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Subject: FW: Historic District home review

From: Mark Ruegsegger [<mailto:mkruegsegger@sbcglobal.net>]
Sent: Tuesday, May 02, 2017 8:30 AM
To: Scanlon, Amy
Cc: aaronbrown@sidingunlimited.com
Subject: Re: Historic District home review

Hello Amy,

Thanks for the information. That was very helpful. While I understand that a cedar siding repair could be quickly approved, that is not the direction that I wish to take... for many reasons. The condition of the siding, after a thorough look at the building, is very poor. I haven't received a bid for cedar repair and painting of the entire building, but I'm sure it would be cost prohibitive. Additional reasons for looking to a longer lasting product is the energy efficiency component to the siding. Both myself as an owner who provides two units where the heat is included, as well as one of the units where the tenant pays for heat, would benefit from the increased R-value of new siding. And lastly, we have had numerous problems with animal infiltration over the years, due to the age and condition of the current wood siding. The list of "unwelcome visitors" includes squirrels, raccoons and bats. Each of these intrusions are obviously very disconcerting to the tenants, as well as destructive to the building... not to mention a very expensive call to the animal control companies.

I've forwarded all of the architectural features that you detailed that are important to maintain, to my siding vendor. I'm sure at the review meeting, they will present something that addresses the preservation of all of those features. That is what we want for the building and what I asked of them.

Thanks again, for you time. Let me know if you have any additional questions for me.

Mark Ruegsegger

On Apr 28, 2017, at 9:42 AM, Scanlon, Amy <AScanlon@cityofmadison.com> wrote:

Hi Mark,

413 S Ingersoll is a beautiful vernacular Queen Anne style that is in almost original condition.

As a property owner of a historic resource in a historic district, you are responsible for maintaining the historic features and appearance of the building. The installation of vinyl siding will alter the appearance of the building. The Landmarks Commission will review the request to determine if the request meets the standards of the Historic Preservation Ordinance.

The most straightforward way to get approval would be to repair the existing siding. I can administratively approve the repair or in-kind replacement of cedar siding today. If you want to alter the appearance of the building by covering the historic features, the Landmarks Commission must get involved. Typically the Commission will require all of the existing architectural features to be replicated in the new siding material or left exposed. For example, the stylized brackets must remain exposed; they cannot be covered or wrapped or removed. The

flying eave detail shall be retained and shall not be flattened with standard "soffit material". The existing head trim on the feature window in the gable end has a profiled crown that shall remain in place and when covered shall be made to look like a profiled crown. The skirt board at the transition from foundation to wall shall be retained and shall be covered in a way that looks like a historic skirt. The vent in the gable end shall also be retained. The narrow siding exposure must also be replicated.

I believe I have been in contact with the siding contractor and they are sending submission materials. The materials are due Monday May 1 for review at the May 15 Landmarks Commission meeting. I would be happy to approve the repair/replacement of cedar siding today.

Please contact me with any questions.

Best,
Amy

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From: Mark Ruegsegger [<mailto:mkruegsegger@sbcglobal.net>]
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To: Scanlon, Amy
Subject: Historic District home review

Ms. Scanlon,

My name is Mark Ruegsegger. My wife and I own a home at 413 S. Ingersoll St. in Madison.

We contracted with a siding company to redo the siding on the building, as the existing wood siding, is literally falling off the building in some places. When the siding company went to pull a permit, they were told that the project needed to go through an approval process as the home is in a designated historic district. I looked through our files at home on the property and found a letter stating this fact, with your name as a person to contact with questions, hence my email.

As I understand it from the siding company, they will need to prepare a project plan with photos, documents, etc. to present to a review committee. What I am wondering is do you know how this will work? We want to work within the guidelines of what the committee wants, so we want to select materials, and styles that will give us the best chance for approval. We've already been delayed on this for quite some time, due to waiting for the siding contractor's schedule to clear, and I'd hate to have this project delayed unnecessarily because they came to the approval

meeting, not knowing specifics on what would likely be approved or denied. I know I personally selected colors that nearly exactly matches the building's existing color scheme, but I'm sure that is only one small part of what is looked at. I guess that is where I am fuzzy... what exactly would the committee be looking for?

I hope my questions make sense. Feel free to call me anytime if it is easier to talk through the process, as this isn't something I'm familiar with.

Thank you.

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