



Agenda Item #: 6
Project Title: Buildings Proposed for Demolition
Legistar File ID #: 75031
Prepared By: Heather Bailey, Preservation Planner
Members: Present: Molly Harris, Katie Kaliszewski, David McLean, Maurice Taylor, and Ald. Bill Tishler.
Excused: Richard Arnesen and Edna Ely-Ledesma.

Summary

Brian Munson, registering in support and available to answer questions

Ekberg said that staff recommends a finding of no known historic value for the properties at 445 W Johnson Street, 437 W Johnson Street, 215 N Bassett Street, 217 N Bassett Street, 430 W Dayton Street, 434 W Dayton Street, 438 W Dayton Street, and 440 W Dayton Street.

The commission discussed the loss of the large number of structures in one area and the impact on the vernacular context of Madison's built environment. It was noted that 438 W Dayton Street was constructed in 2000 and was not as detrimental of a loss.

For the properties at 219 N Bassett Street and 221 N Bassett Street, Ekberg said that staff recommends a finding of historic value as the product of an architect of note, but the buildings themselves are not historically, architecturally, or culturally significant.

McLean said that when you lose a significant number of properties like this, an entire part of a block, you recognize that the city is changing more than it has been at a fast rate. When this much context is taken so quickly, it changes the fabric more than just an individual house would. He regretted the loss of more fabric of the city's historic context.

Action

A motion was made by Harris, seconded by McLean, to recommend to the Plan Commission that the buildings at 445 W Johnson Street, 437 W Johnson Street, 215 N Bassett Street, 217 N Bassett Street, 430 W Dayton Street, 434 W Dayton Street, 438 W Dayton Street, and 440 W Dayton Street have no known historic value, but the growing loss of this type of building has the potential to impact the vernacular context of Madison's built environment. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

A motion was made by McLean, seconded by Harris, to recommend to the Plan Commission that the buildings at 219 N Bassett Street and 221 N Bassett Street have historic value as the product of an architect of note, but the buildings themselves are not historically, architecturally, or culturally significant. The Commission regrets the growing loss of the city's historic fabric, which has the potential to impact the vernacular context of Madison's built environment. The motion passed by voice vote/other.