

PLANNING DIVISION STAFF REPORT

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PREPARED FOR THE LANDMARKS COMMISSION



Project Name/Address: 1602 Vilas
Application Type: Alteration adjacent to landmark (Vilas Park Mound Group)
Legistar File ID # [48805](#)
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Summary

Project Applicant/Contact: Mike Sturm, Parks Division
Requested Action: The Applicant is requesting an exterior alteration to a building adjacent to a Designated Landmark.

Background Information

Parcel Location: The subject site is located adjacent to a Designated Landmark.

Relevant Zoning Code:

28.144 DEVELOPMENT ADJACENT TO A LANDMARK OR LANDMARK SITE.

Any development on a zoning lot adjoining a landmark or landmark site for which Plan Commission or Urban Design Commission review is required shall be reviewed by the Landmark Commission to determine whether the proposed development is so large or visually intrusive as to adversely affect the historic character and integrity of the adjoining landmark or landmark site. Landmark Commission review shall be advisory to the Plan Commission and the Urban Design Commission.

Analysis and Conclusion

The Applicant is proposing to alter Vilas Park by replacing the two lagoon bridges. Vilas Park is adjacent to the Vilas Park Mound Group. The Urban Design Commission (UDC) reviews improvements to public projects and according to MGO 28.144, the Landmarks Commission shall review the work and provide a recommendation to the UDC. The bridges are located far away from the adjacent landmark site and the two areas are separated visually by the zoo buildings.

The Applicant is requesting to remove the existing bridges and replace the bridges with less arched angle braced bridge structures and install new paths to access the bridges.

Recommendation

Staff believes the exterior alterations are not so large or visually intrusive as to adversely affect the historic character and integrity of the adjoining landmark and recommends that the Landmarks Commission provide this recommendation to the Urban Design Commission.