

PLANNING DIVISION STAFF REPORT

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PREPARED FOR THE LANDMARKS COMMISSION



Project Name/Address: 702 Pflaum Road, LaFollette High School

Application Type: Additions and exterior alterations adjacent to a Designated Madison Landmark (Dean House)

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Summary

Project Applicant/Contact: Colleen O'Meara, EUA

Requested Action: The Applicant is requesting an adjacency review for exterior alterations and additions adjacent to a Designated Madison Landmark.

Background Information

Parcel Location: The subject site is located adjacent to a Designated Madison Landmark.

Relevant Zoning Code:

28.144 DEVELOPMENT ADJACENT TO A LANDMARK OR LANDMARK SITE.

Any development on a zoning lot adjoining a landmark or landmark site for which Plan Commission or Urban Design Commission review is required shall be reviewed by the Landmark Commission to determine whether the proposed development is so large or visually intrusive as to adversely affect the historic character and integrity of the adjoining landmark or landmark site. Landmark Commission review shall be advisory to the Plan Commission and the Urban Design Commission.

Analysis and Conclusion

The application is for an advisory recommendation related to proposed alterations, including three additions to La Follette High School, which is adjacent to the landmarked parcel of 4718 Monona Drive. Most of that parcel contains a golf course, but the landmark designation is for the Nathaniel Dean house, located in the northwest corner of the landmarked parcel. The Dean House is approximately 1300 feet away from the property boundary with the school. The proposed work on the east and south sides of the school will not substantially alter the bulk and mass of the existing school structure. The landscaping features between the landmarked structure and the school mean that the school itself is minimally visible from the Dean House, and the additions would not be visible.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Landmarks Commission provide their advisory recommendation to the Plan Commission that the proposed new structure is not so large or visually intrusive as to adversely affect the historic character or integrity of the adjacent landmark at 4718 Monona Drive.