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Meeting Minutes - Approved LANDMARKS COMMISSION

Monday, February 11, 2019

5:00 PM

215 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Room 111 (Madison Municipal Building)

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Marsha A. Rummel; David W.J. McLean; Stuart Levitan; Anna Andrzejewski and Richard B. Arnesen

Excused: 1 - Katherine N. Kaliszewski

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by McLean, seconded by Rummel, to Approve the January 14, 2019 Minutes. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None

REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

- 54459** 428 N Livingston St - Exterior Alteration to a Designated Madison Landmark (Davies House); 2nd Ald. Dist.
James McFadden, registering in support and wishing to speak

A motion was made by Arnesen, seconded by Rummel, to Approve the request for the Certificate of Appropriateness. The motion passed by voice vote/other.
- 54489** 1130 Williamson St - Exterior Alteration in the Third Lake Ridge Hist. Dist.; 6th Ald. Dist.
Ken Jahn, registering in support and available to answer questions

A motion was made by Rummel, seconded by Andrzejewski, to Approve the request for the Certificate of Appropriateness. The motion passed by voice vote/other.
- 52418** 104 E Gilman St - Exterior Alteration to a Designated Madison Landmark in the Mansion Hill Hist. Dist. (Kendall House); 2nd Ald. Dist.
Dan O'Callaghan, registering in support and wishing to speak
Joe Korb, registering in support and available to answer questions

A summary of discussion of the numbered recommendations from the staff

report is below:

- 1) Light fixtures were not approved. The applicant shall cover or replace the caps of the two central piers that have been drilled for light fixtures so that wiring cannot be accessed for the installation of light fixtures.
- 2) The existing middle piers may remain their current size.
- 3) The applicant agreed to reduce the east corner pier in height and width to match the other piers.
- 4) The applicant agreed to construct an engaged pier to match the existing engaged pier on the opposite side of the porch.
- 5) The applicant may install the proposed porch railing, and agreed to the condition that a modified porch railing design be submitted for staff approval if the proposed railing does not meet building code.
- 6) The applicant agreed to repair the decorative baluster on the central dormer where possible and replace where necessary to match the original in design and materials.

A motion was made by McLean, seconded by Arnesen, to Approve the request for the Certificate of Appropriateness with the conditions outlined above. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

NEW BUSINESS

4. [54458](#) Landmarks Commission 2018 Annual Report

There was brief discussion of the 2018 Annual Report.

A motion was made by Rummel, seconded by Andrzejewski, to accept the report. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

5. [54477](#) Review of Consultant's Recommendations for Ordinance Revisions

Scanlon provided an overview of the consultant's recommendations, which are based upon industry best practice and also consider the public comment received during Rounds 2 and 3. She said their goal is to make the standards easier to understand, and will include a definitions section to clarify any jargon. She described the organization of the document, which is divided into three sections, Standards for Alterations, Standards for Additions, and Standards for New Construction. The topics addressed within each section are consistent throughout the document, and include building materials, building features and systems, building site, and code required work.

Scanlon discussed the section on a Spectrum of Standards for Review and explained various situations where this might apply. One recommendation is to consider whether a structure was built within the period of significance; the ordinance would be followed more strictly if it was within that period, and potentially allow for more flexibility if it was constructed outside of the period of significance. Another recommendation suggests that façades should be treated differently based upon whether they are visible from the street. Bailey said that they have received many public comments regarding this topic, and they included diverging opinions.

Andrzejewski pointed out that the document includes a lot of detail, and

suggested they keep in mind that if the ordinance is so rigid, it doesn't provide a lot of flexibility to the Preservation Planner. She said they may get more requests that require Commission approval if the ordinance is too rigid. Scanlon said that there will be a learning curve with how to use the new ordinance and how it is interpreted, but their goal is to be clear and prescriptive. She said that the LORC will take this document and condense it for the ordinance language.

Andrzejewski asked if there will be specific district standards on top of the uniform standards. Scanlon said that if someone can suggest specific ways the uniform standards do not fit a historic district, they may add additional district standards. She said that they have heard feedback from people who are against uniform standards because they aren't preserving the essence of the districts, but so far they haven't heard any specific examples demonstrating why it wouldn't work. She said that the recommendations are good preservation practice, which should happen in all historic districts.

McLean asked why each section is organized with the detailed information at the beginning and then moves to the broader building site information at the end, and said that it seems as if it should be the other way around. Levitan said that he agreed.

REGULAR BUSINESS

6. [47837](#) Landmarks Commission Historic Preservation Plan Status Report

Bailey invited Commissioners to attend the Historic Preservation Plan Open House on February 27 at 5 pm in Room 215 of the Madison Municipal Building.
7. [54301](#) Secretary's Report - 2019

Bailey informed the Commission that the Frank Lloyd Wright Building Conservancy has resubmitted a nomination for the Herbert and Katherine Jacobs House to be added to the UNESCO World Heritage List. The review will take place in May.

Bailey provided an update on the project at 640 W Washington Ave that the Commission had previously reviewed in 2017. She explained that the Commission had approved the applicant's request to move the train cars, but the applicant has since decided to leave the cars where they currently reside and instead complete work on the interior of the depot.
8. [54302](#) Buildings Proposed for Demolition - 2019

By unanimous consent, the Landmarks Commission voted to recommend to the Plan Commission that the buildings at 632 W Wilson St, 630 W Wilson St, 624 W Wilson St, 620 W Wilson St, and 616 W Wilson St have historic value based on architectural significance, cultural significance, historic significance, as the work/product of an architect of note, its status as a contributing structure in a National Register Historic District, and/or as an intact or rare example of a certain architectural style or method of construction, and the buildings at 5402

Mineral Point Rd, 330 S Whitney Way, 303 Potter St, and 2301 East Springs Dr have no known historic value. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by McLean, seconded by Rummel, to Adjourn at 6:28 pm. The motion passed by voice vote/other.