



Project Name/Address: Machinery Row, 601 Williamson Street

Application Type: Certificate of Appropriateness for reconstruction of an architectural feature on a landmark building in a historic district

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Summary

Project Applicant/Contact: James McFadden, McFadden & Company

Requested Action: The Applicant is requesting a Certificate of Appropriateness for the reconstruction of an architectural feature on a landmark building in a historic district.

Background Information

Parcel Location: The subject site is a designated landmark located in the Third Lake Ridge Historic District

Relevant Landmarks Ordinance Sections:

33.19(8) Maintenance of Landmarks, Landmark Sites and Historic Districts.

(a) Every person in charge of an improvement on a landmark site or in an Historic District shall keep in good repair all of the exterior portions of such improvement and all interior portions thereof which, if not so maintained, may cause or tend to cause the exterior portions of such improvement to fall into a state of disrepair. This provision shall be in addition to all other provisions of law requiring such improvement to be kept in good repair.

33.19(11)(g) Guideline Criteria for Exterior Alteration in the Third Lake Ridge Historic District - Parcels Zoned for Commercial Use.

1. Alterations of the height of any existing structure shall be visually compatible with the buildings and environment within its visually related area.
2. Alterations of the street facade(s) of any existing structure shall retain the original or existing historical rhythm of solids and voids.
3. Alterations of the street facade(s) of any existing structure shall retain the original or existing historical materials.
4. Alterations of the roof of any existing structure shall retain its existing historical appearance.

Analysis and Conclusion

As described in the submission materials, the existing turret parapet that is being requested for replacement was previously reconstructed in 1998. The Applicant is requesting to remove this existing turret parapet due to its current state of disrepair and reconstruct it using salvage brick veneer on a CMU wall with proper inner wall drainage.

The exterior alteration will result in a turret parapet that has the same appearance as what currently exists.

A preservation professional noted that based on historic photos of the turret, the diameter of the existing reconstructed turret parapet seemed to be corbelled past the turret wall farther than what was originally constructed and suggested research by the applicant to verify the original appearance.



Photo source unknown, but provided by Gary Tipler

Recommendation

Staff believes that the standards for granting a Certificate of Appropriateness are met and recommends approval by the Landmarks Commission with the condition of approval that the applicant review the historic photos to verify, to the best of his ability, the original appearance (size) of the turret.