

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
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APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS
LHD-2017-0013
Shipe Park Pool
Hyde Park Historic District

PROPOSAL

Install new shade structures at the renovated pool in Shipe Park.

PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS

The applicant has revised the design for the shade structures pursuant to recommendations by the Commission. The proposed shade structures now have a more slender base and a lower height to address the Commission's concerns about visibility and modern design. The design for the shade structure between the two pools will have a pair of tapered 10-foot concrete columns, referencing the tapered porch posts on bungalows in Hyde Park, with a corrugated and perforated metal roof on round galvanized steel pipes that reference the roof structure of the adjacent dogtrot cabin in the park. An auxiliary shade structure at the side of the pool between the proposed rest/changing room buildings will have galvanized steel pipe bases and roof rods, with the same corrugated perforated metal panel providing the shade. The applicant is also seeking conceptual approval of a temporary shade structure over the kiddie pool. The proposed shade structure has not yet been completely designed, but will consist of a sheet of material (fabric or perforated metal) stretched out on a metal wire frame over the kiddie pool from the shade structure on one end of the pool to steel pipes on the other end. The sheet will be suspended by guy wires over the pool.



STANDARDS FOR REVIEW

The Hyde Park Historic District Design Standards have the following provision for Public Space:

- Preserve and maintain the width, materials, and historic location of contributing civic structures, including sidewalks, retaining walls, and bridges. Maintain the historic facades of public buildings and park structures in compliance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards.
- Contemporary design for alterations and additions to existing properties are appropriate when such alterations and additions do not destroy significant historic, architectural, or cultural material and such design is compatible with the size, scale, color, material, and character of the property, neighborhood, or environment.
- Construct new additions or alterations to structures in such a manner that if such addition or alteration were to be removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the structure will be unimpaired.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee recommended that the applicant provide a new rendering of the shade structures, and to ensure that the posts for the proposed temporary shade structure over the kiddie pool are removable.

Commissioner Koch later sent over the following comment:

If there's any way to add to my comments to city staff and Limbacher Godfrey, I would add that it would be nice to include some natural material in the shade structures similar to Berthold Haas's perimeter wall and (as I understand it) Fehr's log cabin. That could be done in the form of a base. Both would be in keeping with the craftsman columns and their own work that they showed as examples - base/shaft/capital proportional design with natural material at the base.

If I can't get that in officially - it just my personal opinion. Maintenance and neighborhood input may have directed the current design. Adjacent to the pool I could see the argument for modern materials and there's no specific historic aesthetic of the park to honor - except the use of some natural material.

Our neighborhood is big on unique artistic hand crafted touches in our park so I'm surprised there wasn't pressure for that to begin with, given the unique perimeter wall and adjacency to Ney's studio.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Approve as proposed, with the request that the applicant consider Commissioner Koch's comment to incorporate some natural stone at the base of the shade structure, and that the applicant return to the Commission when the design for the temporary shade structure for the kiddie pool is formulated.