

LANDMARKS COMMISSION APPLICATION

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City of Madison
 Planning Division
 215 Martin Luther King Jr Blvd, Ste 017
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 Madison, WI 53701-2985 (608) 266-4635



1. LOCATION

Project Address: 113 Ely Pl Alder District: _____

2. PROJECT

Project Title/Description: Redivide a Parcel/Land Division

This is an application for: *(check all that apply)*

- New Construction/Alteration/Addition in a Local Historic District or Designated Landmark *(specify):*
 - Mansion Hill Third Lake Ridge First Settlement
 - University Heights Marquette Bungalows Landmark
- Land Division/Combination in a Local Historic District or to Designated Landmark Site *(specify):*
 - Mansion Hill Third Lake Ridge First Settlement
 - University Heights Marquette Bungalows Landmark
- Demolition
- Development adjacent to a Designated Landmark
- Variance from the Historic Preservation Ordinance (Chapter 41)
- Landmark Nomination/Rescission or Historic District Nomination/Amendment
(Please contact the Preservation Planner for specific Submission Requirements.)
- Informational Presentation
- Other *(specify):*

DPCED USE ONLY	Registrar #:
	DATE STAMP

3. APPLICANT

Applicant's Name: Robert Quintana Company: _____

Address: 113 Ely Pl Madison, WI, 53726
Street City State Zip

Telephone: 6089574911 Email: [REDACTED]

Property Owner *(if not applicant)*: _____

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Property Owner's Signature:  Date: 3/17/26

NOTICE REGARDING LOBBYING ORDINANCE: If you are seeking approval of a development that has over 40,000 square feet of non-residential space, or a residential development of over 10 dwelling units, or if you are seeking assistance from the City with a value of \$10,000 (including grants, loans, TIF or similar assistance), then you likely are subject to Madison's lobbying ordinance (Sec. 2.40, MGO). You are required to register and report your lobbying. Please consult the City Clerk's Office for more information. Failure to comply with the lobbying ordinance may result in fines.

4. APPLICATION SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS *(see checklist on reverse)*

All applications must be emailed by 12:00pm on the submission date with the Landmarks Commission. Applications submitted after the submission date or incomplete applications will be postponed to the next scheduled submittal date. Submission deadlines can be viewed here: https://www.cityofmadison.com/dpced/planning/documents/LC_Meeting_Schedule_Dates.pdf

APPLICATION SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST:

In order to be considered complete, every application submission shall include at least the following information unless otherwise waived by the Preservation Planner. **All application materials should be submitted electronically to landmarkscommission@cityofmadison.com.** Please note that an individual email cannot exceed 20 MB.

- Landmarks Commission Application w/signature of the property owner.
- Narrative Description/Letter of Intent addressed to the Landmarks Commission, describing the location of the property and the scope of the proposed project.
 - Photographs of existing conditions;
 - Photographs of existing context;
 - Photographs of comparable historic resources within 200 feet of subject property;
 - Manufacturer's product information showing dimensions and materials.
- Architectural drawings reduced to 11" x 17" or smaller pages which may include:
 - Dimensioned site plans showing siting of structures, grading, landscaping, pedestrian and vehicular access, lighting, mechanicals, signage, and other features;
 - Elevations of all sides showing exterior features and finishes, subsurface construction, floor and roof;
 - Floor Plan views of levels and roof;
 - For proposals of more than two (2) commercial or residential or combination thereof units, a minimum of two (2) accurate street-view normal perspectives shown from a viewpoint of no more than five (5) feet above existing grade.
- Any other information requested by the Preservation Planner to convey the aspects of the project which may include:
 - Perspective drawing
 - Other _____

Landmarks Commission staff will preliminarily review projects for additions and/or new construction with Zoning staff in order to determine the completeness of the submission materials. Applicants are encouraged to contact Zoning staff to discuss projects early in the process to ensure the project considered by the Landmarks Commission meets Zoning requirements.

CONTACT THE PRESERVATION PLANNER:

Please contact the Preservation Planner with any questions.

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Ekberg, Meri Rose

From: Robert Quintana <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, April 20, 2026 11:04 AM
To: Bailey, Heather; Madison Landmarks Commission
Subject: Final Landmarks Narrative--Redrawing Lot lines
Attachments: CSM Draft.pdf

Categories: Heather

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To the Landmarks Commission:

This narrative is submitted in support of an application for a Certificate of Approval for a land division at 113 Ely Place, located within the University Heights Historic District. The proposed division would create two lots from the existing 11,334 square foot parcel via a Certified Survey Map (CSM), consistent with the original two-lot configuration established in the 1924 Rosa Replat of Block 14, University Heights.

