

LANDMARKS COMMISSION MEETING REPORT

July 6, 2026



Agenda Item #: 4

Project Title: 4301 Cherokee Drive - Consideration of a demolition permit to demolish an institutional building (District 10)

Legistar File ID #: 93594

Prepared By: Heather Bailey, Preservation Planner

Members: Present: Richard Arnesen, Ald. John Duncan, Molly Harris, Katie Kaliszewski, Edna Ely-Ledesma and Maurice Taylor

Summary

Bailey gave a brief presentation on the school which was constructed in 1954 by Siberz, Purcell & Cuthbert. Siberz trained under Frank Riley doing period revival, you can see that in some other buildings around town. Sherman School is the only other building this firm did for the Madison School Board, which we reviewed last year in the fall. Madison does not have a lot of school buildings in this style, it is distinctive, and this firm did some really stunning buildings including a Sinsinawa chapel. This building is in good shape in terms of historic integrity, but don't know that it is historically significant for its architecture. Staff recommendation is a finding of (b).

Action

A motion was made by Arnesen, seconded by Ely-Ledesma, to recommend a finding of (b) that the building has historic value related to the vernacular context of Madison's mid-twentieth century built environment, and as the work/product of an architect of note (Siberz, Purcell, Cuthbert Architects), but the building itself is not historically, architecturally or culturally significant. The motion passed by voice vote/other.