



Agenda Item #: 4
Project Title: 739 Jenifer Street - Addition in the Third Lake Ridge Historic District (District 6)
Legistar File ID #: 92803
Prepared By: Heather Bailey, Preservation Planner
Members: Present: Edna Ely-Ledesma, Molly Harris, Katie Kaliszewski, Jacob Morrison, and Maurice Taylor
Excused: Richard Arnesen and Ald. John Duncan

Summary

Linda Lehnertz, registering in opposition and wishing to speak
Leslie Marshall, registering in support and available to answer questions
Michael Abraham, registering in support and available to answer questions

Kaliszewski opened the public hearing.

Lehnertz spoke in opposition.

Bailey provided background information on the project. She said that the biggest question is whether this addition has achieved significance in its own right. Otherwise, the proposed project is substantively similar to what the commission approved previously. She asked the commission to consider if they would be unable to tell the story of the family who lived here by removing the rear addition and whether they would be damaging the ability to convey the historic associations based on the back of the building, noting that the original main portion of the house will remain. She explained that as the architect was investigating the conditions of the home, they found some structural challenges to making their previous proposal work. Regarding the new proposal, her conclusion was that they can still convey the historic associations of the property in replacing and largely replicating the rear brick addition that likely dates to the period of significance.

Morrison asked what had changed since the commission last reviewed the project. Bailey explained that the previous proposal only included removal of the 1950s addition, and they had proposed a largely glass addition off of the back. Now they would also be removing the historic rear addition and then constructing a new brick addition to replicate what is existing without the same structural challenges. Morrison asked if it was painted brick. Bailey said that it is not painted, but it is more of a blonde brick.

Kaliszewski closed the public hearing.

Action

A motion was made by Morrison, seconded by Harris, to Approve the request for the Certificate of Approval with the condition that final door/window trim and hardscaping details be approved by staff. There is currently no information on why the windows in the historic portion of the building need to be replaced or how the replacements will replicate the appearance of the historic windows. The motion passed by voice vote/other, with Taylor abstaining from the vote and Chair Kaliszewski voting in favor.