

AGENDA # 6

City of Madison, Wisconsin

REPORT OF: LANDMARKS COMMISSION	PRESENTED: February 29, 2016
TITLE: Buildings Proposed for Demolition (41270)	REFERRED:
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	REPORTED BACK:
AUTHOR: Amy Scanlon, Secretary	ADOPTED: POF:
DATED: February 29, 2016	ID NUMBER:

Members present were: Stuart Levitan, Chair; Anna V. Andrzejewski, Vice Chair; Lon Hill, Marsha A. Rummel, and Christina Slattery. Excused: Erica Fox Gehrig and David WJ McLean.

SUMMARY:

Staff explained that the 6 buildings proposed for demolition on West Washington and North Broom were related to a single development proposal, and that it was conveyed to the applicant that the building at 10-12 N Broom was designed by architect Robert Wright and staff believes it has the most historic value of the buildings in the group.

The Commission discussed the individual qualities of each building and determined that the buildings are vernacular and the collection of vernacular buildings relate to the appropriate context and character of the area. They explained that the historic value is demonstrated through the collection of buildings and not the individual buildings. There was general discussion that the collection of buildings may have historic significance that relates to the larger context.

Melissa Huggins, registering in support and available to answer questions. Huggins explained that staff provided an opinion about the historic value and that the developer has indicated that they would be willing to investigate relocation of the building at 10-12 N. Broom. Huggins explained that the Downtown Plan noted that only significant buildings should be retained along the West Washington corridor.

The Commission discussion determined that the standard motion did not adequately cover the historic value discussion and suggested that a separate report be submitted to the Plan Commission.

The discussion resulted in the following motion:

A motion was made by Slattery, seconded by Andrzejewski, to report to the Plan Commission that the Landmarks Commission finds that the building located at 4602 Cottage Grove Road has no known historic value and that the six buildings on West Washington and North Broom have historic value related to the vernacular context of Madison's built environment, but the buildings themselves are not historically, architecturally or culturally significant, and that a separate report will be submitted. The motion passed by a voice vote.

ACTION:

A motion was made by Slattery, seconded by Andrzejewski, to report to the Plan Commission that the Landmarks Commission finds that the building located at 4602 Cottage Grove Road has no known historic value and that the six buildings on West Washington and North Broom collectively have historic value that contribute to the larger vernacular context of Madison's built environment, but the buildings themselves are not known to have historic, architectural or cultural significance, and that a separate report will be submitted. The motion passed by a voice vote.