
Date: Sun, 12 Dec 2010 21:23:12 -0600

Subject: your new plans

From: [REDACTED]

To: [REDACTED]

Hello Kris, and Helen,

I am writing to wish you luck tomorrow, Monday, when you present your new plans for approval. You've put much effort into the concept and design of your renovation, and you've also been very open with your neighbors. Everyone has appreciated your willingness to discuss every aspect of your plans.

As you know, you had my full support for your original concept. I really liked your original plans, and thought that the new structure would be a pleasing change / addition to the neighborhood. I think that this second version is as strong, if not stronger.

I admire the way that you've approached this second stage, working to keep your original concept, keeping the charm of the original building, and rethinking your original plans to bring them into alignment with the committee's suggestions. What I most like about your plans is the way that they refer to the past but are also very clean and forward looking. I think that your house will be an architectural standout in the neighborhood, and will be a draw to other young families wanting to stay in this part of city of Madison to raise their families.

Best,

Mary Ann McBride
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Madison, WI 53703

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From: Carl DuRocher [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, December 12, 2010 9:21 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Scanlon, Amy
Subject: 517 S. Baldwin St. application

To: The Landmarks Commission

Mr. Stephans, Chairperson, and all Commission members:

I'm a 35 year resident and home owner in the Baldwin St.
end of the Williamson St. area neighborhood.

Kris and Helen Nonn have done a very impressive job of researching the
history of their property, meticulously designing and documenting their
plans, and soliciting and gaining the support of their neighbors.

Besides making their house more functional, sustainable and liveable for
generations to come, this improvement is very well thought out in detail
and will add value to the near east side. This project deserves your
support.

I urge you to approve.

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Carl DuRocher
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From: Marsha Rummel [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, December 12, 2010 10:32 PM
To: helen nonn; Kristofer Nonn; Scanlon, Amy; Rummel, Marsha
Subject: Support 517 S. Baldwin Street - 12/13 Landmarks Commission

Helen and Kris-

I know the silo is an inspiration piece for you and I admit to being intrigued by it. Aside from concerns about the silo, it looks like staff would recommend issuing a CoA.

Moving the silo to the rear of the house by the new addition has de-emphasized some of its overpowering 'farm' qualities. The form and materials will still be visible from the street but offer less of a complete view. I think repurposing the silo adds an unusual postmodern twist to a historic farmhouse now surrounded by the urban grid of 19-20th C houses and streets in one of the oldest neighborhoods in the city.

I support of your proposal. I support moving the house toward Baldwin and staff comments which include lowering the height of the roof line of the new addition. I don't know if the Commission will support the silo but I think you could argue that from now on this will be known as the Nonn house and it could become a Landmark that merges the past with our eclectic urban present.

Thank you for investing in this rough gem of a house and thinking of ways to make it more functional and infusing many more generations of life into it.

See you soon-
Marsha

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, December 13, 2010 9:14 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Scanlon, Amy
Subject: Support 517 S. Baldwin Street request

Helen and Kris,

I reviewed your rehab request at the MNA Preservation and Development Committee and was impressed with the thoughtful and context sensitive approach. I even liked the silo as a quality, unique enhancement to our eclectic neighborhood. I wish you success with the approvals process.

Regards,

Steve Steinhoff
1219 Spaight Street