

LANDMARKS COMMISSION MEETING REPORT

June 8, 2026



Agenda Item #: 2

Project Title: Approving a landmark nomination of the property located at 415 W Gilman Street as Master Hall (District 2)

Legistar File ID #: 93082

Prepared By: Heather Bailey, Preservation Planner

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

Summary

John Rolling, registering in support and wishing to speak
Robert Klebba, registering in support and wishing to speak
Nicholas Davies, registering in opposition and not wishing to speak

Kaliszewski opened the public hearing.

Rolling and Klebba spoke in support.

Bailey provided background information on the landmark nomination. The commission discussed the various options for approving the nomination or placing it on file.

A motion was made by Duncan, seconded by Ely-Ledesma, to Recommend to the Common Council that the nomination be approved because it meets the criteria for designation as a Madison landmark. The motion failed by the following vote:

Ayes: 2 - John Duncan and Edna Ely-Ledesma

Noes: 4 - Richard Arnesen, Molly Harris, Katie Kaliszewski, and Jacob Morrison

Excused: 1 - Maurice D. Taylor

Kaliszewski closed the public hearing.

Action

A motion was made by Arnesen, seconded by Morrison, to Recommend to the Common Council that the nomination be placed on file due to the City approving the demolition of the structure after the public process for demolitions of principal structures, per MGO 28.185 and MGO 41.28, but that it otherwise meets the criteria for designation as a Madison landmark. The motion passed by the following vote:

Ayes: 4 - Richard Arnesen, Edna Ely-Ledesma, Molly Harris, and Jacob Morrison

Noes: 1 - John Duncan

Excused: 1 - Maurice Taylor

Non Voting: 1 - Katie Kaliszewski