



Public Works Item

Meeting Date: June 11, 2024

Agenda Item: Terrace Planter Removal

Staff Contact (name, email, phone): Brad Marquardt, bmarquardt@whitewater-wi.gov, 262-473-0139

BACKGROUND

(Enter the who, what when, where, why)

The property at 183/185/187 W. Main Street, known as the Bower House, is currently under renovations. As part of the renovations, they are looking at how to best provide ADA access to the building. One option is to provide a ramp on the existing sidewalk parallel to the building. This could result in a "pinch point" between the ramp and the existing terrace planter for pedestrians. In order to provide adequate pedestrian access, the terrace planter would need to be removed. The property owner and architect would like to know if removing the planter is a possibility.

Staff did check with Downtown Whitewater to see if any approval would be needed by that entity. They responded, while downtown businesses were involved in the design, the decision would be at the Council level only.

PREVIOUS ACTIONS – COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

(Dates, committees, action taken)

N/A

FINANCIAL IMPACT

(If none, state N/A)

Staff does not have a cost to remove the planter and place concrete at this time. If possible, this could be handled by City staff.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff sees this as more of a discussion item, at this time, to give direction to the property owner and architect. If the decision is made to proceed with a ramp, there will need to be an easement provided to the property owner and a hold harmless agreement put in place.

ATTACHMENT(S) INCLUDED

(If none, state N/A)

1. Street View