

HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION REPORT

Certificate of Recommendation

Section 20-92

TO: Heritage Preservation Commission
FROM: Planning Staff
MEETING DATE: April 17, 2019

PROPOSAL: The applicant is proposing to remove and re-install the bricks in the intersection at 20th and King Streets.

PROPERTY OWNER:

City of La Crosse
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse WI 54601

APPLICANT:

City of La Crosse
Engineering Department
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse WI 54601

BACKGROUND: The HPC was given responsibility to review all exterior work that requires a permit from the City on Locally Designated Landmarks per Section 20-92 of the La Crosse Municipal Code. The Heritage Preservation Commission's decision is a recommendation/advisory only.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The applicant is proposing to carefully remove the bricks in the intersection of 20th Street S and King Street in order to construct bump-outs as part of the King Street greenway/bike blvd project and install a new storm sewer connection. After the new curb bump-outs are installed the applicant will be laying down a new base to re-install the bricks. Any bricks that need to be replaced will be replaced with the same type of street brick. Additionally, a temporary concrete strip will be constructed between the re-installed brick and the rest of the brick street on 20th Street S in order to hold the bricks in. The applicant has stated that it is not best practice to install new brick up to existing brick. These concrete strips will be in place until the rest of the brick street is redone.

See attached plan for more information.

ANALYSIS:

The applicant is removing some of the brick street for the new intersection design but will be re-installing the remaining bricks back into the intersection and replacing any that are needed with the same brick that was removed from past brick streets in the City.

FINDING

The proposed project will not have an adverse impact on the historic significance of the brick street. If anything, this effort will preserve one the few remaining brick streets left in the City and likely encourage the improvement of the rest of the brick street in the near future.

RECOMMENDED ACTION BY STAFF:

This Certificate of Recommendation is recommended for approval as submitted.