

Parks, Timothy

From: George [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, February 09, 2014 9:17 PM
To: Parks, Timothy; lyberg; mkbridgeman@tds.net; 'bill martinelli'; 'Tom Garver'; 'Stewart Macaulay'
Subject: Plan Commission Meeting Agenda Item #1 for February 10, 2014

Hi Tim,

If possible, please register me in favor of acceptance by the Plan Commission of the "Report of the Lamp House Block Ad Hoc Plan Committee." The Commission has a unique opportunity to clarify and address omissions from current planning and zoning documents that previously omitted consideration of this historic structure and its' cultural setting. I particularly appreciate the thoughtful way the committee proceeded in an attempt to balance competing interests while respecting a historic structure on a sensitive site in making its recommendations.

Over the past few years I've helped to organize "heritage tourism" functions around Wisconsin for structures designed by Frank Lloyd Wright and allied architects and occasionally come upon situations where the physical context has been altered in ways that inexorably affect any appreciation or understanding for why the structure looks and functions as it does. In this respect, the Ad Hoc Plan Committee thoughtfully identified critical aspects of the existing "outdoor room" surrounding the Lamp House that should be retained, as well as identifying prospective building envelopes for redevelopment opportunities compatible with preservation objectives that respect the context of Mr. Wright's design.

I would appear in person to support acceptance of the report but I have circuit court-referred mediations scheduled in Waukesha throughout Monday, February 10th, and depending upon when my cases wrap up will likely be unable to make it back in time for the Plan Commission meeting.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

(signed)

George Hall, Vice-President
Frank Lloyd Wright® Wisconsin Heritage Tourism Program, Inc. (soon to be known as Frank Lloyd Wright Wisconsin, Inc.)

Parks, Timothy

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Planning
Sent: Monday, February 10, 2014 8:12 AM
To: Parks, Timothy
Subject: FW: Lamp House ad hoc committee report

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From: David Waugh [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, February 10, 2014 8:01 AM
To: Bob Klebba; Planning
Subject: Lamp House ad hoc committee report

Dear Plan Commission members,

I support the Lamp House ad hoc Committee's report. I think it is a report that balances development and preservation. As an owner of a downtown bed and breakfast, anything associated with Frank Lloyd Wright is a tremendous draw. The context of the vernacular architecture surrounding the building is incredibly important and a conservation or historic district overlay should be considered. One must treat the site as one would treat a work of art in a museum. One would not display a Van Gogh in the basement under low lighting. In addition, the buildings surrounding the Lamp House have tremendous potential to serve the hospitality industry.

Regards,
David Waugh
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Parks, Timothy

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Planning
Sent: Monday, February 10, 2014 8:13 AM
To: Cornwell, Katherine; Parks, Timothy
Subject: FW: Lamp House ad hoc committee report

From: Bob Klebba [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, February 10, 2014 7:43 AM
To: Planning
Subject: Lamp House ad hoc committee report

Hi Katherine,

David and I are out of town (and with a very poor internet connection) and will not be able to attend tonight's Plan Commission meeting. Would you be so kind as to forward this email to the commission members? Thanks!

Dear Plan Commission members:

I strongly support the Lamp House ad hoc Committee's report on this key block in downtown Madison. I think that the plan balances very judiciously both preservation and development interests. Most importantly, the report's recommendation that an historic district be researched and promoted will be very important for the long-term preservation of Madison's unique piece of Frank Lloyd Wright history. As a small business owner in the hospitality industry, I know how important the maintenance of these historic properties is for drawing in tourists and revenue in our fair city. I have already testified about the number of guests we've had at our small business who come to Madison exclusively to experience Wright's legacy in Madison for themselves.

I appreciate your consideration of my support of this report.

Sincerely,

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