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Subject: Re: Legislative file ID #89888
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Thank you, very helpful. We can clearly see the structure from our second story windows and it is an eyesore. We believe the owners did not act in good faith in building this structure. We therefore endorse taking it down and oppose any further construction on the site. The lot is simply too small to accommodate any sort of accessory structure without compromising the historic nature of the neighborhood. We also worry about additional noise and light pollution that might result from the use purpose described--spa/residential/entertainment.

Kind regards,

Laura McClure and Richard Heinemann

On Oct 2, 2025, at 10:31 AM, Madison Landmarks Commission <landmarkscommission@cityofmadison.com> wrote:

Laura,

Thank you for your comments. We will include them in the public record.

This proposal before the Landmarks Commission is due to the City issuing a stop work order for the accessory structure that they constructed in the backyard without building permits or a Certificate of Approval from Landmarks Commission. This building the commission will review on Monday would replace the structure you reference because it does not meet the historic district standards, zoning code, building code, or fire code. It cannot stay and must be removed.



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Dear Landmarks Commission,

We live two houses down from 1716 Chadbourne Avenue. Last year the residents constructed what they are calling a shed on the plans for their new 'spa' building (see dark brown wooden structure in background of photo below). We do not remember them going through the Landmarks Commission process then, and can't find a record of a permit. We, on the other hand, had to go through a prolonged process to get permission to replace our roof and replace simple railing over our sun porch last spring. We believe that the current structure does not fit with the character of the house or neighborhood and while not apparent from the street, is highly visible to several adjoining properties. It is also questionable that it meets the requirements of a shed given the height of a roof. We would like this issue to be addressed before consideration of yet another structure that would crowd the back yard, cause more sight line obstructions, and not be in keeping with the historic nature of the neighborhood.

Kind regards,

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