

Milwaukee Historic Preservation Commission Staff Report

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HPC meeting date: 9/4/2018

Ald. Russell Stamper II District: 15

Staff reviewer: Tim Askin PTS #114544 CCF #180681

Property 2217 – 2219 N. SHERMAN BL. Sherman Blvd HD

Owner/Applicant KEVIN L PERKINS Kevin Perkins

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Proposal

Construct replacement porch at rear of duplex in a smaller size than the original.

Staff comments

The earliest known photo of a rear porch on this building is from the 1990s and at that time it was already a replacement porch. Applicants removed this first porch and replaced it with substantially smaller porch without a Certificate of Appropriateness. This second replacement porch was denied a retroactive COA earlier this year because of its design and materials.

Applicant returns with staff-provided plans to build a new replacement porch. The design comes from another Sherman Boulevard duplex of similar architectural style and architectural period. Both are brick Craftsman style duplexes from the 1910s. It was drawn from a surviving original porch that was beyond repair.

The design will be modified slightly to include a wood base rather than brick piers and to use square rather than round columns. Vertical measurements will be adjusted to fit this building.

The case is primarily before you because the design is smaller than the previous porches on the building.

Staff is supportive of this smaller porch as a reasonable approach to get a porch of good quality and appropriate design back on this property.

Recommendation

Recommend HPC Approval

Conditions

- All finish wood must be smooth and free of knots and must be painted or stained with an opaque stain upon completion. Note: when new, bare wood is left exposed to the exterior elements for a period of only a week or two, the life the of the paint job subsequently applied to it will be decreased. The use of decay-resistant wood for residential porches is required by city ordinance and Wisconsin UDC.
- 2. Pressure-treated wood may be used only for structural pieces that are entirely hidden from view (joists, connections to footings, interior of columns, etc.)

Previous HPC action

Previous Council action