



**Project Address:** 1615 Summit Avenue  
**Application Type:** Certificate of Appropriateness for exterior alteration in historic district  
**Legistar File ID #** [30375](#)  
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## Summary

**Applicant/Property Owner:** Thomas & Heidi Notbohm

**Requested Action/Proposal Summary:** The applicants request that the Landmarks Commission grant a Certificate of Appropriateness for the exterior alteration to the residence located at 1615 Summit Avenue in the University Heights Historic District. The request encloses the ground level porch on the rear addition with wood siding and salvage brick to match the adjacent materials. The request also creates a new accessible sidewalk and ramp to this area for an accessible entrance.

**Applicable Regulations & Standards:** Section 33.19 of the Madison General Ordinances (see below)

**Review Required By:** Landmarks Commission

## Background Information

**Parcel Location:** The subject site is located in the University Heights (local) historic district and in the University Heights National Register Historic District.

### Relevant Landmarks Ordinance Sections:

33.19(12)(d)6. Additions Visible from the Street and Alterations to Street Facades. Additions visible from the street, including additions to the top of buildings or structures, and alterations to street facades shall be compatible with the existing building in architectural design, scale, color, texture, proportion of solids to voids and proportion of widths to heights of doors and windows. Materials used in such alterations and additions shall duplicate in texture and appearance, and architectural details used therein shall duplicate in design, the materials and details used in the original construction of the existing building or of other buildings in University Heights of similar materials, age and architectural style, unless the Landmarks Commission approves duplication of the texture and appearance of materials and the design of architectural details used in the existing building where the existing building materials and architectural details differ from the original. Additions and exterior alterations that exactly duplicate the original materials in composition are encouraged. Additions or exterior alterations that destroy significant architectural features are prohibited. Side additions shall not detract from the design composition of the original facade.

## Analysis and Conclusion

A brief discussion of 33.19(12)(d) follows:

The alteration is visible from the side street. Staff believes the alteration is compatible with the architectural design, scale, color, texture, and proportion of widths to heights of doors and windows. Because the proposal is to enclose a porch, the proportion of solids to voids changes, but is compatible with the building. The proposed materials will match the adjacent siding and brick. While the lowest level of the rear porch is being altered, the Architect is maintaining the existing corner columns and size

of the existing porch which allows the change to read as an alteration where significant architectural features are not being destroyed.

## **Recommendation**

Staff believes that the standards for granting a Certificate of Appropriateness for the exterior alterations are met and recommends approval by the Landmarks Commission with the following conditions of approval:

1. The Applicant shall consider adding a window in the south elevation of the enclosure.