
HPC-0003-2026

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May 21, 2026

To: Naperville Historic Preservation Commission
From: Susan Fitch, 32 South Wright Street, Naperville IL
Regarding: HPC-0003-2026

I am unable to attend the HPC meeting scheduled on May 28, 2026 and am therefore submitting these comments regarding the proposed changes to 105 South Wright Street. The petitioner states that there are numerous homes in the district with limestone on the façade but does not provide any data. I did a drive-through survey of the district and found five residences that have stone on a primary facade rather than the foundation, I did not include institutional buildings or new construction. I then reviewed the results of the surveys the city commissioned in 2007/8 and 2025 and note the following.

Three of the homes: 116 South Sleight, 130 South Ellsworth and 145 North Ellsworth are circa 1950-1955. The first two were classified as Minimal Traditional in the Granacki survey and the latter was classified as a ranch.

The home at 133 North Ellsworth is circa 1860 with renovations circa 1975, prior to the creation of the historic district. The facade materials are listed as aluminum and stone veneer and classified as non-historic in the Granacki survey.

The last home, 219 North Ellsworth is a circa 1915 Craftsman. Per the Ramsay survey, facade brick was added to the front porch and foundation post 2007. The owner of this home installed the facade brick without applying for a Certificate of Appropriateness, the certificate was issued after the fact following application for one. I know there was a big to-do about this, but am not exactly certain how it was resolved.

The home at 105 South Wright is circa 1880 with renovations circa 1900-1910. It is classified as L-form / Vernacular with wood/wood shingle.

I would point out that the sign which is to inform people of the application and consideration at the meeting on May 28th is not displayed prominently on the property. It is currently behind some shrubs in front of the enclosed porch and at other times has been backward or face down on the property. In addition, the ordinance requires written notice to all property owners within 300' of the property lines. To date, we have not received written notice despite living within the 300' area.

The ordinance states that the following shall be considered in evaluating applications: architectural style, period and the composition of the primary facade. The Design Guidelines encourage making repairs to existing wood when possible. The guidelines state that it is acceptable to replace wood siding with new wood or fiber cement board. It is explicitly discouraged to "Clad over original wood siding with synthetic siding materials such as vinyl and aluminum siding, asphalt siding, metal siding and artificial stone".

There are numerous homes in the district with stone foundations, but a stone foundation is quite different from a fabricated stone facade. Based on the information I have detailed, I would encourage the Commission to reject the application for HPC-0003-2026.

Thank you.

Susan Fitch