

HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION REPORT
Certificate of Appropriateness
Section 20-92

TO: Heritage Preservation Commission
FROM: Planning Staff
MEETING DATE: February 23, 2023

PROPOSAL: The applicant is proposing to repair and restore the existing west porch on the primary building located at 429 7th Street N.

PROPERTY OWNER:
La Crosse County Historical Society
145 West Ave S
La Crosse, WI 54601

APPLICANT:
Same as Above

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.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The applicant is proposing to repair and restore the existing west porch of the Hixon House. The project includes:

- Repair of the existing skirting around the porch.
Replacement of the existing materials will occur as needed based on condition.
- Replacement of the existing deck and step boards.
- Reconstruction of the main porch steps with new railings.
- Scraping and painting of all other existing wood features.



Existing Deck Boards



Reconstruction of Porch Steps



Repair/Restore Deck Skirting



Scrap and Paint



SEE ATTACHED PLANS FOR MORE INFORMATION.

ANALYSIS:

Staff attempts to apply best practices that should be used when restoring historic buildings, including reference to the Secretary of Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation.

With the exception of the porch deck boards and existing main porch steps, the applicant is proposing to repair and restore the other architectural features of the porch. The applicant has stated that the deck boards will be replaced with the same look and appearance, including tongue and groove. Additionally, the applicant has stated that the existing deck boards are likely not the original boards though that cannot be verified.

FINDING

The proposed changes and alterations are appropriate to the building and in maintaining and preserving its historic fabric.

RECOMMENDED ACTION BY STAFF:

This Certificate of Appropriateness is recommended for approval.