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540 1st St – Historic Preservation Commission
Porch Redesign

To address the Commission's concern that the flat roof and columns of the porch additions appear too stark and modern, the flat roof fascia was redesigned to include trim pieces at the top that are an interpretation of the flat roof detailing at the existing bay window of the house. A trim piece was also added at the base of the porch roof fascia to create a shadow line adding texture and visual interest. The roof fascia was pulled forward of the face of the posts below for a more traditional appearance than the previous flush modern connection.

The porch posts were redesigned from a simple rectangular shape to a post with reentrant corners. The corners of the posts now have a thin vertical shadow line at that visually reduces the bulk of the columns. A version of this type of detail can be found on many house porches throughout the village.

The changes described above will add scale and break up the volume of the porch roofs and posts, reducing the perceived massing while adding visual interest with a contemporary reinterpretation of the existing trim detailing.

