

To: Landmarks Commission, Madison, Wisconsin  
From: John and Mary Santarius, 2001 Van Hise Ave, Madison, WI 53726  
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Re: Item 64700 on agenda of 28 June 2021 Landmarks Commission  
2003 Van Hise Ave construction of new rear porch

We write to express two concerns regarding the application to the Landmarks Commission for the replacement of a deck (not a porch as stated in the title) outside the back door of 2003 Van Hise Ave with a new, screened rear porch:

1. The new porch would be more historically appropriate and less architecturally awkward if it were flush with the back (south) wall of the house rather than the present plan that it protrude 3 ft beyond the south side of the existing house. This would slightly reduce the new porch area from 129 to 98 sq ft, but this would still supplement the existing, 170 sq ft, screened front porch.
2. The house and garage already take up a very large fraction of the small lot on which they sit, and a two-story rear addition to the house in 2006 required variances for that large house and small lot reason. The application's letter of intent states, "The intent is to keep the porch from structurally overwhelming at the rear of the house by lowing it to be more inclusive with the yard while still staying accessible to main level of the house." We agree with this intent and suggest that future development of the screened porch area into a fully interior one- or two-story addition to the house be constrained by whatever formal procedures the Landmarks Commission has at its disposal..