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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

The Greater Williamson Street Business Association "GWABA" supports the demolition project of Ace Hardware at 1384 Williamson St. We have reviewed the project and the site plans for the completed project.

Respectfully,

Donna Sheehan

GWABA President



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July 19, 2010

Steve Shepherd
Ace Hardware
1398 Williamson Street
Madison, WI 53703

Dear Steve -

Thank you for attending the Marquette Neighborhood Association board meeting on July 15 to discuss your plans for demolition of 1384 Williamson Street. Any demolition in the neighborhood is a serious decision and not taken lightly. The importance of your business to the neighborhood weighed heavily in our decision.

The board supports your plan for demolition of the house at 1384 Williamson Street. We look forward to your improved space and having Ace in the neighborhood for generations to come.

Sincerely,

Scott B. Thornton, President
On Behalf of the Board of Directors
Marquette Neighborhood Association

Cc: MNA Board
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20 May 2010

Amy Scanlon - Department of Planning and Community and Economic Development
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Dan Stephans – Chair, Madison Landmarks Commission

In advance of the Landmarks Commission's July 12 meeting, please see comments below on agenda items from the *Madison Trust for Historic Preservation* and *National Trust for Historic Preservation*.

Item 1 - 404 North Carroll Street

Concur with staff report. Allowing vinyl shutters in the Mansion Hill Historic District when wood shutters are readily available would be a ratchet-click toward a residential historic district full of contrived historic fabric rather than sensitive treatment and replacement of the historic fabric that comprises the historic character of the district.

Item 2 - 111 S. Hamilton Street

No concerns about either option for placement of sign. Concur with staff report on recommendations for attachment method. Pleased to see revelation of more of the original entrance treatment.

Item 3 - 517-523 East Main Street

No concerns about the demolition of the existing building. It is not architecturally distinctive, nor does it contribute to the character of the First Settlement Historic District.

No concerns about the proposed new construction.

Item 4 - Discussion about applying for a Certified Local Government (CLG) Grant from the State of Wisconsin Historical Society.

The Madison Trust is holding a \$500 donation by a member who was interested in funding an architecture and history survey in Madison. If your application for survey funding is successful we will contribute this amount to augment the grant funding for the survey.

Item 7 - Buildings proposed for demolition - 2010

We hope the Commission considers carefully the request for demolition of 1384 Williamson St. Demolition of this house, though not an architectural specimen of "particular architectural or historical significance" in the Third Lake Ridge HD, would constitute the loss of an element in the district that contributes to the diverse character of this neighborhood. It is the architectural and economic diversity of the Third Lake Ridge area that is called out in the district nomination as a key

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source of its significance. We also recognize that this house sits on a block that is predominated by commercial buildings, and that its loss would not leave a void in the rhythm of a residential block.

Respectfully submitted,

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