

LANDMARKS COMMISSION MEETING REPORT

August 5, 2024



Agenda Item #: 6
Project Title: Buildings Proposed for Demolition - 2024
Legistar File ID #: 81161
Prepared By: Meri Rose Ekberg, Community & Cultural Resources Planner
Members: Present: Richard Arnesen, Molly Harris, Katie Kaliszewski, Ald. Amani Latimer Burris, Jacob Morrison, and Maurice Taylor
Excused: Edna Ely-Ledesma

Summary

Stephen Bruns, registering in support and available to answer questions

Ekberg said that staff recommended a finding of no known historic value for the buildings at 10 N Seventh Street, 16 N Seventh Street, 2430 E Washington Avenue, 2434 E Washington Avenue, 2450 E Washington Avenue, and 301 Potter Street. Ekberg said that staff also recommended a finding of no known historic value for the building at 2928 Barlow Street, but due to its proximity to a known archaeological site, any inadvertent discoveries during excavation should be reported to the Wisconsin Historical Society.

Ekberg said that 1007 Edgewood Avenue was likely the first house on Edgewood Avenue, and it served as housing for the Dominican Sisters of Edgewood. The building at 2121 Jefferson Street was the Sacred Heart Academy Rectory, which served as a rectory and then a nunnery until at least 1988. For the buildings at 1007 Edgewood Avenue and 2121 Jefferson Street, Ekberg said that staff recommended a finding of historic value related to their status as contributing resources to the Wingra Park National Register District. The site is also significant for the human burial site associated with the Ho-Chunk people. Any ground-disturbing activities will need to secure a Request to Disturb from the Wisconsin Historical Society. We also recommend that the property owner send notification to the Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Historic Preservation Office when they submit the Request to Disturb.

Action

A motion was made by Morrison, seconded by Arnesen, to recommend to the Plan Commission that the buildings at 10 N Seventh Street, 16 N Seventh Street, 2430 E Washington Avenue, 2434 E Washington Avenue, 2450 E Washington Avenue, 301 Potter Street, and 2928 Barlow Street have no known historic value. Due to 2928 Barlow Street's proximity to a known archaeological site, any inadvertent discoveries during excavation should be reported to the Wisconsin Historical Society. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

A motion was made by Morrison, seconded by Harris, to recommend to the Plan Commission that the buildings at 1007 Edgewood Avenue and 2121 Jefferson Street have historic value related to their status as contributing resources to the Wingra Park National Register District. The site is also significant for the human burial site associated with the Ho-Chunk people. Any ground-disturbing activities will need to secure a Request to Disturb from the Wisconsin Historical Society. We also recommend that the property owner send notification to the Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Historic Preservation Office when they submit the Request to Disturb. The motion passed by voice vote/other.