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Meeting Minutes - Approved LANDMARKS COMMISSION

*Consider: Who benefits? Who is burdened?
Who does not have a voice at the table?
How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?*

Monday, January 12, 2026

5:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

Call to Order/Roll Call

Taylor arrived at 5:06 pm

Present: 7 - John W. Duncan; Jacob Morrison; Molly S. Harris; Maurice D. Taylor;
Edna Ely-Ledesma; Richard B. Arnesen and Katherine N. Kaliszewski

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Duncan, seconded by Morrison, to Approve the December 8, 2025 Minutes. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

Public Comment

1. [60576](#) Landmarks Commission Public Comment Period
None

Disclosures and Recusals

Morrison recused himself from items 5 and 6 because the applicant is his employer.

Public Hearing - Request for Certificate of Approval

2. [91229](#) 1520 Rutledge Street - Addition in the Marquette Bungalows Historic District (District 6)
Christi Weber, registering in support and wishing to speak

This item was approved as a consent item with the finding that all applicable standards are adequately addressed and with all the staff recommendations contained in the report.

A motion was made by Duncan, seconded by Harris, to Approve the request for the Certificate of Approval with the conditions that any wood alternative used for exterior materials must be a smooth or brushed-smooth appearing product, not cedar texture, and any new lighting or mechanicals not shown on the approved plans must receive a Certificate of Approval prior to installation. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

Request for Certificate of Approval

3. [91328](#) 1132 Spaight Street - Addition in the Third Lake Ridge Historic District (District 6)

Melissa Destree, registering in support and wishing to speak
Richard Slone, registering in support and available to answer questions

This item was approved as a consent item with the finding that all applicable standards are adequately addressed and with all the staff recommendations contained in the report.

A motion was made by Duncan, seconded by Harris, to Approve the request for the Certificate of Approval with the conditions that final door, window, roof venting, and brick veneer specifications be approved by staff and any new exterior lighting or mechanicals will need a Certificate of Approval prior to installation. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

4. [91099](#)

1123 Jenifer Street - Exterior Alteration in the Third Lake Ridge Historic District - Roof Replacement (District 6)

William Gustafson, registering in support and wishing to speak
John Bottensek, registering neither in support nor in opposition and available to answer questions

A motion was made by Duncan, seconded by Morrison, to Deny the request for the Certificate of Approval because the standards are not met. The motion passed by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - John W. Duncan; Jacob Morrison; Molly S. Harris; Edna Ely-Ledesma and Richard B. Arnesen

Noes: 1 - Maurice D. Taylor

Non Voting: 1 - Katherine N. Kaliszewski

Demolition Historic Value Review

5. [91243](#)

2926 Atwood Avenue - Consideration of a demolition permit to demolish a commercial building (District 15)

This item was approved as a consent item with the finding that all applicable standards are adequately addressed and with all the staff recommendations contained in the report.

A motion was made by Duncan, seconded by Harris, to recommend a finding of (c) no known historic value. The motion passed by voice vote/other. Morrison was recused.

A motion was made by Duncan, seconded by Harris, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other. Morrison was recused.

6. [91244](#)

232 S Fair Oaks Avenue - Consideration of a demolition permit to demolish a commercial building (District 15)

This item was approved as a consent item with the finding that all applicable standards are adequately addressed and with all the staff recommendations contained in the report.

A motion was made by Duncan, seconded by Harris, to recommend a finding of (c) no known historic value. The motion passed by voice vote/other. Morrison was recused.

A motion was made by Duncan, seconded by Harris, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other. Morrison was recused.

7. [91233](#)

411 W Gilman Street - Consideration of a demolition permit to demolish a commercial building (District 2)

John Myefski, registering in support and wishing to speak
Josh Dawson, registering in support and wishing to speak
James Buchanan, registering in support and available to answer questions

Kyle Jones, registering in support and available to answer questions

Angela Black, registering in support and available to answer questions

A motion was made by Arnesen, seconded by Morrison, to recommend a finding of (b) for historic value related to being the first location for the Rocky Rococo pizza company, but the building itself is not architecturally or historically significant. The motion passed by voice vote/other, with Duncan voting in opposition.

A motion was made by Arnesen, seconded by Morrison, to Refer to the PLAN COMMISSION. The motion passed by voice vote/other, with Duncan voting in opposition.

8. [91234](#)

415 W Gilman Street - Consideration of a demolition permit to demolish a commercial building (District 2)

John Myefski, registering neither in support nor in opposition and wishing to speak

Kurt Stege, registering neither in support nor in opposition and wishing to speak

Josh Dawson, registering in support and wishing to speak

John Rolling, registering in opposition and wishing to speak

A motion was made by Harris, seconded by Arnesen, to recommend a finding of (a) historic value for its significant Brutalism Expressionism architecture, intact quality, significance related to the social context of Madison, and potential eligibility for listing on the National Register of Historic Places or as a local landmark. If the demolition is approved, the Landmarks Commission recommends that the Plan Commission require documentation of the exterior of the building through photographs and measured drawings. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

A motion was made by Harris, seconded by Arnesen, to Refer to the PLAN COMMISSION. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

9. [91235](#)

421 W Gilman Street - Consideration of a demolition permit to demolish a commercial building (District 2)

John Myefski, registering neither in support nor in opposition and wishing to speak

Josh Dawson, registering in support and wishing to speak

This item was approved as a consent item with the finding that all applicable standards are adequately addressed and with all the staff recommendations contained in the report.

A motion was made by Duncan, seconded by Harris, to recommend a finding of (c) no known historic value. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

A motion was made by Duncan, seconded by Harris, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

10. [91236](#)

433 W Gilman Street - Consideration of a demolition permit to demolish a commercial building (District 2)

John Myefski, registering neither in support nor in opposition and wishing to speak

Josh Dawson, registering in support and wishing to speak

John Rolling, registering in opposition and wishing to speak

A motion was made by Morrison, seconded by Duncan, to recommend a finding of (a) historic value for its architectural significance and potential eligibility for listing on the National Register of Historic Places or as a local landmark. If the demolition is approved, the Landmarks Commission recommends that the Plan Commission require documentation of the exterior of the building through photographs and measured drawings. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

A motion was made by Morrison, seconded by Duncan, to Refer to the PLAN COMMISSION. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

11. [91237](#)

4426 E Buckeye Road - Consideration of a demolition permit to demolish a

commercial building (District 16)

This item was approved as a consent item with the finding that all applicable standards are adequately addressed and with all the staff recommendations contained in the report.

A motion was made by Duncan, seconded by Harris, to recommend a finding of (c) no known historic value. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

A motion was made by Duncan, seconded by Harris, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

12. [91238](#)

999 S Park Street - Consideration of a demolition permit to demolish a commercial building (District 13)

Michael Carlson, registering in support and available to answer questions

This item was approved as a consent item with the finding that all applicable standards are adequately addressed and with all the staff recommendations contained in the report.

A motion was made by Duncan, seconded by Harris, to recommend a finding of (c) no known historic value. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

A motion was made by Duncan, seconded by Harris, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

Regular Business

13. [91330](#)

Secretary's Report - 2026

Bailey reminded commission members to submit their annual statement of interest forms.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Arnesen, seconded by Morrison, to Adjourn at 6:24 pm. The motion passed by voice vote/other.