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Meeting Minutes - Approved LANDMARKS COMMISSION

*Consider: Who benefits? Who is burdened?
Who does not have a voice at the table?
How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?*

Monday, November 10, 2025

5:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

Call to Order/Roll Call

Present: 5 - John W. Duncan; Molly S. Harris; Edna Ely-Ledesma; Richard B. Arnesen and Katherine N. Kaliszewski
Excused: 2 - Jacob Morrison and Maurice D. Taylor

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Duncan, seconded by Arnesen, to Approve the October 6, 2025 Minutes. The motion passed by voice vote/other. Ely-Ledesma recused herself, as she was not present at that meeting.

Public Comment

1. [60576](#) Landmarks Commission Public Comment Period

Kurt Stege, registering neither in support nor in opposition and wishing to speak

Stege spoke about Legistar file 90552, related to Transit Oriented Development, and thought the Landmarks Commission should be a reviewing body of the ordinance file.

Disclosures and Recusals

None

Advisory Recommendation

2. [90011](#) 425 N Frances Street and 450 W Gilman Street - Development Adjacent to a Designated Madison Landmark (Grimm Book Bindery - 454 W Gilman Street) (District 2)

Rebecca Anderson, registering in opposition and wishing to speak

Brian Munson, registering in support and wishing to speak

Bobby Tait, registering in support and wishing to speak

A motion was made by Arnesen, seconded by Harris, to advise the Plan Commission and Urban Design Commission that due to the side setback and substantial step back from the single-story wing of the building, the proposed work will not be so large as to adversely affect the historic character and integrity of the adjoining landmark. However, the Landmarks Commission recommends a less industrial and closed character of the exterior materials of the single-story wing to increase the street-level activation so that it is not so visually intrusive as to adversely affect the historic character and integrity of

the adjacent landmark. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

Request for Certificate of Approval

3. [90449](#) 308 S Paterson Street - Exterior Alteration in the Third Lake Ridge Historic District - Signage (District 6)
- This item was approved as a consent item with the finding that all applicable standards are adequately addressed and with all the staff recommendations contained in the report.
- A motion was made by Duncan, seconded by Harris, to Approve the request for the Certificate of Approval with the condition that signage be installed with stainless steel fasteners at the masonry joints. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**

Demolition Historic Value Review

4. [90454](#) 501 N Whitney Way - Consideration of a demolition permit to demolish a commercial building (District 11)
- This item was approved as a consent item with the finding that all applicable standards are adequately addressed and with all the staff recommendations contained in the report.
- A motion was made by Duncan, seconded by Harris, to recommend a finding of (c) no known historic value. The motion passed by voice vote/other.
- A motion was made by Duncan, seconded by Harris, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**
5. [90460](#) 3009 Stevens Street - Consideration of a demolition permit to demolish a single-family residential building (District 5)
- Colin Smith, registering in support and available to answer questions*
- This item was approved as a consent item with the finding that all applicable standards are adequately addressed and with all the staff recommendations contained in the report.
- A motion was made by Duncan, seconded by Harris, to recommend a finding of (c) no known historic value. The motion passed by voice vote/other.
- A motion was made by Duncan, seconded by Harris, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**
6. [90465](#) 425 N Frances Street - Consideration of a demolition permit to demolish a commercial building (District 2)
- Brian Munson, registering in support and available to answer questions*
- This item was approved as a consent item with the finding that all applicable standards are adequately addressed and with all the staff recommendations contained in the report.
- A motion was made by Duncan, seconded by Harris, to recommend a finding of (c) no known historic value. The motion passed by voice vote/other.
- A motion was made by Duncan, seconded by Harris, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**
7. [90470](#) 450 W Gilman Street - Consideration of a demolition permit to demolish a commercial building (District 2)
- Brian Munson, registering in support and available to answer questions*
- A motion was made by Arnesen, seconded by Harris, to recommend a finding of (b) as the building has

historic value related to the vernacular context of Madison's built environment as an intact building constructed c. 1890, but the building itself is not historically, architecturally or culturally significant. The motion passed by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Molly Harris, Edna Ely-Ledesma, and Richard Arnesen

Noes: 1 - John Duncan

Excused: 2 - Jacob Morrison and Maurice Taylor

Non Voting: 1 - Katie Kaliszewski

A motion was made by Arnesen, seconded by Harris, to Refer to the PLAN COMMISSION. The motion passed by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Molly S. Harris; Edna Ely-Ledesma and Richard B. Arnesen

Noes: 1 - John W. Duncan

Excused: 2 - Jacob Morrison and Maurice D. Taylor

Non Voting: 1 - Katherine N. Kaliszewski

Regular Business

8. [86033](#) Secretary's Report - 2025

Ekberg shared the 2026 meeting schedule.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Arnesen, seconded by Duncan, to Adjourn at 5:47 pm. The motion passed by voice vote/other.