

REPORT OF THE PRESERVATION PLANNER

October 30, 2015

PREPARED FOR THE PLAN COMMISSION



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Summary

Burial Sites Preservation (§ 157.70):

(2r) Site Disturbance Prohibited. Except as provided under subs (4) and (5) and State Statute 157.111 and 157.112, no person may intentionally cause or permit the disturbance of a burial site or catalogued land contiguous to a catalogued burial site.

(3) Report of Disturbed Burial Sites. (a) Except as provided under s. 979.01, a person shall immediately notify the director (*Wisconsin Historical Society Director*) if the person knows or has reasonable grounds to believe that a burial site or the catalogued land contiguous to a catalogued burial site is being disturbed or may be disturbed contrary to the requirements of subs. (4) and (5).

Many of the lakefront properties along Waunona Way are associated with locations of Native American effigy mounds and archeological sites. The Burial Sites Preservation statute requires that the property owner contact the Wisconsin Historical Society to discuss the location of the proposed project and any possible disturbance of a historic resource before the work commences. During the construction work, if a burial site disturbance occurs, the work shall stop immediately until the Wisconsin Historical Society is able to assess the site.

Recommendation

In order to assist the property owner with compliance of the state statute, the Preservation Planner requests that the Plan Commission approve the request with the following condition:

Prior to sign-off of this conditional use and the issuance of permits, the applicant shall provide evidence that the Wisconsin Historical Society has provided their required approvals. The property owner shall contact Chip Brown at chip.brown@wisconsinhistory.org.