



Project Address: 945 Edgewood College Drive (855 Woodrow Street)
Application Type: Certificate of Appropriateness for alterations to a landmark site
Legistar File ID # [33043](#)
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Summary

Applicant/Property Owner: Michael Gordon, Potter Lawson

Requested Action/Proposal Summary: The Applicant is requesting a Certificate of Appropriateness for the construction of a building addition on the designated landmark site near burial mounds.

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

Review Required By: Landmarks Commission, Plan Commission, and UDC (limited review)

Background Information

Parcel Location: The subject sites are located on the Edgewood Campus overlooking Lake Wingra. The property is also listed on the National Register.

Relevant Landmarks Ordinance Sections:

33.19(8) Maintenance of Landmarks, Landmark Sites and Historic Districts

- a. Every person in charge of an improvement on a landmark site or in a Historic District shall keep in good repair all of the exterior portions of such improvement and all interior portions thereof which, if not so maintained, may cause or tend to cause the exterior portions of such improvement to fall into a state of disrepair. This provision shall be in addition to all other provisions of law requiring such improvement to be kept in good repair.

Analysis and Conclusion

The Edgewood College Mound Group consists of a group of 12 (originally 15) mounds. There are 7 conical mounds and 1 linear mound located along Edgewood Drive which parallels the lakeshore. The other mounds are located in and around other buildings and along paths on the property. For more information on the burial mounds, please refer to the landmark nomination form and the "*Native American Mounds in Madison and Dane County*" booklet as published by the City of Madison and the Wisconsin Historical Society in 1996.

Because there are effigy mounds located on this property, the Edgewood College Campus is a landmark site and any alteration to the landmark site should be reviewed by the Landmarks Commission.

The proposed addition to Regina Hall is in close proximity to a linear mound and the drawings indicate that the mound should be protected during construction work. Staff understands from discussions with the Applicant and Edgewood College representatives that treatment of the mounds during construction work will be based on recommendations and oversight by the State.

Recommendation

Staff believes that the standards for granting Certificates of Appropriateness for the alteration of the landmarks site (addition to Regina Hall) are met and suggests that the Landmarks Commission approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for the work as submitted with the following condition of approval:

1. The property owner shall ensure that the mounds on the property are protected during construction and that the protection methods and practices are approved by the State (Dr. Leslie Eisenberg).