if no person or business can utilize the garage, the request for demolition is still requested. The owners have investigated mitigation to the adverse effect if demolition is the remaining option and will contact builders and salvage operations to salvage any structurally sound and historically significant features that remain prior to demolition. Also, in the case of demolition, the garage and the property will be documented for archival purposes to establish a record for historic preservation interests.

