City of Madison, Wisconsin

REPORT OF: LANDMARKS COMMISSION	PRESENTED: 8/6/18	
TITLE: 1053 Rutledge St - Exterior Alteration in the Third Lake Ridge Hist. Dist.; 6th Ald. Dist.	REFERRED:	
	REREFERRED:	
	REPORTED BACK:	
AUTHOR: Amy Scanlon and Bill Fruhling	ADOPTED:	POF:
DATED: 8/10/18	ID NUMBER: 52653	

Members present were: Stuart Levitan, Anna Andrzejewski, Richard Arnesen, and Katie Kaliszewski. Excused were: Marsha Rummel, Lon Hill, and David McLean.

SUMMARY:

Bruce Mueller, registering in support and wishing to speak. Becky Mueller, registering in support and wishing to speak.

Staff briefly described the proposed work to remove half round gutters and replace with k-style gutters. She referenced the photo included in the staff report and said that the house currently has half round gutters on the front of the home and k-style gutters on the rear.

Bruce Mueller pointed out that the roof is steep and there are a lot of trees surrounding the house, so they would like to install maintenance-free gutter guards. Becky Mueller said that their goal is to update the gutters due to age and wear, as well as safety concerns they have with climbing on the roof to clean the gutters. She also stated that similar homes in the area have k-style gutters.

Levitan asked the applicants to respond to the question of whether their proposal conforms to the terms of the ordinance, and read from 41.23(9)(c) regarding retaining original or existing materials. He then asked why they can't install gutter guards on half rounds. Bruce Mueller responded that they checked with two companies, and neither would install gutter guards on half round gutters.

Arnesen asked if something is wrong with the existing front gutter. Bruce Mueller stated that it is old and needs to be replaced. He went on to say that the front of the house is two stories, but on the rear it gets taller and the roof is more severely pitched.

Staff stated that the primary issue is with the front façade. Bruce Mueller asked if it would be okay to install half rounds only on the front. Andrzejewski said that the Commission is concerned with the street façade, which is the front of this house. Bruce Mueller stated that he has an easier time getting on the front roof of the house, so while it's not what they would like to do with the gutters, it is something they could agree to. Levitan stated that the Commission is concerned with the front, so if the applicants would like to put k-style gutters on the rear and sides of the house, they can do that. Bruce Mueller said that they are okay with that option.

ACTION:

A motion was made by Arnesen, seconded by Andrzejewski, to approve the request for the Certificate of Appropriateness with the stipulation that half round gutters be installed on the front of the house, and allowing k-style gutters on the rear and sides of the house. The motion passed by voice vote.