

LANDMARKS COMMISSION 2017 ANNUAL REPORT



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Landmarks Commission Administration

Membership:

Erica Fox Gehrig served her maximum term and was replaced by Katie Kaliszewski who was appointed to serve in the Resident seat. Kaliszewski meets the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualifications Standards.

Meetings:

The Landmarks Commission met 19 times in 2017. 20 meetings scheduled/1 meeting cancelled.

Policy Document:

The policy document was reviewed and minor revisions were discussed. The revised document was adopted January 30, 2017.

Other:

The Landmarks Commission application form was revised and made available on the website.

Data:

City of Madison Parcels = 79, 029

historic parcels (properties in historic districts and landmarks outside of districts) = 2020

182 designated landmarks (53 are located in historic districts and 129 are located outside)

5 local historic districts = 1891 parcels in local historic districts (0.33% of land area)

Landmarks Commission Activity

Certificates of Appropriateness: 65

The Landmarks Commission reviewed and approved 65 projects (alterations, new construction, land divisions, and demolition) for Certificates of Appropriateness with an approval rate of 100%.

Through the policy document, the Landmarks Commission has provided the Preservation Planner with the ability to provide administrative approvals for certain types of work. The Preservation Planner administratively approved 159 Certificates of Appropriateness in 2017.

Approvals were often modified from the original submittal based on recommendations from the Preservation Planner and/or the Landmarks Commission.

The chart below shows the specific break down.

Certificates of Appropriateness				
	Historic District/ Landmark	Landmarks Commission		Staff
		# Requests	# Requests Approved	# Requests Approved
New Construction	MH	0	0	
	TLR	1 principal + 3 accessory	4	
	UH	2 accessory	2	
	MB	0	0	
	FS	0	0	
	Landmark	0	0	
Alteration	MH	3	2 + 1 referred	25
	TLR	21	21	55
	UH	11	11	51
	MB	2	2	6
	FS	0	0	4
	Landmark	15 *	15	27 **
Demolition	MH	0	0	
	TLR	3 principal + 2 accessory	5	
	UH	1 accessory	1	
	MB	0	0	
	FS	0	0	
	Landmark	0	0	
Land Division	MH	0	0	
	TLR	0	0	
	UH	1	1	
	MB	0	0	
	FS	0	0	
	Landmark	1	1	
Total		65	65	159
Approval Rate			100%	100%

*Including 2 Landmarks in Historic Districts
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MH = Mansion Hill
 TLR = Third Lake Ridge
 UH = University Heights
 MB = Marquette Bungalows
 FS = First Settlement
 Landmark = Designated Madison Landmark

Adjacent to Landmarks: 2

The Landmarks Commission reviewed the alterations/development to 2 building that are adjacent to landmarks where Plan Commission and Urban Design Commission review were needed (MGO 28.144).

Historic Value Reviews: 94

The Landmarks Commission reviewed 94 building demolition requests for historic value (MGO 28.185(7)4.) and provided the findings and recommendations to the Plan Commission.

Advisory Recommendations to PC: 2

The Landmarks Commission reviewed and provided recommendations to the Plan Commission on renovation of six buildings at N Blair and E Gorham streets, and Judge Doyle Square.

Advisory Recommendations to UDC: 3

The Landmarks Commission reviewed and provided recommendations to the Urban Design Commission on the Vilas Park bridge, renovation of six buildings at N Blair Street and E Gorham Street, and Judge Doyle Square.

Other reviews/recommendations: 4

The Landmarks Commission reviewed the Downtown Retail Report, Garver Lease/Purchase Agreement, Preserve LLC contract, and resolution creating the Historic Preservation Plan Advisory Committee.

Designations/Rescissions: 0

The Landmarks Commission received a landmark nomination for 123 W Gilman in October. The nomination will be reviewed in early 2018.

National Register Nomination Reviews: 3

The Landmarks Commission reviewed and provided comments on National Register nominations for properties and historic districts being listed on the National Register as part of Certified Local Government responsibilities. Staff prepared a letter to the Wisconsin Historical Society summarizing the Commission's comments related to the review. In 2017, the Commission reviewed nominations for Garver Feed and Supply Company, Heidelberger House, and the Tenney Building.

Landmarks Commission Initiatives

Historic Preservation Plan:

The Historic Preservation Plan is the City's first plan to identify, celebrate, and preserve the places that represent our collective history. The consultant team was selected in May of 2017 and the Kick Off meeting for the effort was held on September 26, 2017. The Historic Preservation Plan effort will be a two year process. The Landmarks Commission is the lead.

Landmarks Ordinance Review Committee:

The Ad Hoc Landmarks Ordinance Review Committee (LORC) began meeting about Phase 2 Ordinance revisions related to the historic district sections. The LORC met 3 times in 2017. The consultant will provide final recommendations on ordinance revisions to the LORC in early fall 2018. The LORC will continue to work on the ordinance revisions as needed.

Recognition:

The Landmarks Commission was recognized with the Award of Excellence from the Wisconsin Association of Historic Preservation Commissions for the Orpheum Theater Sign.

Historic Preservation Program

CLG Subgrants:

Staff managed the subgrants that were awarded for the preparation of the Coolidge and Myrtle Street National Register Historic District and Hoyt Park National Register nominations.

As part of the Historic Preservation Plan effort, staff submitted a subgrant Letter of Intent to conduct an architectural survey in an area that was not yet determined. Due to workload and schedule of the Historic Preservation Plan, it was determined that a formal application would not be submitted in 2017.

Spring Letters:

Staff typically mails an annual letter ("Spring Letter") to historic district property owners and to owners of landmark properties. The letters describe the responsibilities of the property owner and the historic tax credit program where applicable. Approximately 1600 spring letters were mailed in April of 2017.

Work of the Preservation Planner:

- Participated in the construction review of city-owned landmark and historic buildings
- Collaborated with Library staff to create Living History Project @ Madison Public Library
- Assisted city agencies with compliance review applications
- Participated in the Façade Improvement Grant Program staff team
- Worked with Building Inspection to develop Accela process to create and track online CAPs
- Conducted Community Development Block Grant Environmental Reviews
- General management of historic preservation program