

## **2180 Madison**

### **Project Description**

We submit an application for design review of 2180 Madison Street, Yountville, CA. The scope of our project is to improve the exterior of the building.

The building is a prime location in town, sitting on a prominent corner at the North “entrance” to Yountville. When approaching town from Highway 29 via Madison Street, this building is a focal point at the intersection of Washington and Madison streets. The corner currently provides a visual field consisting of an aged building, utility poles and a significant amount of pavement related to parking. We believe the new exterior design will draw eyes away from these things. The introduction of porches, flowering trees and gardens will soften the street corner to provide a pleasing and inviting view.

The Old Town Historic district development standards encourage porches and we agree that this will enhance the architectural design of this building. It will provide a way of integrating the building to the new landscaping. The Napa County landmarks website article “The Heritage and History of the American Porch, July 1, 2020” describes porches as **“the point where the public exterior and private interior spaces of a residence converge providing the occupants and community-at-large a place to meet.”** As a previous resident of Yountville, many times when out walking my dog I would stop and have conversations with my neighbors because they were sitting on their porch. This is one of the great things about Yountville. We believe that adding the porches to this home will allow the residents to engage with the community.

The building itself is currently a triplex with (2) garages and space in front of the garages for parking. We are submitting a design that maintains the 3 apartments, provides individual single car garages for each unit and an extra parking space. The building height of 23’ 2.5” will not change.

We are very excited about this project and eager to get the improvements underway. As a cornerstone property at the gateway to town we truly believe that it is important to represent Yountville’s historical charm, community spirit and vibrant future.

-Nancy & Robert See