930 N. Lincoln Avenue

Allegheny West Historic District

Owner: Thaw Mansion LLC
930 N. Lincoln Avenue
Pittsburgh, Pa 15233

Ward: 22nd
Lot and Block: 7-D-242

Inspector:

Applicant: Brian Kelley
3535 Blvd. of the Allies
Pittsburgh, Pa 15213

Council District: 1st
Application Received: 12/9/21

National Register Status: Listed: X Eligible:
Proposed Changes: After-the-fact alteration to front steps.

Discussion:

1. Ms. Aguirre asks for a moment of silence for former HRC chair John Desantis.
2. Mr. Brian Kelly speaks as the owner of the property. He explains the work that was done and shows the photos.
3. Ms. Aguirre asks for public comment.
4. Ms. Carole Malakoff speaks on behalf of the LRC. She thanks the Commission for recognizing John Desantis. She states that the LRC met with the applicant, and one of their members stated that this is too much of a “hodgepodge” of materials. This is such a significant property because of the architecture and history, and she states that no research seems to have been done on this project. She states that they recommend that the new materials be removed and the steps be redesigned. She states that there was a similar issue with a home on Beech Avenue some years back that came before the HRC, which was tabled for the steps to be redesigned. She states that the owners ultimately removed the work that was done.
5. Mr. Kelley responds and states that they did look around the neighborhood for examples before doing the work, and that they did use a quality contractor. He states that they will be looking to do additional work in the future.
6. Ms. Aguirre asks for additional public comment; there is none. She asks for comments and questions from Commissioners.
7. Ms. Loysen states that the steps should have been replaced with stone to match.
8. Mr. Snipe agrees and states that the stone used is not close and it stands out. He states that at the very least the treads need to be replaced.
9. Mr. Falcone agrees and states that he feels that they could either deny the application or table it for a full renovation package to be submitted.
10. Mr. Hill agrees and states that the W. North Avenue example given is also inappropriate.
11. Ms. Aguirre agrees and states that even if the materials age, they still are not appropriate for the property. She states that she doesn’t want to set a precedent for this work either.

**Motion:**

1. Mr. Falcone moves to deny the application and have the applicant work with staff to return the steps to pre-violation conditions.

2. Mr. Snipe seconds.

3. Ms. Aguirre asks for a vote; all are in favor and motion carries.