

CHICAGO LANDMARKS



2013 PRESERVATION EXCELLENCE AWARDS

4811 S. Kimbark Ave. Kenwood District Rehabilitation/Reconstruction

Recipient: Joshua Meyer & Catherine Beard

This 2 ½-story Queen Anne-style single-family residence is located in the Kenwood District. For years the exterior had been covered with non-historic aluminum siding and the original front porch had been demolished. The current owners restored the house to its original exterior appearance while upgrading interior spaces. Upon the removal of aluminum siding, original wood siding was revealed. It was repaired where possible and replaced in-kind where necessary. New insulation was blown into the walls from the exterior in order to preserve as much of the original wood siding as possible.

In the course of their work, the owners were able to determine the outline of the historic porch from architectural scarring on the house. They were also able to locate original footings for the porch. The reconstruction of the porch was added to the scope of work. The porch design was developed from studying similar Queen Anne-style homes within the district and consulting a forensic preservation architect. The Kenwood District was designated as a Chicago Landmark on June 29, 1979.

BEFORE



AFTER



City of Chicago
Rahm Emanuel, Mayor

Housing and Economic Development
Andrew J. Mooney, Commissioner