

AGENDA # 2

City of Madison, Wisconsin

REPORT OF: LANDMARKS COMMISSION

PRESENTED: 6/18/18

TITLE: 1937 Arlington Pl - Exterior Alteration in
the University Heights Hist. Dist.;
5th Ald. Dist.

REFERRED:

REREFERRED:

REPORTED BACK:

AUTHOR: Amy Scanlon, Secretary

ADOPTED:

POF:

DATED: 6/26/18

ID NUMBER: 52017

Members present were: Stuart Levitan, Chair; Anna V. Andrzejewski, Vice Chair; David WJ McLean, Richard Arnesen, Marsha A. Rummel, and Katie Kaliszewski. Excused was Lon Hill.

SUMMARY:

J. Leon Shohet, registering in support and available to answer questions.

Staff described the photos included in the submission, noting that one shows the original house with stucco exterior and another photo shows the stucco under the existing siding. The applicant is requesting to remove the siding and restore the original appearance of the house, which was stucco. Staff asked what year the siding was installed, and Shohet referenced a building permit issued in 1934 for the installation of the siding.

Shohet stated that the Claude and Starck house was built in 1899. Staff noted that the house was stucco for around 34 years, and now has had siding for over 80 years, so it is an interesting historic preservation issue because some things gain historic merit in their own right. Levitan noted that restoring to stucco would make it consistent with at least 1915, and there was brief discussion of neighboring stucco houses that are similar in appearance to the original stucco version of the applicant's house.

Arnesen asked if there is an addition on the house. Shohet stated that the previous owners put an addition on the rear. Arnesen pointed out that the addition would have new stucco.

Staff stated that her only recommendation is that as siding is removed and any missing or modified trim pieces are discovered, that the applicant work with staff to fill in those gaps. Shohet noted that he has a carpenter and electrician on standby because they don't know what they might find as they begin removing siding. Andrzejewski suggested that a historic opening, such as a window or a door, might be found. Shohet stated that the house was sided in 1934 because the people who purchased it were from New England, where everything is sided.

Rummel noted that the siding looks great and well-cared for, and Shohet confirmed that it is the original 1934 siding. Arnesen suggested that Shohet salvage the siding for someone to reuse, and Shohet confirmed that he will do that.

ACTION:

A motion was made by Arnesen, seconded by Kaliszewski, to approve the request for the Certificate of Appropriateness with the stipulation that the applicant keep staff apprised of what they find under the siding. The motion passed by voice vote.