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Madison Landmarks Commission and Madison Planning Commission;

Concerning; 502 W Main St,

I think it would be a tremendous historical and architectural loss if 502 W Main Street is demolished.

This architecturally and historically important building is a very significant link to early Madison and the Basset Neighborhood.

It was built in 1866 by Mrs B Lannon as a residence and store.

The house is considered a 'sister' to the landmark Doris building one block further down W Main St.

An addition was added in 1875, the same year that Hannah and Chancellor Hill purchased the building.

Later the building housed San Piazza's shoe shop, and later it housed a grocery and liquor store.

The building obviously played a significant social role to the neighborhood.

Into the 1950's this intersection of Basset and W Main was know as 'Hill's Corner'.

Perhaps the developer can be asked to reconfigure his plans to spare this important building.

It is fortunate that the building is located so closely to the corner of W Main and Basset Streets.

This could allow the developer to spare 502 W Main St and build his development in an L-shape around 502 W Main's footprint. Perhaps the later 1875 (rear?) addition could be sacrificed in order to give the developer more of a developable parcel?

Please refer to the way that the 100 block of State St redevelopment was reconfigured in order to spare 3 historic buildings (and rebuild a 4th historic building). This development appears to provide a fairly seamless interior configuration of the 100 block. This compromise arose from requests by local preservationists.

Thank you,

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