

AGENDA # 7

City of Madison, Wisconsin

REPORT OF: LANDMARKS COMMISSION	PRESENTED: March 16, 2015
TITLE: 409 East Main Street – First Settlement Historic District – Exterior alteration and construction of possible upper stories. 6 th Ald. Dist. Contact: Bill Parsons	REFERRED: REREFERRED: REPORTED BACK:
AUTHOR: Amy Scanlon, Secretary	ADOPTED: POF:
DATED: March 16, 2015	ID NUMBER:

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

SUMMARY:

Bill Parsons, registering in support and available to answer questions.

Parsons explained that the law firm for which he is a partner is very interested in purchasing this property and renovating it for their use. He explained that they have met with City staff, the alder, and the neighborhood leadership to share their preliminary plans and how they fit in the First Settlement Historic District.

Melissa Destree, registering in support and wishing to speak.

Destree explained that they are looking for feedback on the preliminary plans for the building. She explained that the preliminary plans include the addition of upper story massing, an elevator and exit stair, and a new historically appropriate facade. She explained that in the 1960s the façade was removed and replaced with brick, and that the windows have been largely replaced. Destree showed studies for massing options given the programmatic needs and spatial requirements of the law firm.

There was general discussion about the proposed massing options and how to work with the intent of the Ordinance language.

Destree explained that they are researching the physical evidence of the building and photographic evidence to guide the treatment of the façade.

Aaron Halstead, registering in support and available to answer questions.

ACTION:

The Landmarks Commission received an Informational Presentation. No action was taken.