



Project Address: 1525 Vilas Avenue
Application Type: Certificate of Appropriateness for alterations to a landmark site
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Summary

Applicant/Property Owner: Craig & Julia Stanley
Requested Action: The Applicants are requesting a Certificate of Appropriateness for the construction of a deck on the designated landmark site near a burial mound.

Background Information

Parcel Location: The subject site is a designated landmark site due to the location of a burial mound. The property is also listed on the National Register.

Relevant Landmarks Ordinance Sections:

33.19(5)(b)4.

- a. Whether, in the case of a designated landmark or landmark site, the proposed work would detrimentally change, destroy or adversely affect any exterior architectural feature of the improvement upon which said work is to be done;

33.19(8) Maintenance of Landmarks, Landmark Sites and Historic Districts

- a. Every person in charge of an improvement on a landmark site or in a Historic District shall keep in good repair all of the exterior portions of such improvement and all interior portions thereof which, if not so maintained, may cause or tend to cause the exterior portions of such improvement to fall into a state of disrepair. This provision shall be in addition to all other provisions of law requiring such improvement to be kept in good repair.

Analysis and Conclusion

The Curtis Effigy Mound Group originally consisted of two linear mounds. Now only one linear mound remains and it is shared over two properties. For more information on the burial mounds, please refer to the landmark nomination form and the *"Native American Mounds in Madison and Dane County"* booklet as published by the City of Madison and the Wisconsin Historical Society in 1996.

Because there is an effigy mound located on this property, it has been designated a landmark site and any alteration to the landmark site should be reviewed by the Landmarks Commission. In addition, this site is listed on the National Register and pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute 157.70, the property owner must receive approval from the State before proceeding with the work.

In the submission materials, the proposed deck is shown 11'-6" away from the corner of the mound extents. The existing deck is 9'-0" from the mound extents.

Recommendation

Staff believes that the standards for granting Certificates of Appropriateness for the alteration of the landmark site are met and recommends that the Landmarks Commission approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for the work as submitted with the following conditions of approval:

1. The property owners shall ensure that the mounds on the property are protected during construction and that the protection methods and practices are approved by the State.
2. The property owners shall receive approval from the State pursuant to Wisc. Stat. 157.70 before proceeding with the work.