

AGENDA # 2

City of Madison, Wisconsin

REPORT OF: LANDMARKS COMMISSION	PRESENTED: 5/6/19
TITLE: 121 Langdon St - Demolition by Neglect of a Designated Madison Landmark in the Mansion Hill Hist. Dist. (Suhr House); 2nd Ald. Dist.	REFERRED: REREFERRED: REPORTED BACK:
AUTHOR: Heather Bailey, Preservation Planner	ADOPTED: POF:
DATED: 5/10/19	ID NUMBER: 53000

Members present were: Stuart Levitan, Richard Arnesen, Katie Kaliszewski, and David McLean. Excused were Anna Andrzejewski and Arvina Martin.

SUMMARY:

Harold Langhammer, registering neither in support nor in opposition and available to answer questions

Bailey explained that the determination of whether demolition by neglect is occurring at 121 Langdon Street had been referred from previous meetings on September 17, 2018, December 3, 2018, and April 22, 2019. She said that the property owner also has an agreement with the Municipal Court that all items on the Building Inspection work orders must be completed by August 15, 2019. The items requested of the applicant that are still outstanding include meeting the conditions of the Certificate of Appropriateness approved on December 3, 2018 and providing signed contracts for the work in order to assess whether it can be completed on schedule. Regarding the submittal for this meeting, she said that the construction documents do not cover all of the work to be completed and the scopes of work from the two contractors do not align with the construction documents. She said that the work as described by the contractors does not meet the Secretary of the Interior's Standards and therefore does not meet the Landmarks Commission's standards for review either.

Langhammer said that he sent Bailey's comments to the contractors with the request that they update the contracts to meet the standards of approval, and hopes to receive the revised contracts within 2-3 days. He said that he will then submit the revised contracts to Bailey for review and have them signed prior to the next Landmarks Commission meeting.

Arnesen asked if the contractors have done restoration work like this before. Langhammer said that he was told they have. McLean asked if staff's primary concerns are regarding the treatment of masonry, and Bailey said that she does have significant concerns about that. McLean told the applicant that it is important to clean the brick prior to matching it for color. Langhammer said that he understood.

ACTION:

A motion was made by McLean, seconded by Kaliszewski, to refer the item to the May 20, 2019 Landmarks Commission meeting. The motion passed by voice vote/other.