

AGENDA # 2

City of Madison, Wisconsin

REPORT OF: LANDMARKS COMMISSION

PRESENTED: 2/15/21

TITLE: 41 N Roby Rd - Exterior Alteration in the University Heights Hist. Dist. - Extension of front porch roof and installation of columns; 5th Ald. Dist.

REFERRED:

REREFERRED:

REPORTED BACK:

AUTHOR: Heather Bailey, Preservation Planner

ADOPTED:

POF:

DATED: 2/17/21

ID NUMBER: 63581

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

SUMMARY:

Jim Stangel, registering in support and available to answer questions

Bill Montelbano, registering in support and available to answer questions

Bailey said that at their last meeting on January 11, the Landmarks Commission asked the applicant to explore the possibility of modifying the supporting brackets to support the porch roof as an alternative to adding new columns. The applicant had previously expressed concern regarding headroom if they were to enlarge the brackets. The applicant submitted their study as requested, and City Building Permitting reviewed the plans and confirmed that the enlarged bracket would not meet the headroom requirements. Bailey said that the commission will now need to decide if the proposed alteration to the entryway meets the standards or if the cantilever should be maintained by introducing additional support to the interior.

McLean thanked the applicant for doing the study the commission had requested. Andrzejewski agreed and said it was helpful to have this information as the commission works through alternative options.

Bailey said that there are elements with wood details on the existing house, and the proposed columns are tapered wood that follow the overall character of the building. The commission looked at the applicant's original plans for the extended roof and columns that go into the wing wall. Andrzejewski referenced the standards and said they aren't changing the fundamental roof design in terms of shape, they are just extending the roof and adding columns. Kaliszewski said she thought the applicant did the best they could, and while she would prefer there just be a bracket, she understood the headroom issue. Andrzejewski said she appreciated the extra effort to see if they could more closely work with the roof and bracket that are already there, but this is a good option because it preserves the existing roof shape and is consistent with other wood elements on the house. She pointed out that technically, the columns could be removed if needed in the future. McLean said that columns are a better option than tearing the house apart to figure out how to add support to the walls.

ACTION:

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