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# Milwaukee Historic Preservation Commission
# Staff Report

**HPC meeting date: 2/7/2022**
**Ald. Nik Kovac District: 3**
**Staff reviewer: Tim Askin**
**PTS #115155 CCF #211489**

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| **Property** | 2710 E. BELLEVIEW PL. | North Point North |
| **Owner/Applicant** | ROBERT M & ALLYN S TRAVIS<br>2710 E BELLEVIEW PL<br>MILWAUKEE WI 53211 | Joe Pepitone, PLA<br>GRAEF |

**Proposal**

Comprehensive new concrete work throughout the property to address drainage issues and unapproved prior work.

**Staff comments**

This is HPC's third time reviewing landscaping at this property. Work was begun in late summer 2020 by unlicensed contractor without a COA. DNS issued a stop work order based on neighbor complaints about the work and removal of the original brick retaining wall. The stop work order was substantially ignored.

This matter was first heard in December 2020 and a retroactive COA was denied. A landscape architecture firm was hired and designed a plan for our review at the June 2021 meeting, which was approved. Within a week of the meeting, the landscape architect called staff to inform us that his services had been terminated.

In approximately August 2021, GRAEF was brought on to prepare another plan. The plan corrects code and drainage deficiencies, eliminates existing landscape timbers, and adds metal railings where required. The main change from the original state is the use of a two-tiered, brick-veneered retaining wall, instead of one tall wall. This alteration was already approved in the June plan. The GRAEF plan respects the historic landscape plan and complies with the streetscape standards for the district while solving all existing problems.

**Recommendation**

Recommend HPC Approval

**Conditions**

1. Complete by August 1, 2022.
2. Match masonry on house including brick color, brick texture, mortar color, joint width, and joint profile. As this will be purely new masonry, there is no need to restrict the chemical composition of the mortar.

**Previous HPC action**

**Previous Council action**