



Milwaukee Historic Preservation Commission Staff Report

LIVING WITH HISTORY

HPC meeting date: 6/14/2021
Ald. Nik Kovac District: 3
Staff reviewer: Tim Askin
PTS #115155 CCF #210168

Property	2710 E. BELLEVIEW PL.	North Point North HD
Owner/Applicant	ROBERT M & ALLYN S TRAVIS 2710 E BELLEVIEW PL MILWAUKEE WI 53211	Flagstone Landscape Development 1840 Lakefield Rd. Cedarburg, WI 53012
Proposal	Comprehensive new landscaping throughout the property to address inappropriate work in 2020 and the resulting neighbor complaints.	

Staff comments

After replacing the lead water line at the property in summer 2020, it is believed the retaining wall at the front of the property may have been undermined. As such the owners commenced a major landscaping project with an unlicensed contractor. This resulted in subpar workmanship in replacement of the retaining wall, staircases, and the driveway. That project worsened existing drainage issues.

The landscape plan is thorough and appears to address the issues. All problems with drainage, correct stair construction, materials, and presumably craftsmanship are addressed. The details in the contractor's project description need not be repeated here.

There is only one open question. The original retaining one was the full height of the berms of the neighborhood and had what staff presumes was a limestone cap. This proposal breaks it into two sections like the current replacement and uses a bluestone cap. The Commission may choose to insist on whether to rebuild the previous single-level retaining wall. The bluestone cap should be considered either way as the plan makes extensive use of bluestone. A limestone cap would be discordant with the rest of the design.

Recommendation Recommend HPC Approval

Conditions

Previous HPC action

Previous Council action