

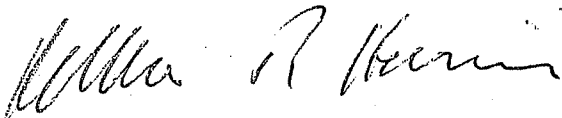
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Madison Landmarks Commision

Greetings,

It was with dismay that I recently heard about the plans to move/demolish the old home on North Mills Street known as the "Conklin House." As the owner of two Madison historic homes, I have a deep appreciatiion for these pieces of Madison's history. Moving such a home to a new locatiion would be daunting at best even if an appropriate site could be found in the city. What exactly is the point? Please add my name to your list of Madisonians who object to the tearing down of our historic landmarks.

Sincerely'



William R. Harrison

12-17-2007

Carolyn Freiwald
1442 Williamson St
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Dear members of the Planning Commission:

I cannot be present at the meeting to speak on behalf of the 1022 Johnson development. But I would like to clearly state my support for preserving both buildings. I spoke in favor of preserving both buildings at Landmarks Commission on behalf of the Madison Trust for Historic Preservation, along with members of Capitol Neighborhoods and local historians. All of us, and every member who voted on the Landmarks Commission, believe that the Conklin house could be a city landmark and that demolition of such a property is unacceptable.

I'm not opposed to placing apartments on the parking lot. I work across the street and am sure the building would be a profitable venture. However, there is simply no justification for tearing down historic era housing stock in excellent condition. Proposals like this are the reason community members are asking for conservation districts. Requests for demolition like this have prompted months of work on the demolition ordinance. The last rendition I saw suggests that a driveway would replace one of the houses. I think that we as a city can do better than that.

Historians are asked to attend multiple meetings as volunteers to explain why developers should not demolish city landmarks. It makes more sense that the question be reversed; what justifies razing these buildings?

I ask you to support the Landmark Commission and to deny the request for demolition for both buildings.

Carolyn Freiwald
Board Member, Madison Trust for Historic Preservation

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Subject: Conklin House

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> Erica,

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> I am writing you as a board member of the Madison Trust for Historic
> Preservation. Specifically, I would like to register my thoughts on the
> proposed moving or -- worse -- demolition of the Conklin House at 309 N. Mills
> St. I spent 5 years in graduate school walking by the Conklin House nearly
> every day. It is a beautiful period building, and has the important
> architectural heritage of being remodeled by Claude and Stark. Demolishing this
> historic home (as well as the other frame house at 1022 W. Johnson St.), in a
> part of the city where there are few remaining wood frame dwellings, would be a
> mistake and would further degrade the character of the city, in my opinion.
> Adding a 14-story apartment building to that block, directly adjacent to the
> notable Luther Memorial Church, would be completely out of scale with, and
> insensitive to, the rest of the buildings on the block.

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> Modern progress is a great thing, but so is our history and heritage. I
> strongly urge the City to allow the Conklin House to remain in place. If not, I
> very much hope it can be moved to another lot. Demolition would be a travesty,
> and another nail in the coffin of the city we know and love.

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> Sincerely,

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> David W. Sample
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