



# City of Madison

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## Meeting Minutes - Approved LANDMARKS COMMISSION

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Monday, August 8, 2011

4:45 PM

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

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**Present:** 6 -

David W.J. McLean; Stuart Levitan; Robin M. Taylor; Michael J. Rosenblum; Christina Slattery and Erica Fox Gehrig

**Excused:** 1 -

Ald. Marsha A. Rummel

### CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Taylor, seconded by Slattery, to Approve the July 25, 2011 Minutes. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

### DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

Gehrig disclosed that her aunt was co-author of Erdman book.

Levitan disclosed that he is a relative and has other relationships with the Erdman family that have been reviewed with the City Attorney and he is able to act.

Rosenblum disclosed that he is an employee and UW Health and that he lives in the Spring Harbor neighborhood and after discussions with the City Attorney, he is able to act on the Erdman nomination issue.

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A motion was made by Taylor, seconded by McLean, to elect Levitan as Chair and Gehrig as Vice Chair and Levitan to serve as the Landmrks Commission representative to the Zoning Code Rewrite Advisory Committee. The motion passed by a voice vote/other (4-0).

### INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION

1. [23433](#) 300 Block Livingston - Third Lake Ridge Historic District - New Construction of mixed use development. 6th Ald. District.

Contact: Randy Bruce

No action was taken.

**REQUEST FOR ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS**

- 2. [23338](#) 1328 Spaight Street - Third Lake Ridge Historic District - Exterior Alterations involving the construction of a new rear deck/covered porch. 6th Ald. District.  
Contact: Kent Miller

A motion was made by Rosenblum, seconded by McLean, to Approve a Certificate of Appropriateness. The motion passed by voice vote/other (5-0).

- 3. [23439](#) 625 East Gorham - Restoration Plan. 2nd Ald. District.  
Contact: Joe Lusson

A motion was made by Gehrig, seconded by Rosenblum, to Approve the restoration plan with Amendment(s) (including the staff comments). The motion passed by voice vote/other (5-0).

**NEW BUSINESS**

- 4. [23432](#) 5117 University Avenue - Marshall Erdman & Associates Office and Shop Landmark Nomination. 19th Ald. District.

A motion was made by Rosenblum seconded by Taylor, to not consider the nomination based on the following:

- 1. The Landmarks Commission finds that 5117 University Avenue could be evaluated against 2 criteria, but in light of the status of a current development proposal, finds it not appropriate to consider at this time.
- 2. The Landmarks Commission finds that the developers of the site should commemorate the historic significance in the new development.

The motion did not pass on a vote of (1-4). Ayes: M Rosenblum. No: Gehrig, McLean, Taylor, Slattery.

A motion was made by Taylor, seconded by McLean, to consider the nomination and set a date for public hearing. The motion passed by the following vote:

- Excused: 1 - Ald. Rummel
- Ayes: 4 - McLean; Taylor; Slattery and Gehrig
- Noes: 1 - Rosenblum

Non Voting: 1 -  
Levitan

5. [23465](#) Discussion about public art in historic districts

Sharon Kilfoy briefly explained that as part of the Williamson Street reconstruction project, numerous public art opportunities are present. She described an idea to stamp poetry by local poets in the new concrete sidewalks and other ideas like historic markers and a gateway entry piece. Ms. Kilfoy requested that the Commission provide a recommendation specifically about the poetry in sidewalks. There was discussion about the character of each historic district and how public art must enhance the character of the district to be successful.

**A recommendation was made by Gehrig, seconded by Slattery, to support poetry in sidewalks as a way to enhance the Third Lake Historic District. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**

6. [18755](#) Discussion about applying for a Certified Local Government (CLG) Grant from the State of Wisconsin Historical Society.

Staff provided the Commission with an update that the City is working with the State to write an RFP and select a consultant for the architectural survey near Hoyt Park.

The Landmarks Commission discussed the preservation priority list and confirmed that staff should submit a Letter of Intent to apply for an architectural survey near Eken Park for the next CLG grant cycle.

**No action.**

7. [20957](#) Buildings proposed for demolition - 2011

The Landmarks Commission discussed that the building at 1112 Spaight is of historic interest and that the proposed project will come before the Landmarks Commission for a Certificate of Appropriateness at which time the Commission will make a formal decision. The Landmarks Commission respectfully requests that a tour of the building be scheduled so possible structural condition issues may be reviewed. The Landmarks Commission calls the Applicant's attention to the demolition standards in the Landmarks Ordinance.

8. [07804](#) Secretary's Report

Levitan commented that he went to the Madison Trust Awards Event and there were numerous awards given to projects that had been through the Landmarks Commission process.

Levitan explained that he had been informed about some preliminary plans to redevelop the 100 block of State Street.

Rosenblum requested that the Secretary provide an update on the James Madison Park landmarks at a future meeting.

## ADJOURNMENT

**A motion was made by Rosenblum, seconded by Gehrig, to Adjourn at 7:45 p.m. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**