



Milwaukee Historic Preservation Commission Staff Report

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HPC meeting date: 5/8/2012
Ald. Jose Perez District: 12
Staff reviewer: Paul Jakubovich
PTS #79760

Property	1711 S. 9TH ST., Mitchell Street Historic District	
Owner/Applicant	ST ANTHONY'S CONGREGATION Bernard Fenelon, Building Committee Rep 1711 S 9TH ST MILWAUKEE WI 53204	KonText Architects, LLC 404 Hill Crest Drive Sun Prairie, WI Phone: (608) 825-0094
Proposal	Build new one story, flat roofed, limestone addition, approximately 18 feet by 7 feet 4 inches in plan, on the Mitchell Street side of the church.	
Staff comments	<p>St. Anthony Roman Catholic church was begun in 1877 according to the designs of architect Fridolin Heer. It took almost nine years to complete the church and it is a splendid example of German Gothic Revival style design.</p> <p>The proposed addition is being constructed to house an elevator for accessibility to the main level of the church. Exit stairs will also be included within the building envelope. The walls will be made of rusticated Niagara formation limestone, also sometimes call Milwaukee stone or Lannon stone. Although other locations for the addition were discussed, the northeast corner of church facing Mitchell street was the most practical and feasible in order to meet the interior requirements. The addition is relatively small in scale and a visibly discernible from the main block of the church.</p> <p>The addition is set on a raised foundation to match the church and the main elevation facing Mitchell Street features two, symmetrically-placed, Gothic style windows, each trimmed at the top with a traditional label stop molding. The exterior stairs are fitted with a Gothic style steel railing. The entire composition is a good fit for the building in terms of materials, details and size and meets the guidelines for the district. It also provides a much needed accessible entrance to the building.</p>	
Recommendation	Recommend approval	
Conditions	Stone samples and mock-up of the stone and mortar must be reviewed and approved before general installation of the material.	
Previous HPC action		
Previous Council action		