

Heiser-Ertel, Lauren

Subject:

FW: Landmarks Commission hearing re: 1718 Chadbourne Avenue

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From: Laura McClure <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Friday, May 17, 2019 12:41 PM

To: Bailey, Heather <HBAiley@cityofmadison.com>

Cc: PLLCApplications <landmarkscommission@cityofmadison.com>; Michael Zorich <michaelzorich@gmail.com>;

Richard A. Heinemann <[REDACTED]>

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Dear Heather,

As neighbors immediately adjacent, we are writing to express our strong support for the addition to 1718 Chadbourne Avenue, along with other improvements to the existing house and grounds. Indeed, we are grateful to have neighbors so attentive to the original character of the property and so eager to restore it to its original beauty.

We have been the owners and occupants of 1722 Chadbourne Avenue since 1998. Since then, we have watched the house go from a charming bungalow with a well-groomed yard to a dilapidated rental and storage dump for the original owner's son's business. Indeed, we and other neighbors have complained to the city about the neglected condition of the property several times over the years, to no avail.

We therefore welcome the proposed improvements to the property. We have talked with the owners, Michael Zorich and Gregory Reed, several times and even toured the house. It is evident that they have already invested considerable sweat equity in the property, tending to the yard, hauling away junk, stripping wallpaper, and restoring the original woodwork. They are obviously very excited to be homeowners and have given meticulous attention to every aspect of the restoration.

We have also inspected the architectural plan and believe it is attractive and in keeping with the historic character of the home. The addition will not be detectable from the street and will be unobtrusive from the back and side. Apart from the actual construction process, we do not believe the addition and renovations will interfere in any way with our own property. In fact, we believe it will enhance its value and that of everyone else in the stadium area of University Heights.

We feel very lucky that the new owners are willing to invest so much time, energy and money into restoring the home to its original charm while at the same time updating it for modern living. We therefore encourage the Landmarks Commission to grant a Certificate of Appropriateness for the proposed project.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

Laura McClure and Richard Heinemann
1722 Chadbourne Avenue
Madison, Wisconsin 53726
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May 18, 2019

Heather Bailey, PhD
Preservation Planner
City of Madison

Dear Dr. Bailey,

I regret that my wife, Kerry Breit, and I are unable to attend this evening's public hearing, but I would like to take this opportunity to support Michael Zorich's and Greg Reed's proposed restoration and rear addition at 1718 Chadbourne Avenue.

My wife, Kerry Breit, and I have lived with our four kids at 1711 Van Hise Avenue for two years. We are "backyard neighbors" of Michael and Greg, and have enjoyed getting to know them over the past several weeks. We are impressed at how quickly and diligently they have been working in their yard and in the house, both of which had been left mostly untended for the entire time we have lived next door, and we understand for a number of years prior as well.

Kerry and I have been through the house and have reviewed the plans for renovation and restoration. We understand that these plans call for the restoration of the exterior of the house to its original appearance as well as for an addition in the rear (towards our backyard) in a style similar to the existing historic part of the house.

Given all of the above, Kerry and I support a decision by the Landmarks Commission to grant a Certificate of Appropriateness so that the renovation and restoration work may begin as soon as Michael and Greg have obtained all necessary approvals.

Please advise if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Gib Clarke and Kerry Breit
1711 Van Hise Avenue

cc: Landmarks Commission

Bailey, Heather

From: Bailey, Heather
Sent: Sunday, May 19, 2019 8:46 AM
To: 'Jean-Luc Thiffeault'
Cc: Heiser-Ertel, Lauren
Subject: RE: hearing for 1718 Chadbourne Ave

Thank you for your feedback. We will include it in the file for consideration at the meeting.



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From: Jean-Luc Thiffeault <[REDACTED]>
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Subject: hearing for 1718 Chadbourne Ave

Ms Bailey,

I'm writing about the upcoming Landmarks hearing regarding 1718 Chadbourne on May 20. My wife Mitra Sharafi and I won't be able to attend, but I'm writing in support of the renovation plan. We've lived directly across the street, at 1715 Chadbourne, for 5 years. Greg and Michael showed us the current interior of the house and explained their restoration plan. I understand that the restorations and proposed addition at the back are well thought out to preserve the historical character of the house and maintain a harmonious relation to our beautiful neighborhood. We would completely agree if the Landmarks Commission were to grant a Certificate of Appropriateness for the restoration.

Sincerely,

Jean-Luc Thiffeault