

AGENDA # 1

City of Madison, Wisconsin

REPORT OF: LANDMARKS COMMISSION	PRESENTED: 2/17/20	
TITLE: 1402 Williamson St - Exterior Alteration in the Third Lake Ridge Hist. Dist. - Foundation repair and replacement of siding with brick; 6th Ald. Dist.	REFERRED:	
	REREFERRED:	
	REPORTED BACK:	
AUTHOR: Heather Bailey, Preservation Planner	ADOPTED:	POF:
DATED: 2/18/20	ID NUMBER: 59271	

Members present were: Richard Arnesen, Katie Kaliszewski, David McLean, and Maurice Taylor. Excused were: Anna Andrzejewski, Betty Banks, and Arvina Martin.

SUMMARY:

Steve Silverberg, registering in support and available to answer questions

Bailey described the proposed work to repair the concrete foundation on the S Dickinson Street side of the building and reconfigure the storefront bay on S Dickinson Street by removing the existing metal siding and infilling with brick. She said that in 2017, the Landmarks Commission approved the reconfiguration of the storefront to its current state. She showed photos submitted by the applicant of the deteriorating foundation, and explained that the applicant intends to remove the failing sections and complete repair and parging of those areas. She also showed photos of the existing condition of the metal siding, and said that the applicant proposes to remove the metal siding, create a space to look like the window bays on the front of the building, and infill the space with brick. She said that it will read like a former storefront space, but the applicants do not want a window there. She discussed the applicable standards, and said that staff recommends approval of the project as proposed.

McLean said that on the front elevation, there appears to be corner pieces of stone on the foundation, and asked if the foundation was concrete or limestone. Bailey said that she thinks it is cast stone, and the pieces that are crumbling apart are concrete. McLean said that it would be nice if the window could go back in the S Dickinson Street side of the building, but because it hasn't been there for so long, there's no real loss. Bailey said that the oldest photo she could find of the building doesn't show the side, so she wasn't sure what the side bay looked like. She said that given the amount of alterations to the front façade, there is a chance that the area under the siding has changed a lot too and it is unlikely there is significant historic material underneath.

ACTION:

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