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Meeting Minutes - Approved LANDMARKS COMMISSION

Monday, March 11, 2013

4:45 PM

215 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Room LL-110 (Madison Municipal Building)

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 6 -
Jason T. Fowler; Marsha A. Rummel; David W.J. McLean; Stuart Levitan;
Michael J. Rosenblum and Erica Fox Gehrig

Excused: 1 -
Christina Slattery

APPROVAL OF February 11, 2013 MINUTES

A motion was made by Rummel, seconded by McLean, to Approve the Minutes of February 11, 2013. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Emily Erickson-Alpha Chi Omega

Ms. Erickson explained that she proposes creating a local historic district in the Langdon area. Ms. Erickson provided a petition with over 700 signatures to show the interest in naming the Langdon area a local historic district.

Connor Nett explained that historic districts possess character and historic significance. Mr. Nett encourages the creation of criteria for future development to maintain the character of the area.

John Magnino-State and Langdon Neighborhood President.

Mr. Magnino wants to ensure that all parties are educated about the purpose and implications of a local historic district.

Jason Tish, Executive Director of Madison Trust for Historic Preservation

Mr. Tish explained that the conversation about the creation of a landmark local historic district is an important one that needs to happen. He explained that the creation of the local Langdon district is a recommendation in the Downtown Plan. He explained that the treatment of the Waterfront development decision encouraged these students to form a student organization and begin a petition to protect the unique character of the Langdon neighborhood and the University.

Tim Morgan

Mr. Morgan explained the Downtown Plan recommendations about creating a local historic district have not been addressed to date. He is concerned that

this has allowed developers the motivation to push through proposals before the local historic district discussion is heard. He encouraged a timely process.

Levitan briefly explained the process outlined by ordinance to create a local historic district.

Alder Maniaci requested that the Landmarks Commission act in a diligent, thoughtful and thorough manner on this issue. She noted that there hasn't been a discussion with property owners to date.

Gehrig asked Maniaci how to interpret the genuine outpouring of interest by constituents in the Langdon area about projects like the Waterfront. Maniaci commented that the signatures were a knee-jerk reaction to the Waterfront development.

Rummel noted that there is an obvious interest in the subject matter that cannot be ignored.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

McClellan explained that he has had a professional and continues to have a personal relationship with members of the development team for Item #1, and that after consultation with the City Attorney he feels this will not affect his judgment or ability to serve.

REQUEST FOR ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

****Items taken out of order****

1. [29258](#) 144 West Johnson Street - Mansion Hill Historic District - Adaptive reuse of Holy Redeemer School (designated landmark) to include restoration of the existing building and the construction of a new addition to the west and the subdivision of the landmark site. 4th Ald. Dist.
Contact: Stephen Mar-Pohl, InSite Consulting Architects

A motion was made by Rosenblum, seconded by Fowler, to Approve the Certificate of Appropriateness with staff comments in the report and further comments made during deliberations. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

A motion was made by Rosenblum, seconded by Fowler, to recommend to the Plan Commission that the Landmarks Commission approves the subdivision of the landmark site. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

2. [29257](#) 423 North Carroll Street - Mansion Hill Historic District - Installation of replacement windows. 2nd Ald. Dist.
Contact: Jaclyn Skjervem, Steve Brown Apartments

A motion was made by Gehrig, seconded by Rummel, to Refer to the LANDMARKS COMMISSION. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

3. [29352](#) 1713 Chadbourne Avenue - University Heights Historic District - Third floor remodel including change in dormers. 5th Ald. Dist.
Contact: Jery Romanowski, Quality Construction Services LLC.

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

OTHER BUSINESS

4. [29322](#) Consideration of historic preservation planning concerns in other planning and land use decisions.

A motion was made by McLean, seconded by Rosenblum, to Refer to the LANDMARKS COMMISSION. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

REGULAR BUSINESS

5. [28640](#) Buildings Proposed for Demolition - 2013

A motion was made by Fowler, seconded by McLean, to recommend to the Plan Commission that the buildings at 6525 Odana Road, 1419 Monroe Street, 698 South Whitney Way, 1902 Tennyson Lane and 1001 Woodward Drive have no known historic value. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

6. [07804](#) Secretary's Report

Staff updated on the Steensland House. It was discussed leaving the building on-site and moving it where the parking shelter exists.

Staff explained that Garver is currently being surveyed and analyzed by Facility Engineering. A presentation was given at Olbrich Gardens on "what makes a brick happy" to educate everyone about the assessment methods used.

Levitan noted that the next meeting of the Landmarks Commission is on the first night of Passover. The one item on that next agenda will be circulated to the Commission with comments given individually to staff, and possibly administratively approved. This eliminates the need for the meeting on March 25 with the Commission's next meeting on April 15.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Rosenblum, seconded by Fowler, to Adjourn at 9:00 p.m. The motion passed by voice vote/other.