

## AGENDA # 3

City of Madison, Wisconsin

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REPORT OF: LANDMARKS COMMISSION

**PRESENTED:** 6/28/21

TITLE: 2222 E Washington Ave - Construction of an addition to a Designated Madison Landmark (Madison East High School); 12th Ald. Dist.

**REFERRED:**

**REREFERRED:**

**REPORTED BACK:**

AUTHOR: Heather Bailey, Preservation Planner

**ADOPTED:**

**POF:**

DATED: 6/30/21

**ID NUMBER:** 65860

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

### **SUMMARY:**

*Paul Raisleger, registering in support and wishing to speak*

*Jackie Michaels, registering in support and available to answer questions*

Andrzejewski opened the public hearing.

Bailey discussed the proposed work to construct additions in three areas, repair windows and masonry, replace the roof, and install a turf football field. On a site plan, she noted that one addition is in an interior courtyard not visible from the public right-of-way, and the other two additions are covering a significant portion of a previous addition from the 1960s and are visible from E Washington Avenue and N Fourth Street. She said that the landmark nomination for the building mentioned that over time, the additions were complimentary and sympathetic to the original historic structure aside from the 1960s addition, which was more of an intrusion. She said that the proposed additions visible from the public right-of-way will read as new construction, but will use a similar architectural vocabulary to tie them into the larger historic structure. She said they will be differentiated, but will blend in and not overwhelm so they are complimentary to the historic structure. She referenced the staff report discussion of the "1963" block on the existing addition that will be covered over with the new addition. She suggested the applicants look into incorporating it elsewhere on the 1962-63 wing as opposed to covering it. She discussed the applicable standards and said that staff believes the proposed project meets the standards.

Raisleger presented on how the project team studied the proportions and details of the original historic structure when designing the new additions. He said that the additions would respect the original character of the building with patterns that tie the buildings together, while also creating their own identity.

Andrzejewski asked the applicants for their thoughts on staff's recommendation to relocate the "1963" date panel from the existing addition. Raisleger said they can look into relocating it, but not much of the 1962-63 addition will remain. He asked if they could cast it into the new brick near the main entry. Bailey said that she had concerns of creating a false sense of history by placing it in the new addition, and the date marker should remain with the 1960s addition. She said that if there is nowhere to place it on the exterior, perhaps they could place it in the interior. She said that nothing else about the character of the 1962-63 addition sympathetically tied it to the original structure aside from the date marker, which was the sole nod to bringing the character of the decorative stone details of the original structure. She asked that the applicants do more investigating for an

appropriate location to place the date marker. Raisleger agreed and said they would contact staff with their findings.

Andrzejewski closed the public hearing.

Andrzejewski said she appreciated the presentation from the architect, which explained their efforts to base the new addition off the ideas in the original building but making it distinctive at the same time so that it doesn't create a false sense of history. Arnesen said that it looks like a great addition, and he was happy to see additional resources put into his alma mater.

**ACTION:**

**A motion was made by Taylor, seconded by Arnesen, to approve the request for the Certificate of Appropriateness with the condition that the applicant explore relocation of the "1963" marker from the N Fourth Street façade to a remaining portion of the 1962-63 addition. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**