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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, April 15, 2024

5:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Taylor left at 6:30 pm

Present: 5 - Jacob Morrison; Molly S. Harris; Maurice D. Taylor; Edna Ely-Ledesma and Katherine N. Kaliszewski

Excused: 2 - Amani Latimer Burris and Richard B. Arnesen

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Harris, seconded by Taylor, to Approve the March 18 and April 3, 2024 Minutes. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

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

Stege said that two recent lot divisions approved by the Landmarks Commission at the Old Spring Tavern and 1908 Arlington Place are inconsistent with the goal of promoting historic preservation. They said that the ordinance did not contemplate structures oriented to something other than the street address and should be fixed in order to prevent future disputes. They referenced public comment made by a neighbor regarding the project at 2020 Chadbourne Avenue and said that determining if a new structure is visually compatible or minimally visible from the developed public right of way are subjective standards. They pointed out that all four sides of an accessory building are relevant.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

Related to item 6, Morrison disclosed that he is associated with the firm working on the project on Old Sauk Road and will recuse himself from the vote on those properties.

PUBLIC HEARING - REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

2. [79566](#) 134-150 S Blair-Land Combination & New Construction in the First Settlement historic district (District 6)

*Brian Munson, registering in support and wishing to speak
Joel Koeppen, registering in support and wishing to speak
Trina Sandschafer, registering in support and wishing to speak*

*Jillian Skrentny, registering neither in support nor in opposition and wishing to speak
Griffin Lowmaster, registering in opposition and available to answer questions*

A motion was made by Harris, seconded by Morrison, to Approve the request for the Certificate of Appropriateness for the land combination. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

A motion was made by Morrison, seconded by Harris, to Refer review of the alternative design variance and new construction of a principal structure to a future Landmarks Commission meeting. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

3. [82588](#) 2003 Van Hise Ave - Demolition of an existing garage structure and construction of a new garage structure in the University Heights Historic District (District 5)

Jeannie Kowing, registering in support and available to answer questions

A motion was made by Harris, seconded by Morrison, to Approve the request for the Certificate of Appropriateness with the conditions that there be no faux hardware on the garage's vehicle door and updated window, exterior cladding, and roof shingle specifications be submitted to meet standards, with approval by staff. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

4. [82374](#) 2450 Atwood Ave - Exterior Alterations to a Designated Madison Landmark - St. Bernard's Catholic Church (District 15)

Bradley Servin, registering in support and wishing to speak

A motion was made by Harris, seconded by Ely-Ledesma, to Approve the request for the Certificate of Appropriateness. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

OLD BUSINESS

5. [82440](#) Madison Historic District Illustrated Design Guidelines

Bailey briefly discussed the content and purpose of the illustrated design guidelines document.

Morrison said that this will be an extremely valuable resource, and he was glad it was put together. He said that he understood it was a lot of work, but it was worth it. He said that during a future revision of the document, he would like to see some references to window and door locations on facades. He said that there have been a few submittals where doors and windows are haphazardly placed, which he thought was possibly based on the software used rather than constructing an elevation.

Harris agreed that it was awesome. She had several edits where she thought some of the example photos required check marks or Xs for clarity in these figures: 60, 61, 63, 64, 77, and 110. In fig. 121, the word "consisted" should be changed to "consistent."

Harris also noted that the negative images used as examples were not local properties that could be identified, but the positive examples were identifiable. She said that it was nice to have local examples for the positive cases.

A motion was made by Morrison, seconded by Harris, to Accept the Illustrated Design Guidelines including the edits suggested by Harris. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

REGULAR BUSINESS

6. [81161](#) Buildings Proposed for Demolition - 2024

*Fed Novikov, registering in support and available to answer questions
Daniel Glaessl, registering in support and available to answer questions
Victor Villacrez, registering in support and available to answer questions*

A motion was made by Taylor, seconded by Ely-Ledesma, to recommend to the Plan Commission that the buildings at 6706 Old Sauk Road, 6610 Old Sauk Road, and 6612 Old Sauk Road have no known historic value. The motion passed by voice vote/other. Morrison recused himself from the vote.

A motion was made by Morrison, seconded by Harris, to recommend to the Plan Commission that the buildings at 10122 White Fox Lane/3978 Schewe Road, 521 W Main Street, and 6402 Schroeder Road have no known historic value and the building at 519 W Main Street has historic value as part of the vernacular context of downtown Madison, but that the structure itself is not historically or architecturally significant. Commissioner Harris noted that she believed that 521 W Main Street also had historic value as part of the vernacular context of downtown Madison, but that the structure itself was not historically or architecturally significant and wanted her objection to the finding of no known historic value for that property to be noted on the record. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ely-Ledesma, seconded by Morrison, to Adjourn at 6:49 pm. The motion passed by voice vote/other.