



Milwaukee Historic Preservation Commission Staff Report

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HPC meeting date: 8/5/2019

Ald. Nik Kovac District: 3

Staff reviewer: Tim Askin

PTS #114796 CCF #190502

Property	2006 E. LAFAYETTE PL.	North Point South
Owner/Applicant	ROBERT L MIKULAY SUSAN F MIKULAY 2006 E LAFAYETTE PL MILWAUKEE WI 53202	Bob Mikulay 2006 E Lafayette Pl Milwaukee, WI 53202 Phone: (414) 628-3190
Proposal	Furnish and install (4) masonry columns and masonry seat walls along the eastern edge of the property per plan and materials listed on plan. An area of the yard along Summit elevation of the house will be covered with artificial turf.	
Staff comments	<p>Mr. Jakubovic approved a similar plan in 2010 based on the commission's approval of other retaining walls on this block face. This 2010 plan was never begun.</p> <p>The new design is better than the prior project and much more in character with the building. Nonetheless, front berm retaining walls are a contentious issue. Current staff does not want to encourage this precedent, as this is clearly addressed in our published books, but the issue may be foreclosed on this particular block face.</p> <p>Staff does not believe that artificial turf of any kind can be accepted under any circumstances.</p> <p>The rest of the landscaping plan as far as paths and planting areas is acceptable as proposed.</p>	
Recommendation	Neutral	
Conditions	Artificial turf should be denied, regardless of the Commission's position about the wall.	
Previous HPC action		
Previous Council action		