

AGENDA # 5

City of Madison, Wisconsin

REPORT OF: LANDMARKS COMMISSION

PRESENTED: 6/1/20

TITLE: 300 E Gorham St - Exterior Alteration to a Designated Madison Landmark in the Mansion Hill Hist. Dist. (Gates of Heaven) - Exterior restoration; 2nd Ald. Dist.

REFERRED:

REREFERRED:

REPORTED BACK:

AUTHOR: Heather Bailey, Preservation Planner

ADOPTED:

POF:

DATED: 6/5/20

ID NUMBER: 60541

Members present were: Anna Andrzejewski, Richard Arnesen, Katie Kaliszewski, Arvina Martin, and David McLean. Excused were: Betty Banks and Maurice Taylor.

SUMMARY:

Amy Scanlon, registering in support and wishing to speak

Bailey described the proposed exterior restoration work to clean soiled masonry using the gentlest means possible, reverse or consolidate damaged masonry, replace failed mortar, repair exterior doors and windows, and replace exterior storm windows. She discussed the applicable standards, including the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation #5, 6, and 7, and said that she recommends the project be approved as proposed.

Scanlon said that City Engineering has been working with the architects at Insight Consulting to develop best practices for the Gates of Heaven exterior restoration project. She said that during the relocation effort in 1971, they know many historic elements were removed, so they are doing everything they can to preserve the historic fabric that remains. She said that they will be trying to remove deteriorated stone and redress it or remove it, flip it in the existing opening, and put it back so the historic fabric remains. She said they believe the windows date to the 1910s or 1920s and they plan to restore them because they are in repairable condition and are historic in their own right. Once the windows are restored, she said they want to protect them by installing storm windows on every opening.

ACTION:

A motion was made by Martin, seconded by McLean, to approve the request for the Certificate of Appropriateness. The motion passed by voice vote/other.