

AGENDA # 4

City of Madison, Wisconsin

REPORT OF: LANDMARKS COMMISSION

PRESENTED: 5/4/20

TITLE: 1246 Spaight St - Construction of a new garage structure in the Third Lake Ridge Hist. Dist.; 6th Ald. Dist.

REFERRED:

REREFERRED:

REPORTED BACK:

AUTHOR: Heather Bailey, Preservation Planner

ADOPTED:

POF:

DATED: 5/12/20

ID NUMBER: 60137

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

SUMMARY:

*Julie Younkin, registering neither in support nor in opposition and wishing to speak
Tom Lamberson, registering in support and available to answer questions*

Bailey described the project to construct a new detached garage on the property, which currently has no garage. She said that historically, there had been a three-car garage built in 1925 that was demolished in 1969. She discussed the applicable standards and said that staff recommends approval with the condition that staff approve the final specifications for the siding, garage door, and pedestrian door. She said that in the past when the commission has approved vinyl siding, they have requested a smooth finish without a faux woodgrain, and the garage and pedestrian doors should be simple and not introduce any new decorative elements.

Andrzejewski opened the public hearing.

Younkin said that she owns a nearby home and her yard adjoins the property at 1246 Spaight Street. She said that she is concerned about the timing of the project rather than the architectural appropriateness, given that her family is currently working and schooling from home. She explained that they have a tiny backyard and having a construction project occur on the other side of their fence is a scary proposition. She said that she does not begrudge someone the ability to have a garage, it is the fact that the project is happening at a time when they will have no escape from an active construction site. Bailey said that it is a valid concern, but that element of the project is outside of the purview of the Landmarks Commission. Younkin said that she will contact the homeowner, and Bailey said that she could also speak to her alderperson and the Building Inspection division about the process that is in place to address those concerns.

Andrzejewski closed the public hearing.

ACTION:

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