

Regarding: **1021 University Avenue – Luther Memorial Church
Landmark Nomination review
(Legistar #22775)**

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General Information:

The Landmarks Commission shall determine if the attached Landmarks Nomination for 1021 University Avenue shall be recommended to the Common Council for designation.

Landmarks Ordinance:

33.19(4) Landmarks and Landmark Sites Designation Criteria.

(a) For purposes of this ordinance, a landmark or landmark site designation may be placed on any site, natural or improved, including any building, improvement or structure located thereon, or any area of particular historic, architectural or cultural significance to the City of Madison, such as historic structures or sites which:

1. Exemplify or reflect the broad cultural, political, economic or social history of the nation, state or community; or
2. Are identified with historic personages or with important events in national, state or local history; or
3. Embody the distinguishing characteristics of an architectural type specimen, inherently valuable for a study of a period, style, method of construction, or of indigenous materials or craftsmanship or
4. Are representative of the notable work of a master builder, designer or architect whose individual genius influences his age.

Staff Comments:

During the request for comments from other divisions, agencies and commissions, the nomination received favorable comments from the Plan Commission, a letter indicating that the Engineering Division is unaware of any concerns with designation, and no comments from the Parks Division, the Fire Department, the Police Department, the Health Division, the Building Inspection Division, Public Works or the Alderperson.

Staff supports the designation of Luther Memorial Church located at 1021 University Avenue as a local landmark under criteria 3 and 4 of the Landmarks Ordinance as referenced above.

If the Landmarks Commission feels it has enough information to make a decision, a recommendation should be made to the Common Council supporting or not supporting the designation of the property and the reasons for the decision.