

## AGENDA # 2

City of Madison, Wisconsin

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REPORT OF: LANDMARKS COMMISSION

**PRESENTED:** 10/18/21

TITLE: 5 E Wilson St - Exterior Alteration to a Designated Madison Landmark (Madison Club) - Construction of patio and fencing; 4th Ald. Dist.

**REFERRED:**

**REREFERRED:**

**REPORTED BACK:**

AUTHOR: Heather Bailey, Preservation Planner

**ADOPTED:**

**POF:**

DATED: 10/21/21

**ID NUMBER:** 67671

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

### **SUMMARY:**

*E Edward Linville, registering in support and available to answer questions*

Bailey described the proposed project to remove the existing planters and air intake structure in front of the building and construct a concrete patio with fencing and gate, with air intake incorporated into the fencing piers. She showed images of the existing area at the edge of the historic structure with new brick and fencing that relates to the larger hotel site, as well as the area in front of the building that had previously been paved in the 1970s and currently contains trees and plants. She explained that the plantings are causing problems with water infiltration into the foundation, so the applicant would like to remove the plantings and pave the area in a way that addresses the preservation needs of the structure and the water intrusion issues. She showed a rendering of the proposed brick piers with a granite inset and metal fencing between piers. She said that the new air intake will be located on the side of the piers facing the building and will largely be obscured from the public right-of-way on the sidewalk. She said the air intake will also be set off to the side rather than in the middle where it is currently sited. She discussed the applicable Secretary of the Interior's Standards and said that staff recommends approval with the condition that masonry specifications be approved by staff in order to make sure it blends with the historic structure yet is differentiated.

Taylor asked if the brick pillars will be similar in style and color to the materials of the Madison Club. Bailey said it will be a similar color but will be new brick, which is advisable because one should not use something identical to the historic brick. She said the new brick should follow a similar color pattern but needs to look like new bricks so one knows it is a new fence. Taylor said that he wanted to confirm it was differentiated and would not create a false sense of history.

Kaliszewski said that she did not have an issue with the project because landscaping changes from time to time, and the applicant isn't removing anything original.

Andrzejewski asked if staff recommended approving the masonry in order to avoid creating a false sense of history. Bailey confirmed she was, as well as to make sure it blends together with the historic brick on the building.

**ACTION:**

**A motion was made by Kaliszewski, seconded by Martin, to approve the request for the Certificate of Appropriateness with the condition that masonry specifications be approved by staff. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**