REPORT OF: LANDMARKS COMMISSION		PRESENTED: 12/7/20	
TITLE: 1803 Regent St - Exterior Alteration in the University Heights Hist. Dist. - Replacement of beams in front		REFERRED: REREFERRED:	
	entry and modification of window openings; 5th Ald. Dist.	REPORTED BACK:	
AUTHOR: Heather Bailey, Preservation Planner		ADOPTED:	POF:
DATED: 12/8/20		ID NUMBER: 63194	

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

SUMMARY:

Denise Clearwood, registering in support and available to answer questions

Bailey described the proposed work to replace beams and modify window openings in the front entry, modify window openings in the kitchen, replace the rear balcony door with a window to match the adjacent, and replace the non-historic rear bay window with period-appropriate windows to match existing windows elsewhere on the structure. She said that standards in University Heights discuss alterations on the street façade and alterations not visible from the street. She said that she doesn't have historic documentation of what the front entry and roofline originally looked like, but the proposed alterations will make it a more usable space that looks less out of place and blends better with the existing building. On the side of the house, she pointed out that one window opening is higher than the others and is currently enclosed. She said the applicants propose bringing the window down to be level with the others and making it an operable window to serve the kitchen. On the back of the house, the applicants propose removing the non-historic bay window and replacing it with a pair of windows for the kitchen. She said that on the second floor, the previous balcony elements will be removed, stucco will be repaired, and the doorway will be altered to become a window. She said that staff recommends approval as proposed.

McLean asked if staff had any concerns about the alterations. Bailey said that she did not. She pointed out that the windows will be new. She said that the existing front porch looks out of place and the modifications proposed will better tie it to the existing building while still allowing it to read as a new enclosed porch.

ACTION:

A motion was made by McLean, seconded by Kaliszewski, to approve the request for the Certificate of Appropriateness. The motion passed by voice vote/other.