

## AGENDA # 1

City of Madison, Wisconsin

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REPORT OF: LANDMARKS COMMISSION

**PRESENTED:** June 30, 2014

TITLE: 953 Williamson Street – Third Lake  
Ridge - Removal and Replacement of  
Two Decks – 6<sup>th</sup> Ald. Dist.(34088)

**REFERRED:**

**REREFERRED:**

**REPORTED BACK:**

AUTHOR: Amy Scanlon, Secretary

**ADOPTED:**

**POF:**

DATED: June 30, 2014

**ID NUMBER:**

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Members present were: Stu Levitan, Chair; Eric Fox Gehrig, Vice Chair; Christina Slattery, Jason Fowler, Marsha Rummel and Michael Rosenblum. David McLean was excused.

### **SUMMARY:**

Dick Steffes, Eco Reliable, LLC, registering in support and available to answer questions. Levitan asked if Steffes had a chance to review staff comments. Steffes explained that he would stain the wood to match the color of the house because paint doesn't adhere to treated wood. He explained that the deck is not in good shape and that he proposes to remove the existing structure and reconstruct with 4x 4 columns, 2x10 beams and 2x8 joists and regular deck boards. The picture of the house across the street shows a sample of the balusters which staff explained is not appropriate.

Staff explained that the balusters should run between the top and bottom rail instead of being attached to the sides of the rails as the sample photo showed. Staff explained that the bottom rail should have a sloped top surface so that water runs off the porch.

Levitan asked Steffes to address the other three comments in the staff report. Steffes explained that the second porch would be constructed the same as the first. Staff asked if the posts that hold up the second-floor porch will run continuously to the second floor and turn into newel posts. Steffes explained that the posts run continuously and are boxed out at the lower portion to receive the railing. The footprint of the porches is the same on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> floors with the exception of the steps going down to the street.

Staff asked for clarification on the framing plan. Steffes explained that he will add posts a few feet out from the house wall and posts at the perimeter with beams between and a ledge board on the exterior wall. There was general discussion about the use of lattice and the height of the exposed foundation area and the door in the lower level. Staff suggested using lattice panels on the Brearly Street side of the porch and leaving the Williamson Street side open.

Staff suggested disguising the metal post bracket fastener with a flat stock base board element to hide the bracket construction.

There was general discussion about the missed opportunity to improve this porch and create something that is historically appropriate and beautiful instead of just functional. Steffes explained that the porch is a simple design and can be improved or embellished in the future using this main structure.

**ACTION:**

A motion was made by Gehrig, seconded by Fowler, the Landmarks Commission **APPROVED** the Certificate of Appropriateness for the deck reconstruction with the comments in the staff report as conditions of approval that were clarified during the meeting. The motion passed by voice vote/other.