

Dear City of Madison Landmarks Commission,
Amy Scanlon Preservation Planner
June 16, 2015

Hello Amy

With respect to the City of Madison Landmarks Commission and its Historic District Preservation Planning Criteria and Expectations, I am writing to discuss exterior repair currently on schedule at 852 Williamson Street.

The Willy St Tavern or Wisco has been in need of exterior repair for some time and, as we discussed, I'm forwarding a letter detailing the upcoming exterior repairs.

As per the City of Madison Building Inspection Division and Adrian Van Berkel we have taken his advice and requests serious and talked with you regarding our plans to make necessary upgrades. I'm writing to request you consider the following work for Certificate of Appropriateness when completed as historically accurate to originality as per our conversation regarding these exterior repairs. Please consider the following to begin the week of June 22nd, 2015 beginning with the Mansard roof system, upper windows and ally way fire escape:

Shingles to be replaced on Mansard roof including all sides in addition the front overhang or porch. Work to include tear off, tar paper, drip edge, any sheathing replacement as necessary, valley or tin, all flashing and roof coatings, sealant, dormer and other trim as well as any venting necessary to replace. All material and replacement components including trim and venting, exterior components where necessary to replace will be as exactly to original specs and size as possible.

Window exterior sill and trim where rotted will be replaced with new lumber and aluminum clad, seem sealed using color coordinated caulk, nails and or rivets in such a way as not to detract from the originality but give a durable long lasting low or no maintenance respectful appearance keeping sizes proportionate with existing or as original as possible. All windows will be addressed, starting with the windows built into the Mansard roof. In addition all screens and storms of these windows will be repaired or replaced to proper function and matching quality looks with aluminum inserts if so necessary.

Gate covering ally way and between tavern and neighboring rental housing that has been rebuilt based on existing perimeter barricade fencing will require a letter of appropriateness.

Front sidewalk area brick and stone top planter that has been rebuilt based on existing or original will require a letter of appropriateness.

Side ally exterior 4 x 4 fire escape, four step stair stringer and lower 4 x 4 landing will be rebuilt or replaced where necessary as to maximize strength and usability creating a safe and original looking safety platform. The accompanying railing will be replaced with hand safety railing to configure to the back upper roof railing and or neighboring safety railing as discussed. Building material will be exterior grade treated lumber and exterior screws.

Front porch overhang will be rebuilt as to reattach securely to building and reinforce frame and including roof shingles, flashing, drip edge, decorative trim and any other exterior features or coverings as per our discussion with all care taken to keep as original in size, shape and features as possible. There may be need to support front porch overhang on outer right corner looking at it from street view with a support post of some sort possibly with a brick base matching adjacent planter.

Front porch overhang attached water drainage gutters and down spouts will need to be addressed and decided upon. This to be decided and noted in upcoming hard copy written request letter or with any future amendment request letter.

Building siding will be replaced or updated, possibly rebuilt depending on consistency or presence of undesirable related material to be decided based upon independent laboratory testing. Siding rebuild or replacement material will be as exacting to original as possible, per our discussion. This material could be concrete, wood, vinyl, aluminum or any appropriate material matching or duplicating original wood four inch beveled lap siding or current waver edge hard material siding. This siding material will be discussed and possibly decided upon in the near future and noted in the upcoming hard copy written request letter filed with your department per 12 copies. This to be decided and noted in upcoming hard copy written request letter or with any future amendment request letter.

Front picture window of approximate 6' x 8' size will be reinstalled per original looks possibly having three separate panes, possibly with three separate operable transoms above panes. This to be decided and noted in upcoming hard copy written request letter or with any future amendment request letter.

Concrete and brick work will be addressed and restored to original condition.

Front entrance door will be replaced with a full glass door increasing in width by approximately 6 inches. Metal support pole will be removed and a hand rail of an appropriate and approved material will be mounted on block façade near door. This to be decided and noted in upcoming hard copy written request letter or with any future amendment request letter.

Double doors facing Williamson Street will be refurbished as close as possible to original condition.

Thank you General Contractor
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