
Regarding: 402 North Thornton Avenue – Designated Landmark (Tenney Park) – Removal/replacement of the Thornton Avenue bridge.
2nd Ald. District. Contact: Kay Rutledge, Parks Division
(Legistar #27114)

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General Information:

The Applicant (City Parks Division) is proposing to remove and replace the Thornton Avenue bridge. Tenney Park is listed on the National Register with the Yahara Parkway as an historic district. The Applicant has worked with City Staff and State Historic Preservation Officers to reach the proposed bridge design. The Landmarks Commission reviewed the design at its July 20 meeting and referred the discussion to a future meeting when Parks Division staff is able to attend.

Relevant sections of the Landmarks Ordinance:

Sec. 33.19(5)(b) Regulation Of Construction, Reconstruction and Exterior Alteration (to landmarks).

4. Upon filing of any application with the Landmarks Commission, the Landmarks Commission shall determine:
 - 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; and
 - b. Whether, in the case of the construction of a new improvement upon a landmark site, the exterior of such improvement would adversely affect or not harmonize with the external appearance of other neighboring improvements on such site; and
 - c. Whether, in the case of any property located in an Historic District designated pursuant to the terms of Subsection (6)(d) hereunder, the proposed construction, reconstruction or exterior alteration does not conform to the objectives and design criteria of the historic preservation plan for said district as duly adopted by the Common Council.

(Sec. 33.01(4)(b)3. Renumbered to 4. by Ord. 11,070, 12-6-94)

Staff Comments and Recommendations:

Staff believes that the standards for granting a Certificate of Appropriateness for the proposed project can be met and recommends approval by the Landmarks Commission with the following condition of approval to be approved by Staff:

1. The concrete of the bridge shall be a brown color to closely resemble the existing concrete material. The Applicant shall review the concrete color with Staff before work begins.