

February 14, 2012

Mr. Stu Levitan
Madison Landmarks Commission
Department of Planning & Development
215 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
P.O. Box 2985
Madison, WI 53701-2985

RE: 100 Block of State Street

Dear Mr. Levitan:

I just had to let you know I am against the changes proposed for the 100 block of State Street. I like the facades of the buildings there and would be greatly disappointed to see them gone as a good portion of the buildings on the square have been replaced since I moved to Madison in 1967. Can you imagine how much more interesting and appealing the square would be if those same buildings were still there?

I don't mind progress and I don't mind change but I am saddened by the loss of Madison's history when buildings are demolished, particularly for glass structures that kill birds.

I have been fortunate to travel to The Netherlands and Germany in my lifetime. I was amazed by the buildings I saw that were built in the 1500's. We weren't even a country then. I think we should try and save buildings for history's sake.

The green space mentioned would be a place for the homeless people to hang out in nice weather like the little Peace Park that used to be on State Street. I'd rather have a building to shop in.

I no longer live in Madison but do work here. I lived on the 400 block of West Johnson Street for a year and the 900 block of Spaight Street for 8 years. I really hate to see the old Madison gone. The historic district in Charleston, S.C. makes that city charming and draws tourism. Let us keep our history.

Sincerely,

Marcia Connor (Mrs.)

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marcia Connor". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.