City of Madison, Wisconsin

REPORT OF: LANDMARKS COMMISSION	PRESENTED: 2/15/21	
TITLE: 167 N Prospect Ave - Exterior Alteration in the University Heights Hist. Dist Repair of foundation; 5th Ald. Dist.	REFERRED:	
	REREFERRED:	
	REPORTED BACK:	
AUTHOR: Heather Bailey, Preservation Planner	ADOPTED:	POF:
DATED: 2/17/21	ID NUMBER: 63898	

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

SUMMARY:

Aaron Gary, registering in support and available to answer questions

Bailey described the proposed work to repair the sandstone foundation and pointed out that at some point, a cementitious parge coating was added and is damaging the foundation. She said that the current property owners inherited this problem and are proposing to remove the parge coating and return the foundation back to its historic condition. She discussed the applicable standards in University Heights regarding alterations visible and not visible from the street. She said that staff recommends approval with the condition that final mortar specifications be approved by staff.

Kaliszewski asked if the applicant was agreeable to staff's recommended condition of approval. Aaron Gary said that he agreed to staff's conditions. He explained that their objective is to stop the deterioration of the original sandstone, stabilize it, and make it look like the original as much as possible. He said they are working with a structural engineer with a background in historic restoration. McLean said that he was excited to see the foundation repaired in this way. Andrzejewski agreed and said the applicant was doing the right thing to correct what had previously been done to the building.

ACTION:

A motion was made by McLean, seconded by Kaliszewski, to approve the request for the Certificate of Appropriateness with the condition that final mortar specifications be approved by staff. The motion passed by voice vote/other.