

LANDMARKS COMMISSION MEETING REPORT

October 6, 2025



Agenda Item #: 6

Project Title: 221 S Baldwin Street - Consideration of a demolition permit to demolish a commercial building (District 6)

Legistar File ID #: 89958

Prepared By: Heather Bailey, Preservation Planner

Members: Present: Richard Arnesen, Ald. John Duncan, Molly Harris, Katie Kaliszewski, Jacob Morrison, and Maurice Taylor
Excused: Edna Ely-Ledesma

Summary

John Rolling, registering neither in support nor in opposition and wishing to speak

John Rolling suggested the Landmarks Commission recommend that the Plan Commission condition the demolition approval on receiving documentation of the building. He noted that the building was designed by Ferdinand Kronenberg and recommended a finding of (b).

Bailey acknowledged the building's overall history and being part of the Williamson Street Walking Tour. She referenced photos of existing conditions of the building in the application materials, pointing out that the sandstone is actively disintegrating and any ornamentation is gone. She said that other parts of the building are covered over because of a previous sandblasting treatment. She said that the building has lost its historic and structural integrity.

Morrison said that he recently went by the building, and based on that along with the information they have, he did not think this was a (b) finding.

Action

A motion was made by Morrison, seconded by Duncan, to recommend a finding of (c) no known historic value. The motion passed by voice vote/other.