

LANDMARKS COMMISSION MEETING REPORT

April 14, 2025



Agenda Item #: 3

Project Title: 2110 Bascom St - Addition and Exterior Alterations in the University Heights Historic District (District 5)

Legistar File ID #: 87629

Prepared By: Heather Bailey, Preservation Planner

Members: Present: Richard Arnesen, Edna Ely-Ledesma, Molly Harris, Katie Kaliszewski, Ald. Amani Latimer Burris, Jacob Morrison, and Maurice Taylor
Excused: Edna Ely-Ledesma

Summary

Matt Eaton, registering in support and available to answer questions

Bailey provided background information on the project, noting her recommendation that the historic window openings be retained rather than reconfigured as proposed.

Taylor asked if the windows were visible from street, and Bailey confirmed they were. Morrison pointed out that the balconet is not visible because of the current landscaping, but if they were to change the landscaping it would become visible.

Kaliszewski opened the public hearing.

Matt Eaton, applicant, said the side balconet is existing. The small window on the second floor is in a shower, which is why they are proposing to make it smaller than the existing window. However, they can make it larger if that is a requirement and are willing to work with staff on a solution.

Kaliszewski closed the public hearing.

Morrison said he initially had an issue with the head height of the far right window in the stucco, but in looking at the Wisconsin Historical Society images, the original window is at that height, so they would not recommend changing it from its original location. He agreed that the smaller second-floor bathroom window is an issue and should not be changed from its original orientation and size. He said there is a difficult technical transition from stucco to siding, but he trusted that staff can help work out that technical issue.

Action

A motion was made by Morrison, seconded by Arnesen, to Approve the request for the Certificate of Appropriateness with the conditions that the historic window opening for the 2nd floor bathroom be retained rather than reconfigured as proposed and specifications for windows, balconet railing, stucco, roof venting, and any new exterior lighting be approved by staff. If the windows need to be replaced, they must follow the standards for replacement. The motion passed by voice vote/other.