



The City of Seattle

Landmarks Preservation Board

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LPB 231/24

STAFF REPORT

Address: 3835 S. Edmunds St.

Record number: DONH-COA-01437

Applicant representative: Andrew Levins and Earnest Watts, homeowners

Summary of proposed application:

Exterior alterations: Proposed fencing and landscaping, to include plantings and a fountain

See plans and photographs.

On September 3, 2024, the CCRC reviewed the application. The committee inquired about the design influence of the proposed fencing. A member noted the existing white fence on the west side of the home and said that there would ideally be design uniformity between the two fences, but he acknowledged added costs and that it is not part of this proposal. There were no concerns about the proposed paving, fountain or plantings. Staff stated that the Design Guidelines do not provide specific guidance for fencing design and that the work is reversible. The final proposal includes an adjustment to the siting of the western boundary of the fence, in response to public comments. Following discussion, the Committee voiced support for the proposal, as presented.

SUGGESTED LANGUAGE FOR APPROVAL

I move that the Landmark Preservation Board recommend approval of a Certificate of Approval for exterior alterations for fencing and landscaping at 3835 S. Edmunds St, as proposed.

This decision is based on consideration of the application submittal and discussion at the September 3, 2024 public meeting of the Columbia City Review Committee.

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This action is based on the **following applicable Design Guidelines and Secretary of the Interior Standards:**

GUIDELINES/SPECIFIC

6. Landscaping. Landscaping is encouraged but not required. Approval of the use of landscaping, including window boxes and planters, shall be based on the applicant's desire and ability to maintain the landscaping.

Secretary of the Interior's Standards

9. New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction will not destroy historic materials, features, and spatial relationships that characterize the property. The new work shall be differentiated from the old and will be compatible with the historic materials, features, size, scale and proportion, and massing to protect the integrity of the property and its environment.

10. New additions and adjacent or related new construction will be undertaken in such a manner that, if removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the historic property and its environment would be unimpaired.