



Milwaukee Historic Preservation Commission Staff Report

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HPC meeting date: 8/14/2017

Ald. Nik Kovac District: 3

Staff reviewer: Tim Askin

PTS #114312 CCF #170471

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| Property | 1841 N. PROSPECT AV. | Sanford Kane House |
| Owner/Applicant | ZACHERY J DEAN KRYRIE-ELIESON S CARPENTER 1841 N PROSPECT AVE MILWAUKEE WI 53202 | Zach Dean 1841 N Prospect Av Milwaukee, WI 53202 Phone: (262) 339-7970 |
| Proposal | Install a Little Free Library adjacent to the sidewalk stairs. | |
| Staff comments | <p>This project is presented primarily as a policy question. Staff requests that the Commission create a policy allowing or disallowing these structures. They do not strictly meet the landscape guidelines for this individual listing, the citywide guidelines, nor most of the district guidelines. Therefore the Commission is requested to issue a ruling as to their general appropriateness.</p> <p>Staff recommends that future Little Free Libraries be processed as staff approvals, as long as they are: unobtrusive; made of natural, historic materials; be painted if wood; and are modest in size. Location and design may be left to the professional judgment of staff.</p> <p>Staff recommends that this particular installation be approved with the condition that the Commission specify its location. The library is currently in the city's right of way and must be moved. Moving it back toward the house approximately 12" would solve this problem. The applicant would like to keep it as close to the sidewalk and these stairs as possible and is willing to relocate it there.</p> | |
| Recommendation | Recommend HPC Approval | |
| Conditions | Library must be moved because it is in the current right of way. Recommended location is 12" west toward the house, still adjacent to the stairs. | |
| Previous HPC action | | |
| Previous Council action | | |