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Subject: Requests for Proposals for the Reuse and Rehabilitation of the structures at 640, 646 and 704 E Gorham Street in James Madison Park

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Dear Landmarks Commissioners,

I am not able to be at your meeting on February 14 to testify about the Requests for Proposals language for “disposing” of the three homes on Gorham Street in James Madison Park.

The Surplus Property Committee recommends selling the houses at 640, 646 and 704 E Gorham Street in James Madison Park while retaining the land. I support that recommendation. However, it was recommended by the 2008 surplus committee, the Tenney Lapham Neighborhood Association, Capitol Neighborhoods, and the Madison Trust for Historic Preservation that ***the houses not be moved***. I am concerned that manipulation of the process may block this outcome. Please see <http://www.forwardlookout.com/2011/02/wanna-buy-a-house-in-a-park/8977> which describes some of the issues related to the games being played to try to get to the outcome preferred by the mayor which is to move the homes. Given that the historic importance of these homes is significantly related to their current location, not allowing them to be moved should be a requirement of an acceptable proposal.

Therefore, I ask that you require that leaving the houses in place be a requirement for proposals to be otherwise considered. If that requirement is impossible (although I don't see why it would be impossible), I ask that you require that the scoring for the proposals for 640 E. Gorham (Worden House) and 646 E. Gorham (Ziegelman House) for the criteria “A proposal that keeps the structure in its current location” be scored at the full 20 points if the proposal does indeed keep the home in its current location.

Thank you for the work you do to protect Madison's historic and heritage resources.
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