

## AGENDA # 3

City of Madison, Wisconsin

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REPORT OF: LANDMARKS COMMISSION	<b>PRESENTED:</b> May 19, 2014
TITLE: Landmarks Ordinance Revisions (17835)	<b>REFERRED:</b>
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AUTHOR: Amy Scanlon, Secretary	<b>ADOPTED:</b> <b>POF:</b>
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Members present were: Stu Levitan, Chair; Christina Slattery, Jason Fowler, David McLean, and Marsha Rummel. Erica Fox Gehrig and Michael Rosenblum were excused.

### **SUMMARY:**

David Mollenhoff, registering in support and wishing to speak. Mollenhoff explained this is an opportunity to achieve a state-of-the-art ordinance. He plans to create the Madison Historic District Alliance to represent the five districts and MTHP and other neighborhoods that are pursuing historic district status. He has contacted National Organizations and the Wisconsin Historical Society who are able to bring high quality technical information to the table for our use.

Bert Stit will facilitate these discussions. The Alliance will be advisory to the Landmarks Commission and Ad Hoc Landmarks Ordinance Review Committee.

Levitan explained the Phase I and Phase II work of the Landmarks Commission and asked if the Alliance work would focus on all or Phase I or Phase II.

Mollenhoff explained that they are most interested in Phase I.

F. E. Mohs, registering neither in support nor opposition. Mohs explained that the Alliance and the work on the ordinance is a good thing. This will energize the conversation and highlight the threats to local districts and remind everyone that historic districts are assets.

Sue Pastor, registering in support in some aspects, opposition of others, and wishing to speak. Pastor explained that the recent discussion of social history (Clarenbach) raised her awareness of historic preservation. She wants the best of what happens in historic preservation across the country to happen in Madison. She explained preservation can be profitable and that not everything worthy of preserving has been earmarked. She explained that Madison needs a large city-wide survey or plan to determine preservation values and a preservation vision including social history movements.

Lindsey Lee, registering neither in support nor opposition and wishing to speak. Lee explained the Ordinance conversation reminds him of Paris, where independent businesses create a strong character and lively street. Preservation supports independent businesses. Commercial spaces and how they operate will make the

properties more viable. The spaces that are provided by small historic buildings are important to strong economic development in the community.

Assistant City Attorney John Strange was in attendance to answer questions and be part of the discussion.

Staff reviewed the staff report items with the Commission.

There were discussions about numerous aspects of the latest ordinance draft that will be reviewed at a future Landmarks Commission meeting.

The draft ordinance language will be revised based on this discussion.

**ACTION:**

No action taken.