Attached is the new CSM draft from Burse Surveyors with the proposed line where the split will occur between these lots.

The application is governed by Madison General Ordinance 41.18(4), which requires the Commission to approve a Certificate of Approval for land divisions in historic districts unless it finds that the proposed lot sizes adversely impact the historic character or significance of a landmark, are incompatible with adjacent lot sizes, or fail to maintain the general lot size pattern of the historic district. This narrative addresses each standard in turn.

Standard 1: The Proposed Lot Sizes Do Not Adversely Impact the Historic Character or Significance of the District

The proposed division returns the property to the two-lot configuration that was originally platted in 1924 when F.M. Rosa subdivided Lots 7, 8, and 9 of Block 14, University Heights, creating Lots 1 and 4 as separate parcels. The two-lot division is not a new idea imposed on this property — it is close restoration of the original platting intent.

The proposed Lot A (the southern lot, containing the existing house) preserves the historic single-family residence at 113 Ely Place in its entirety. The custom CSM lot line will be drawn to retain the detached garage on Lot A as a legal accessory structure on the same zoning lot as the primary residence. No demolition of any historic structure on Lot A is required or proposed.

The proposed Lot B (the rear lot, accessed via a panhandle connection to Summit Street) is currently unimproved land. Creating a new buildable lot here does not disturb, diminish, or alter any contributing historic resource. Any future new construction on Lot B would be subject to a separate Landmarks Commission review and would need to demonstrate compatibility with the historic district at that time.

The division as proposed strengthens — rather than undermines — the historic character of the property by reestablishing the two-lot density envisioned when this block was originally developed.

Standard 2: The Proposed Lot Sizes Are Compatible with Adjacent Lot Sizes

The University Heights Historic District is characterized by a wide range of lot sizes, reflecting the organic and sometimes irregular way in which development occurred on top of the original 1924 plat. Lot sizes in this part of the district range from compact urban parcels to larger single-family lots, with no single dominant size or configuration.

The proposed division would create two lots from the existing 11,334 square foot parcel:

Lot A (house lot): Approximately 7347 square feet, retaining the existing single-family residence and detached garage. This lot fronts Ely Place.

Lot B (rear lot): A minimum of 4,001 square feet of developable area (exclusive of the panhandle strip), accessed via a 10-foot-wide panhandle connecting to Summit Street. Both the panhandle width and the developable area meet the minimum requirements of TR-C2 zoning.

