

AGENDA # 4

City of Madison, Wisconsin

REPORT OF: LANDMARKS COMMISSION

PRESENTED: January 30th, 2017

TITLE: Buildings proposed for demolition - 2017

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ADOPTED:

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

SUMMARY:

The Commission discussed the historic value of the buildings proposed for demolition.

302 S Gammon

Melissa Huggins, registering in support and available to answer questions.

John Livesey, registering in support and available to answer questions.

Staff confirmed that the building was designed by Kenton Peters as the Farm Bureau office building in 1970 and that it is in fairly original condition on the exterior.

Gehrig referred to the National Register Standards to emphasize the importance of an architect in Madison. The building is not yet 50 years old and thus isn't eligible for the National Register yet. Gehrig would like to change the language of the demolition criteria to protect architects with buildings that do not yet meet the age requirements. Andrzejewski would like to use the vernacular context motion, but the language isn't right. Arnesen feels it has no known historic value. Gehrig explained it does not yet have historic value, but could. Andrzejewski suggested documentation within the City, but at this point the City has no mechanism to do so. Commissioners requested documentation from registrants, who indicated they are prepared to comply.

Staff indicated that Kenton Peters is not in the document of Master Architects created by Kitty Rankin circa 1994.

Gehrig suggested that, while the Landmarks Commission may categorize this with medium historic value, it would be a good idea to indicate to the Plan Commission that they be forward-thinking with regard to Madison architects and to request documentation of buildings whose styles are not yet valued.

701 Ottawa

Dan Kruse, registering in support and wishing to speak.

Current residents would like a larger residence and the existing house is in bad condition, so they would like to demolish and rebuild. Applicant offered to provide pictures and plans.

Gehrig asked why it was not a contributing building in the National Register historic district. Staff explained that, due to the age of some of the residences in Nakoma and when the National Register historic district was created, some residences were not yet 50 years old and were considered non-contributing.

707, 711 E Johnson, 201 N Blount – 707 E Johnson is being relocated to the other side of the block (Dayton St.), per the Applicant.

Jeff Vercauteren, registering in support and available to answer questions.

2802 E Johnson – Arnesen recused himself due to a conflict of interest.

ACTION:

A motion was made by Gehrig and seconded by McLean to recommend to the Plan Commission that the Landmarks Commission finds that the building at 302 S Gammon has historic value related to the vernacular context of Madison's built environment, but the building itself is not historically, architecturally or culturally significant. The motion passed by a voice vote.

A motion was made by Andrzejewski and seconded by Arnesen to recommend to the Plan Commission that the Landmarks Commission finds that the building at 701 Ottawa has historic value related to the vernacular context of Madison's built environment, but the building itself is not historically, architecturally or culturally significant. The motion passed by a voice vote.

A motion was made by Andrzejewski and seconded by Arnesen to recommend to the Plan Commission that the Landmarks Commission finds that the buildings at 707 E Johnson, 711 E Johnson, and 201 N Blount have historic value related to the vernacular context of Madison's built environment, but the buildings themselves are not historically, architecturally or culturally significant. The motion passed by a voice vote.

A motion was made by Andrzejewski and seconded by Gehrig to recommend to the Plan Commission that the Landmarks Commission finds that the building at 2802 E Johnson has no known historic value. The motion passed by a voice vote. Arnesen did not vote.

A motion was made by Andrzejewski and seconded by McLean to recommend to the Plan Commission that the Landmarks Commission finds that the buildings at 2003 Freeport, 1318 Reiner, and 6910 Odana have no known historic value. The motion passed by a voice vote.

A motion was made by Gehrig and seconded by Andrzejewski to recommend to the Plan Commission that the Landmarks Commission finds that the building at 215 S Pinckney has no known historic value. The motion passed by a voice vote.