



Milwaukee Historic Preservation Commission Staff Report

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HPC meeting date: 7/11/2022

District: 3

Staff reviewer: Carlen Hatala

PTS #115286

CC File # 220163

Property

3075 N. LAKE DR.

Owner/Applicant

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Proposal

On September 10, 2021 the applicant corresponded with Tim Askin about putting up a front yard fence and she subsequently submitted a COA application on September 15, 2021. The COA included not only a request for a fence but a request for a pergola that was already under construction.

She stated it was being erected for the Jewish Sukkot holiday (began September 21st) and would become more permanent if the HPC approved it. By more permanent she explained that she would give a shape to the rafter ends and set the pergola in cement. (For Sukkot there is often a temporary structure for religious purposes)

Our office has sketched plans for the pergola dated October 4, 2021

On October 6th, 2021 the applicant withdrew her request per e-mail. That same day Tim responded that he had been made aware that the pergola was completed and he requested photos of the pergola so it could be reviewed. The applicant indicated that she would take down the pergola.

During all of this back and forth the applicant applied for a permit with the city, and in error, the Permit Center issued a permit for the pergola on December 3, 2021.

On April 6, 2022 the applicant e-mailed to say it would cost the same amount to take down the pergola as to finish it so she would like to submit plans so the pergola could be finished. On May 12, 2022 a new COA application was submitted for the pergola.

Staff comments

The pergola is covering a concrete patio between the house and garage and measures 19.5 feet by 25 feet. It is about the size of a garage and is taking on the character of a carport and because of its size creates a ceiling-like effect over the patio. It is out of scale with its location and does not appear to have been built by a professional. It appears to be attached to the house and the garage and is not free standing. The pergola obscures a rear entry that has fine detail and in at least one photo shows it is obscuring a door and window on the garage.

The applicant was aware of the need for a COA for the pergola but proceeded with its construction anyway. At one point the applicant indicated she would remove the pergola but then changed her mind. The pergola is very unprofessional in appearance.

Recommendation

Applicant's attorney Edward David has requested this matter be laid over until the pergola is re-designed, smaller, and not attached to the house and garage and then re-submitted for review and approval.

Conditions

Previous HPC action

Previous Council action