

**AGENDA # 3**

City of Madison, Wisconsin

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REPORT OF: LANDMARKS COMMISSION

**PRESENTED:** 1/10/22

TITLE: 848 Jenifer St - Exterior Alteration to a Designated Madison Landmark (McCarthy House) in the Third Lake Ridge Hist. Dist. - Demolition of rear porch and construction of new rear entry; 6th Ald. Dist.

**REFERRED:**

**REREFERRED:**

**REPORTED BACK:**

AUTHOR: Heather Bailey, Preservation Planner

**ADOPTED:**

**POF:**

DATED: 1/11/22

**ID NUMBER:** 69090

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

**SUMMARY:**

*Aaron Monroe, registering in support and available to answer questions  
Sam Snellings, registering in support and available to answer questions*

Bailey referenced an existing Certificate of Appropriateness issued for exterior repair work and explained that historic documentation found during that process inspired the project to evolve and the scope was expanded to include the exterior alterations currently proposed for the rear of the structure. She said that the existing pergola is from a 1980s remodel, and the applicant is proposing to demolish it and the rear porch, construct new rear entry stairs and awning, replace the rear door, replace the mudroom foundation piers with a poured concrete foundation, and replace the basement stairs and door. She showed an image of the rear of the house prior to the 1980s remodel and pointed out the enclosed porch and deck area. She explained that when the porch was enclosed, a flared component was added above the foundation level, which will be removed and replaced with a simple line to avoid creating a false sense of history. She showed renderings of the proposed changes and pointed out the simple metal railings and metal and glass awnings. She said that if this were on the front or side of the house in the public right-of-way, they would have a different discussion, but they could allow more latitude on the back of the structure. She explained that the railings, awnings, and stairways will read as new but have a similar architectural vocabulary to the house. She discussed the standards and said that staff recommends approval.

Taylor asked Bailey to elaborate on the metal railings and awnings. Bailey said they will be obviously new materials, as one doesn't typically see metal components on the historic portions of this structure. She said that if the applicant were proposing the metal and glass awnings or a metal railing in an area that was more visible, it would be a different discussion because a simple wood railing would be more appropriate. However, she said the public will not see the back of the house, so a more contemporary use of materials is acceptable in this location.

**ACTION:**

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