



Milwaukee Historic Preservation Commission Staff Report

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HPC meeting date: 5/9/2022

Ald. Nik Kovac District: 3

Staff reviewer: Tim Askin

PTS #115258 CCF #211989

Property	2205 N. LAKE DR.	North Point South
Owner/Applicant	ERIC WAGNER 2205 N LAKE DR MILWAUKEE WI 53202	
Proposal	Erect 4' metal fence around the south side of the property. Plant shrubs at bottom of berm to maintain greenery at the sidewalk edge.	
Staff comments	<p>This is a prominent corner property with no clear differentiation between the front and side facades. The Commission has always been very cautious with front yard fences in general and particularly in the North Point Districts. In concept, this fence is a practical choice to enclose much of the yard and on the seemingly lesser elevation.</p> <p>In 2019 the Commission rejected an aluminum 6' picket fence with a retaining wall that eliminated the berm. The Commission also indicated a strong preference for a steel or iron fence. The new proposal places retains the berm and plants shrubs at its base, presumably to eliminate the need for mowing at an angle outside the fence line. This revised layout is an acceptable approach.</p> <p>Height is a concern, but four feet is likely acceptable. Occasionally the commission has invoked a height limit of 42" rather than 48". Staff has no recommendation on height.</p> <p>As of noon Friday, there was no specific design for the fence proposed. Applicant is likely to bring drawings or samples to the meeting and prefers an aluminum fence. Without a design, staff cannot make a recommendation on materials. Staff requests direction from the Commission on materials.</p>	
Recommendation	Recommend HPC Approval of height and siting, pending staff review of specific fence design.	
Conditions		
Previous HPC action	July 2019. 190413. Denial of aluminum fence with retaining wall.	
Previous Council action		