

## AGENDA # 2

City of Madison, Wisconsin

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REPORT OF: LANDMARKS COMMISSION

**PRESENTED:** 10/1/18

TITLE: 1715 Hoyt St - Exterior Alteration in the  
University Heights Hist. Dist.; 5th  
Ald. Dist.

**REFERRED:**

**REREFERRED:**

**REPORTED BACK:**

AUTHOR: William Fruhling, Acting Preservation  
Planner

**ADOPTED:**

**POF:**

DATED: 10/10/18

**ID NUMBER:** 53074

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

### **SUMMARY:**

*Jeremy Levin, registering in support and wishing to speak.*

Fruhling described the proposed project, which involves the replacement and slight enlargement of the rear deck. He said that the proposed project is acceptable, but noted two conditions from the staff report regarding the texture of the composite deck boards and the connector system used to attach the posts in the railing system. He stated that the deck boards should be smooth and not have a faux wood grain, though he pointed out that because the deck is located on the rear of the house and is non-original, this is a “soft” condition. Regarding the second condition, Fruhling said that some modern railing systems use bulky connector pieces to attach the posts, and he wanted to ensure that the railings the applicant is proposing do not use that type of connector. He also pointed out that while the application mentions replacement of the rear yard fence, the Landmarks Commission does not review fences.

Levin brought a sample image of the railing system he proposes to use, and staff said that the railing and connectors shown in the photo are acceptable. Levin then explained that he would like to use composite deck boards with faux wood grain because the texture would provide more traction when wet, and it also reflects the texture of the current non-original cedar deck.

Fruhling mentioned that the ordinance does not make a distinction about the deck materials used in this situation because it is not original and is on the rear of the house. McLean pointed out that the composite deck boards are located on a horizontal surface that is not very visible.

### **ACTION:**

**A motion was made by McLean, seconded by Arnesen, to approve the request for the Certificate of Appropriateness. The motion passed by voice vote.**