

**AGENDA # 3**

City of Madison, Wisconsin

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REPORT OF: LANDMARKS COMMISSION  
TITLE: 2135 Chamberlain Avenue –  
University Heights Historic District –  
Exterior Alteration Involving Change  
in Fenestration and Reconstruction of  
Upper Porch Railing, 5<sup>th</sup> Ald. Dist.  
(23609)

**PRESENTED:** August 22, 2011

**REFERRED:**

**REREFERRED:**

**REPORTED BACK:**

AUTHOR: Amy Scanlon, Secretary

**ADOPTED:**

**POF:**

DATED: August 22, 2011

**ID NUMBER:**

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Members present were: Marsha Rummel, David McLean, Robin Taylor, Michael Rosenblum and Erica Fox Gehrig.

**SUMMARY:**

At its meeting of August 22, 2011, the Landmarks Commission received an informational presentation for an exterior alteration located at 2135 Chamberlain Avenue. Registered and speaking in support was Alder Shiva Bidar-Sielaff, District 5. Registered in support and available to answer questions was Joshua Ben-Gideon. Ben-Gideon, 2135 Chamberlain Avenue briefly described the proposed project. Mr. Ben-Gideon explained that the existing bay window on the later addition on the back of the house would be removed and a sliding door unit would be installed in its place. He explained that the proposed railing on the upper porch would be wood or a synthetic product in a design compatible with the style of the house. He explained that he was investigating removing the existing chimney, but for now, it would remain and the railing would need to be held a safe distance from it. There was discussion about adding divided lights to the sliding door unit, but it was decided that the muntins on the sliding door would not match the adjacent casement windows. Ben-Gideon explained that the door unit is a product manufactured by Marvin or Kolbe and Kolbe. Alder Bidar-Sielaff stated that there was no known concern about this request in the district and that she was happy that they were investing in the neighborhood.