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Meeting Minutes - Draft LANDMARKS COMMISSION

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

Monday, October 7, 2024

5:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Jacob Morrison; Molly S. Harris; Edna Ely-Ledesma; Richard B. Arnesen and Katherine N. Kaliszewski
Excused: 2 - Amani Latimer Burris and Maurice D. Taylor

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Ely-Ledesma, seconded by Arnesen, to Approve the September 9, 2024 Minutes. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

Kaliszewski disclosed that she used to work with Jen Davel at the State Historic Preservation Office. Davel is a public registrant for multiple items on this agenda.

PUBLIC HEARING - REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

2. [85180](#) 619-699 W Mifflin Street - Land Division/Combination, Demolition, and New Construction on a Designated Madison Landmark Site (Wiedenbeck-Dobelin Warehouse - 619 W Mifflin) (District 4)
Jesse Symynkywicz, registering in support and wishing to speak
Kurt Stege, registering in opposition and wishing to speak
John Rolling, registering in opposition and wishing to speak
Linda Irving, registering in support and wishing to speak
Linda Scott, registering neither in support nor in opposition and wishing to speak
Rick Chandler, registering in opposition and wishing to speak
Burt Coffin, registering in support and wishing to speak
Sandra Ward, registering in opposition and wishing to speak
Jen Davel, registering in support and available to answer questions
Patrick McDonnell, registering in opposition and available to answer questions
Nathan Wautier, registering in support and available to answer questions
Phil Hees, registering in support and available to answer questions
Joseph Mayer, registering in support and available to answer questions
Joia Wodarczyk, registering in support and not wishing to speak

Nicholas Davies, registering in support and not wishing to speak
Daniel Hance, registering in support and not wishing to speak
Gary Shmerler, registering in support and not wishing to speak

A motion was made by Morrison, seconded by Arnesen, to Approve the request for the Certificate of Appropriateness for the demolition, new construction, and land division/combination with the conditions that final courtyard fencing, landscaping, and hardscape specifications be approved by staff and the rear (southwest) corner of the building facing the Depot have a chamfered corner reintroduced to the masonry base level of the building with a stepback at the third floor and above. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

ADVISORY RECOMMENDATION

- 3. [84154](#) 619-699 W Mifflin Street - Development Adjacent to a Designated Madison Landmark (Wiedenbeck-Dobelin Warehouse - 619 W Mifflin; Milwaukee Road Depot - 640 W Washington) (District 4)

Burt Coffin, registering in support and wishing to speak
Maddie Light, registering in opposition and wishing to speak
Kurt Stege, registering in opposition and wishing to speak
John Rolling, registering in opposition and wishing to speak
Rick Chandler, registering in opposition and wishing to speak
Linda Irving, registering in support and wishing to speak
Linda Scott, registering in opposition and wishing to speak
Jen Davel, registering in support and wishing to speak
Allison Aldag, registering in support and available to answer questions
Nicholas Davies, registering in support and not wishing to speak

A motion was made by Morrison, seconded by Arnesen, to recommend to the Plan Commission and Urban Design Commission that the proposed new structure is not so large or visually intrusive as to adversely affect the historic character or integrity of the adjacent landmark, the Milwaukee Road Depot, at 640 W Washington Avenue. The Landmarks Commission recommends that the rear corner of the building facing the Depot have a chamfered corner with a stepback at the third floor and above to create a more sympathetic and compatible appearance to the adjacent landmark. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

PUBLIC HEARING - LANDMARK NOMINATION

- 4. [85181](#) 619 W Mifflin Street - Amendment of a Landmark Nomination, Boundary Adjustment (District 4)

A motion was made by Arnesen, seconded by Morrison, to Refer the nomination to the Common Council for designation with the correction that Figure 3 should say 1987, not 1989. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

A motion was made by Arnesen, seconded by Morrison, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

REGULAR BUSINESS**5. [81161](#) Buildings Proposed for Demolition - 2024**

Michael Hanley, registering in support and available to answer questions

A motion was made by Arnesen, seconded by Morrison, to recommend to the Plan Commission that the buildings at 699 W Mifflin Street and 619 W Mifflin Street have no known historic value. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

A motion was made by Arnesen, seconded by Morrison, to recommend to the Plan Commission that the buildings at 306 S Brearly Street and 420 W Washington Avenue have no known historic value. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

A motion was made by Morrison, seconded by Ely-Ledesma, to recommend to the Plan Commission that the structures at 1917 Moorland Road have no known historic value. Because the property falls within the boundary of a known human burial site and an associated archaeological site of an early Native American settlement, 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.

A motion was made by Ely-Ledesma, seconded by Harris, to recommend to the Plan Commission that the buildings at 422-424 W Washington Avenue, 426 W Washington Avenue, 430 W Washington Avenue, 432-434 W Washington Avenue, 436-438 W Washington Avenue, 440-442 W Washington Avenue, 444-446 W Washington Avenue, 413 W Mifflin Street, and 417 W Mifflin Street have historic value related to the vernacular context of Madison's built environment, but the buildings themselves are not historically, architecturally, or culturally significant. The Commission lamented the significant loss of affordable housing and change to this gateway into downtown, noting that this is not the first collection of buildings in this area to be proposed for demolition. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

A motion was made by Ely-Ledesma, seconded by Harris, to recommend to the Plan Commission that the building at 418 W Washington Avenue has historic value for its association with Edward Schildhauer, chief mechanical and electrical engineer for the Panama Canal, and has potential to be a designated landmark. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Arnesen, seconded by Ely-Ledesma, to Adjourn at 7:27 pm. The motion passed by voice vote/other.