

AGENDA # 5

City of Madison, Wisconsin

REPORT OF: LANDMARKS COMMISSION	PRESENTED: April 7, 2014	
TITLE: Buildings Proposed for Demolition - 2014 (32607)	REFERRED:	
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	REPORTED BACK:	
AUTHOR: Amy Scanlon, Secretary	ADOPTED:	POF:
DATED: April 7, 2014	ID NUMBER:	

Members present were: Stu Levitan, Chair; Erica Fox Gehrig, Vice Chair; Jason Fowler, David McLean, Marsha Rummel, and Michael Rosenblum. Christina Slattery was excused.

SUMMARY:

Buildings Proposed for Demolition - 2014:

- 1601-1603 Wright Street
- 1621-1623 Wright Street
- 1625-1627 Wright Street
- 1629-1631 Wright Street
- 330 East Wilson Street
- 502 West Main Street

Gary Tipler, registering in opposition and wishing to speak. Tipler provided a history of the building at 502 West Main Street. He explained the building was built in a style (Federal/Greek Revival mix) that was older than the date of construction suggests. Tipler explained that it is rare building type in Madison. Tipler explained this neighborhood has fallen through the cracks when considering recent planning efforts and that this building has been overlooked.

Paul Schoeneman, registering in opposition and wishing to speak. Schoeneman read from his written statement to explain the history of the building at 502 West Main Street.

Schoeneman explained the building is a “sister” building to the Doris House. He suggested that the proposed design be configured around the existing building to maintain the building in its existing location.

Edward Linville, registering in support and available to speak. Linville explained that he understands both sides of this issue, but that this existing building is not of high value when determining the contextual historic thread. Linville has tried to incorporate the 502 building into the development of this site, but it did not provide an appropriate final product.

The Commissioners discussed the history of the building and its rare (Federal/Greek Revival) style and the importance of the building type (corner commercial structure).

ACTION:

A motion was made by McLean, seconded by Rosenblum, to convey to the Plan Commission that in their review of the demolition of 502 West Main Street, the Landmarks Commission regrets the continuing loss of the architectural and cultural history of the neighborhood and that there is no known historic value for the other properties (1601-1603 Wright Street, 1621-1623 Wright Street, 1625-1627 Wright Street, 1629-1631 Wright Street, and 330 East Wilson Street). The motion passed by voice vote/other.