



# City of Madison

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## Meeting Minutes - Approved LANDMARKS COMMISSION

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Monday, April 22, 2019

5:00 PM

215 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.  
Room 153 (Madison Municipal Building)

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### CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Stuart Levitan, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

Martin arrived at 5:07 pm.

**Present:** 5 - Arvina Martin; Stuart Levitan; Anna Andrzejewski; Richard B. Arnesen and Katherine N. Kaliszewski

**Excused:** 1 - David W.J. McLean

Levitan amended the agenda to include a special acknowledgement and parting appreciation for Alder Marsha Rummel's contributions to the Landmarks Commission over the last six years. Ald. Rummel thanked the Commissioners for their service to the community and their expertise in various subject areas that has been invaluable to the Commission's work.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Kaliszewski, seconded by Arnesen, to Approve the April 8, 2019 Minutes. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

None

### DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

Levitan disclosed that he has a long-standing relationship with Attorney Scott Herrick and is also a social acquaintance of Harold Langhammer, but it will not impede his ability to serve as a Commissioner.

### REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

1. [55155](#) 1722 Summit Ave - Exterior Alteration in the University Heights Hist. Dist.; 5th Ald. Dist.

*Mike Steinhafel, registering in support and wishing to speak*

A motion was made by Andrzejewski, seconded by Arnesen, to Approve the request for the Certificate of Appropriateness to remove the existing screens and railings on the porch and install 12 fiberglass windows due to it being a contemporary addition that is substantially set back from the street. The motion passed by voice vote/other, with Kaliszewski voting opposed.

**DEMOLITION BY NEGLECT**

2. [53000](#) 121 Langdon St - Demolition by Neglect of a Designated Madison Landmark in the Mansion Hill Hist. Dist. (Suhr House); 2nd Ald. Dist.  
*Harold Langhammer, registering in support and wishing to speak*  
*Scott Herrick, registering in support and available to answer questions*
- A motion was made by Andrzejewski, seconded by Kaliszewski, to Refer the item to the May 6, 2019 Landmarks Commission meeting. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**

**REGULAR BUSINESS**

3. [47837](#) Landmarks Commission Historic Preservation Plan Status Report
- Bailey said that the recent Common Council turnover and shift in alder committee appointments has affected the Historic Preservation Plan Advisory Committee (HPPAC), which has two new alder members, and the Landmarks Ordinance Review Committee (LORC), which has three new alder members. She said that the HPPAC does not yet have their next meeting scheduled because they are awaiting some final details from the consultant, but as soon as those are received, they will resume meeting. The LORC will have their next meeting at the end of May and will continue to meet every 2-3 weeks as they finalize the ordinance updates.
4. [54301](#) Secretary's Report - 2019
- Langdon Neighborhood Character Study and Mansion Hill Historic District Boundary Review
- Bill Fruhling, Planning Division, presented information from the Mansion Hill Boundary Review and Langdon Neighborhood Character Study, both of which were completed by consultants in 2018. He provided background information on why the reports were prepared and how they will be used moving forward. The Downtown Plan, which was adopted in 2012, made recommendations for each downtown district, including Mansion Hill and Langdon, and also had a section about historic resources that looked at the existing local historic districts as well as potential new historic districts. One recommendation from the Downtown Plan was to create National Register historic districts that are generally coterminous with local historic district boundaries. This would affect the existing Mansion Hill local historic district, as the boundaries for the local and National Register historic districts do not align. Another recommendation from the Downtown Plan was to prepare an inventory of historic properties in the Langdon Neighborhood and consider creating a local historic district that is coterminous with the Langdon Street National Register Historic District.
- Fruhling said that while the Downtown Plan recommended they complete these studies, they did not have the resources to do so; however, when TID 32 closed, they were able to fund the Mansion Hill Boundary Review and Langdon Neighborhood Character Study in order to have this information to feed into the Historic Preservation Plan. The Langdon Neighborhood

Character Study included a survey of properties in the Langdon Neighborhood, and consultants concluded that the area would qualify as a local historic district. They recommended that a Langdon Street local historic district be created with boundaries that are coterminous with the Langdon Street National Register Historic District. The Mansion Hill Boundary Review recommends that the Mansion Hill local historic district boundaries be modified to match the Mansion Hill National Register Historic District, which would involve transferring a portion of the existing Mansion Hill local historic district to the potential Langdon Street local historic district so that all local historic district boundaries match the National Register historic district boundaries. The Langdon Neighborhood Character Study also included a recommendation to evaluate zoning tools that could be used to preserve the character of the neighborhood. Planning staff performed an analysis of setbacks on Langdon Street and determined it to be a priority item. After holding a public meeting and discussing with former Alders Zellers and Wood, it was decided that they should move forward with an ordinance amendment that would map greater setbacks in the area. Fruhling said that the Mansion Hill Boundary Review and Langdon Neighborhood Character Study were both provided to the consultants working on the Historic Preservation Plan to be included in the priorities of what the City should take on in its historic preservation efforts.

**-Windows Training**

Bailey said that she received some useful handouts regarding historic vs. replacement windows at a recent training and wanted to share them with the group. She suggested that they be used in an informational campaign to better inform the public about the benefits of historic windows. She also discussed the updated sustainability guidelines from the National Park Service.

**-Planning Division 2018 Annual Report**

Bailey explained that this is the first-ever Planning Division Annual Report, which includes accomplishments of the last year. She pointed out the Historic Resources section on page 10 of the report, which discusses the Historic Preservation Plan and ordinance revisions.

5. [54302](#) Buildings Proposed for Demolition - 2019

**By unanimous consent, the Landmarks Commission voted to recommend to the Plan Commission that the building at 301 E Dean Ave has no known historic value. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Andrzejewski, seconded by Martin, to Adjourn at 6:13 pm. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**