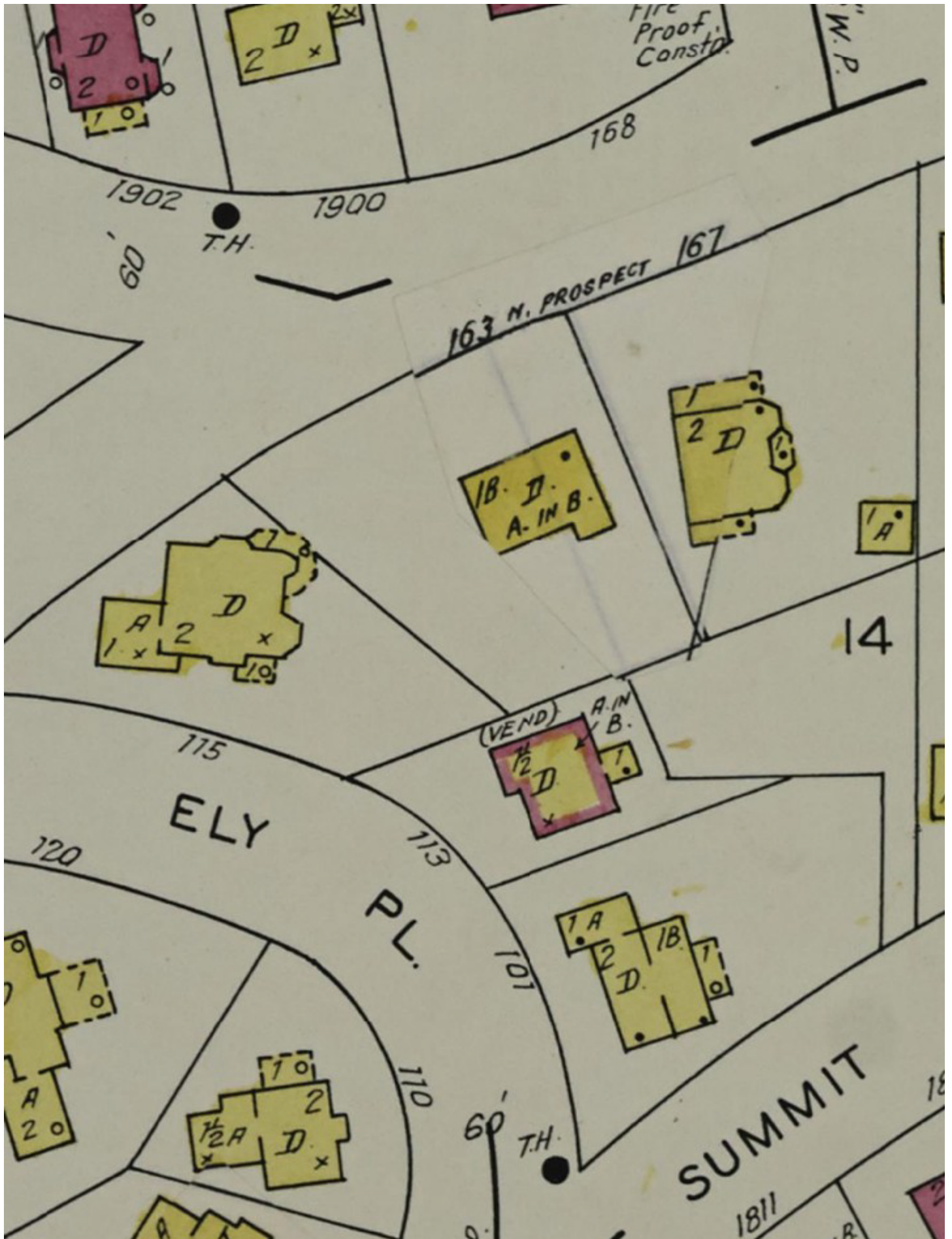
These lot sizes are consistent with the range of parcel sizes found throughout this block and the surrounding neighborhood. The TR-C2 zoning district, which governs this property, establishes a minimum lot area of 4,000 square feet — a threshold that reflects the City’s own assessment of what constitutes a compatible and functional lot size in this area. Both proposed lots meet or exceed that standard.

Importantly, the Landmarks Commission’s review under MGO 41.18(4) does not require that new lots be identical to adjacent lots in size — only that they be compatible. Given the established range of lot sizes in University Heights, and the TR-C2 minimum as a baseline, the proposed configuration falls well within the range of what is characteristic of this district.

Standard 3: The Proposed Division Maintains the General Lot Size Pattern of the Historic District

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Shown here is the 1950’s and 1924’s Sanborn map for plat 14, which shows previous separation closely resembles my proposes split. I would argue this reflects a reasonable lot development pattern and aligning with the district and this block in particular.





The proposed division is directly consistent with this pattern. The original 1924 plat contemplated two distinct lots on this parcel — Lots 1 and 4 — each with its own access and developable area. The CSM restores that two-lot density using modern boundaries calibrated to the existing structures and current code requirements. This is precisely the kind of practical, site-responsive adjustment that has defined how University Heights has developed over the past century.

The rear lot's panhandle access to Summit Street also reflects the block's established relationship to the surrounding street network, where rear parcels maintain connections to adjacent streets as development has occurred over time.

Conclusion

The proposed land division at 113 Ely Place satisfies all three standards under MGO 41.18(4). The division does not adversely impact the historic character or significance of the University Heights Historic District; the proposed lot sizes are compatible with the range of adjacent lot sizes in the neighborhood; and the division maintains the general lot size pattern of the district by restoring the two-lot configuration originally contemplated in the 1924 Rosa Replat, calibrated to reflect the pragmatic and adaptive development pattern that has historically characterized this block.

A professionally prepared Certified Survey Map showing the proposed lot configuration is attached and incorporated into this application. The applicant respectfully requests that the Landmarks Commission approve a Certificate of Approval for the proposed land division.

Best,

Robert

On Mar 19, 2026, at 6:29 PM, Robert Quintana <rquintana@wisc.edu> wrote:

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