

AGENDA # 2

City of Madison, Wisconsin

REPORT OF: LANDMARKS COMMISSION

PRESENTED: 7/12/21

TITLE: 3902 Regent St - Exterior Alteration to
a Designated Madison Landmark
(Hoyt Park) - Realignment of
hiking trails; 5th Ald. Dist.

REFERRED:

REREFERRED:

REPORTED BACK:

AUTHOR: Heather Bailey, Preservation Planner

ADOPTED:

POF:

DATED: 7/13/21

ID NUMBER: 66138

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

SUMMARY:

*Sarah Close, registering neither in support nor in opposition and available to answer questions
Also present: Alder Regina Vidaver, District 5*

Bailey described the proposed work to realign the hiking trail network and remove a dead oak tree. She explained that sections of the trail come close to the edge of the bluff, which is a safety hazard and also directs water off the bluff onto the properties below. She said that the trails will be shifted away from the edge of the bluff to provide ongoing access to pedestrians, and Parks staff will introduce native plant species and remove asphalt paving in the existing sections of the trail to be abandoned, which will also help mitigate issues with water going over the edge of the bluff. She referenced the staff report, which discussed the built structures called out as significant in the landmark nomination and noted that there is no discussion of the trail network in the nomination. She said that the dead oak tree to be removed was also not called out as significant in the landmark nomination, so she did not recommend the applicant replace the tree with something similar, though they could do so in the future. She showed photos of the existing trail near the bluff and discussed the applicable Secretary of the Interior's Standards. She said that staff recommends approval of the project as proposed.

Alder Vidaver said that as a frequent user of these paths, she was in favor of the proposed changes.

Kaliszewski asked if the project would be submitted to the State Historic Preservation Office for 66.1111 review. Bailey said that it should be, but she would check with the Parks Division to confirm. Taylor asked for clarification on a 66.1111 review, and Bailey explained that any proposed alterations to a property that is listed in the National Register of Historic Places and owned by a municipality need to be submitted to the State Historic Preservation Office for review and comment on the proposed changes.

ACTION:

A motion was made by Taylor, seconded by Kaliszewski, to approve the request for the Certificate of Appropriateness. The motion passed by voice vote/other.