

## AGENDA # 3

City of Madison, Wisconsin

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REPORT OF: LANDMARKS COMMISSION

**PRESENTED:** 5/4/20

TITLE: 202 Forest St - Construction of an addition to a principal structure in the University Heights Hist. Dist.; 5th Ald. Dist.

**REFERRED:**

**REREFERRED:**

**REPORTED BACK:**

AUTHOR: Heather Bailey, Preservation Planner

**ADOPTED:**

**POF:**

DATED: 5/5/20

**ID NUMBER:** 59709

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Members present were: Anna Andrzejewski, Richard Arnesen, Katie Kaliszewski, Arvina Martin, David McLean, and Maurice Taylor. Excused was: Betty Banks.

### **SUMMARY:**

*Ed Linville, registering in support and wishing to speak*  
*Stephen Sauer, registering in support and available to answer questions*  
*Jenn Sauer, registering in support and available to answer questions*  
*David Parminter, registering in support and available to answer questions*

Bailey pointed out the unique circumstances of the house being located on a corner, but the primary façade where the front door is located faces an interior lot line. She described the proposed work to construct a single-story addition and deck on the side of the house and reconfigure the stairs to the front door, which includes adding a railing. Bailey pointed out that Alder Bidar approves of the proposal, and staff also recommends approval with the condition that final window and door specifications be approved by staff.

Andrzejewski opened the public hearing.

Linville said that the addition was designed to harmonize with the existing beauty of the house, with the porch contributing to more naturalization on the lot. He said that they were also able to maintain an old oak tree on the lot. He said that he feels the design is appropriate to the neighborhood and would appreciate the commission's approval.

Andrzejewski closed the public hearing.

McLean said that the property is unique in its siting, and in looking at the elevation of the porch, it appears as if it may become more of a formal entrance. He said that one doesn't often see a main entrance with orientation to the inner yard, and it would be a shame to lose it, if over time it were no longer recognized as the primary entrance. Bailey said that the new entrance will come in behind the screened porch and while there is pedestrian access with stairs to the deck, the entrance is fairly hidden behind the porch which sets it up to still read and function as a secondary entrance. She said that if anything, restructuring the stairs to the primary door to point to the street instead of pointing off to the side property line enhances it as the primary entrance.

**ACTION:**

A motion was made by Arnesen, seconded by Martin, to approve the request for the Certificate of Appropriateness with the condition that final window and door specifications be approved by staff. The motion passed by voice vote/other.