1705 Buena Vista Street  MWS Historic District Expansion

Owner: James Ward
1705 Buena Vista Street
Pittsburgh, Pa 15212

Ward: 25th
Lot and Block: 23-E-335
Inspector:

Applicant: James Ward
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Pittsburgh, Pa 15212

Council District: 6th
Application Received: 8/11/21

National Register Status: Listed: X Eligible:

Proposed Changes: Request for approval of after-the-fact painting of slate dormer.

Discussion:

1. Mr. James Ward speaks as the owner of the property. He goes through the research that he has done on the slate since the last hearing and presents the evidence that he found showing the slate had previously been painted and what the colors and pattern may have been.

2. Ms. Aguirre asks for public comment; there is none. She asks for comments and questions from Commissioners. She states that she is thankful to the applicant for the level of detail and analysis that was done.

3. Ms. Quinn agrees.

4. Mr. Falcone agrees and states that Victorians did not shy away from color and pattern, and states that the research is exceptional including finding another example in the neighborhood.

5. Ms. Aguirre states that in general slate should not be painted, but in this case, and given the circumstances, she feels that the best possible outcome was to learn more about the nature of the slate and previous treatment.

6. Ms. Loysen states that she does not have an issue with the color or pattern, but states that the old paint was still breathable, whereas new paint is not.

7. Ms. Aguirre states that she agrees in cases where the slate is still untreated, but in this case they can’t change what was done and just need to look for a way forward.

8. Mr. Ward states that the linseed oil paint would not have been breathable, although it would have still had cracks and crevices in between, which are causing water issues now.

Motion:

1. Mr. Falcone moves to approve the proposed changes with the caveat that final documentation be submitted to staff.
2. Mr. Green seconds.

3. Ms. Aguirre asks for a vote; Mr. Dash, Mr. Green, Mr. Falcone, Mr. Hill, Mr. Snipe, and Ms. Aguirre are in favor and Ms. Loysen abstains. Motion carries.