

AGENDA # 7

City of Madison, Wisconsin

REPORT OF: LANDMARKS COMMISSION

PRESENTED: 5/17/21

TITLE: 3802 Regent St (Capital High School/Hoyt School) - Addition Adjacent to a Designated Madison Landmark (Hoyt Park); 5th Ald. Dist.

REFERRED:

REREFERRED:

REPORTED BACK:

AUTHOR: Heather Bailey, Preservation Planner

ADOPTED:

POF:

DATED: 5/24/21

ID NUMBER: 65203

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

SUMMARY:

Kirk Lewis, registering in support and available to answer questions

Also present: Alder Regina Vidaver, District 5

Bailey described the proposed work to construct an addition to the rear of Capital High School, historically known as Hoyt School, which is adjacent to Hoyt Park. She said that the addition is technically visible from Hoyt Park, which was designated as a landmark for its history as a quarry, history related to the Park and Pleasure Drive Association, and for its landscape architecture. She said that the design of the park is such that once you are within the park, it is an enclosed experience. There is a trail that goes by the school, but one has to walk to the edge of the park to see the school. She said that while the proposed work is technically visible from the park, the small addition on the back of the school is not going to change the character of the park or the park experience. She said that staff recommends 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 3902 Regent Street.

Ald. Vidaver said that she is excited about the project and wants it to move forward quickly. She agreed with staff's comments that it will not inhibit anyone's enjoyment of the park.

ACTION:

A motion was made by Arnesen, seconded by Martin, to recommend to the Plan Commission and Urban Design 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 3902 Regent Street. The motion passed by voice vote/other.