



Milwaukee Historic Preservation Commission Staff Report

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HPC meeting date: 1/10/2022
Ald. Milele Coggs District: 6
Staff reviewer: Jacqueline Drayer
PTS CCF 211310

Property	224 E Vine Street	Brewers Hill Historic District
Owner/Applicant	Glenn Givens 224 E Vine Street Milwaukee, WI 53212	
Proposal	Retroactive request for a storage shed addition that was already built with dimensions of 18 feet wide, 8 feet high, 4 feet and 4 inches deep.	
Staff comments	<p>A December 1st inspection indicated that work had been done that required Historic Preservation Commission approval, which had not been obtained.</p> <p>HPC staff took photos of the already built shed addition from the street that shows the addition is visible from the public right-of-way. The new addition's design is not in keeping with the existing character of the brick house and garage. The wood siding shed addition lacks any design features to make it compatible with the main house and garage. These buildings feature applied Italianate ornament. On the main house these include the heavy contrasting cornice, round arch windows, asymmetrical front entrance design, and the full width front porch. The garage uses the same materials as the main house, and complements it with a simple dentil, multi-light windows, paneled door designs, and a flat roof.</p> <p>The shed, by contrast, has wood siding, a roof whose gable mimics that of the back of the house (but not the main house's front elevation) and from the street appears to have no other design features or ornamentation that tie it to the main house or garage. Although the addition is at the back of the property, it is visible from the street. While a similar addition with some tweaks might be made compatible with nearby frame houses in the historic district, it is not so with this house, due to the materials and design features previously noted.</p> <p>Had an application for this work been presented to staff, there would have been collaboration in order to find a compatible design for a storage shed. Per page 72 of <i>Living with History</i>, additions that are incompatible with the style of the house are not to be built.</p>	
Recommendation	Recommend HPC denial.	
Conditions		

Previous HPC action

Previous Council action