



Meeting Minutes - Draft
LANDMARKS COMMISSION

*Consider: Who benefits? Who is burdened?
Who does not have a voice at the table?
How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?*

Monday, June 8, 2026

5:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

Call to Order/Roll Call

Ely-Ledesma left at 6pm, during public comment for item 3.

Present: 6 - John W. Duncan; Jacob Morrison; Molly S. Harris; Edna Ely-Ledesma; Richard B. Arnesen and Katherine N. Kaliszewski

Excused: 1 - Maurice D. Taylor

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Morrison, seconded by Duncan, to Approve the May 4 and May 18, 2026 Minutes. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

Public Comment

1. [60576](#) Landmarks Commission Public Comment Period

*Linda Lehnertz, registering neither in support nor in opposition and wishing to speak
Robert Klebba, registering neither in support nor in opposition and wishing to speak
Alex Saloutos, registering neither in support nor in opposition and wishing to speak
Gary Tipler, registering in support and wishing to speak*

Lehnertz, Klebba, and Saloutos requested that the commission vote to reconsider their prior approval of a Certificate of Approval at 739 Jenifer Street. Tipler was present but had technical issues and did not speak.

Disclosures and Recusals

None

Public Hearing - Landmark Nomination

2. [93082](#) Approving a landmark nomination of the property located at 415 W Gilman Street as Master Hall (District 2).

A motion was made by Arnesen, seconded by Morrison, to Recommend to the Common Council that the nomination be placed on file due to the City approving the demolition of the structure after the public process for demolitions of principal structures, per MGO 28.185 and MGO 41.28, but that it otherwise meets the criteria for designation as a Madison landmark. The motion passed by the following vote:

Ayes: 4 - Jacob Morrison; Molly S. Harris; Edna Ely-Ledesma and Richard B. Arnesen

Noes: 1 - John W. Duncan

Excused: 1 - Maurice D. Taylor

Non Voting: 1 - Katherine N. Kaliszewski

A motion was made by Arnesen, seconded by Morrison, to RECOMMEND TO

COUNCIL TO PLACE ON FILE - PUBLIC HEARING. The motion passed by the following vote:

Ayes: 4 - Jacob Morrison; Molly S. Harris; Edna Ely-Ledesma and Richard B. Arnesen

Noes: 1 - John W. Duncan

Excused: 1 - Maurice D. Taylor

Non Voting: 1 - Katherine N. Kaliszewski

Public Hearing - Request for Certificate of Approval

3. [93071](#) 113 Ely Place - Land Division in the University Heights Historic District (District 5)

Nicole Hemkes, registering in opposition and wishing to speak
Robert Quintana, registering in support and wishing to speak
Aaron Gary, registering in opposition and wishing to speak
Ron Rosner, registering in opposition and wishing to speak
Lara Collier, registering in opposition and wishing to speak
Heinrich, Marie & Alexandra Schnoes, registering in opposition and wishing to speak
Timothy Smeeding, registering in opposition and wishing to speak
Kurt Stege, registering neither in support nor in opposition and wishing to speak
Diane Bless, registering in opposition and available to answer questions
Jean Parks, registering in opposition and available to answer questions
Katrina Forest, registering in opposition and available to answer questions
Suzelle Tempero Knisley, registering in opposition and available to answer questions
Jonathan Knisley, registering in opposition and available to answer questions
Susan Thibeault, registering in opposition and not wishing to speak
David Yang, registering in opposition and not wishing to speak
Roger Maes, registering in opposition and not wishing to speak
Hildegard Neujahr, registering in opposition and not wishing to speak
Monica Messina, registering in opposition and not wishing to speak
Susan Eichhorn Jordan, registering in opposition and not wishing to speak
Shiva Bidar, registering in opposition and not wishing to speak
Jessica Giffey, registering in opposition and not wishing to speak
Joshua Giffey, registering in opposition and not wishing to speak
Robert Russell Heffernan, registering in opposition and not wishing to speak
Nicholas Davies, registering in support and not wishing to speak
Ruth Kearley, registering in opposition and not wishing to speak
Chamond Liu, registering in opposition and not wishing to speak
Jeffrey Chandler, registering in opposition and not wishing to speak
Ronnie Hess, registering in opposition and not wishing to speak
Tim Mathison, registering in opposition and not wishing to speak
Molly Fields, registering in opposition and not wishing to speak
Thomas McGhee, registering in opposition and not wishing to speak
Alex Salutos, registering in opposition and not wishing to speak

Also present: Ald. Regina Vidaver (D5)

A motion was made by Arnesen, seconded by Duncan, to Approve the request for the Certificate of Approval because the proposed lot configurations do not adversely impact the historic character of the historic district, are compatible with adjacent lot sizes, and maintain the general lot size pattern of the historic district. The motion passed by the following vote:

Ayes: 4 - John W. Duncan; Jacob Morrison; Richard B. Arnesen and Katherine N. Kaliszewski

Noes: 1 - Molly S. Harris

Excused: 2 - Maurice D. Taylor and Edna Ely-Ledesma

4. [93072](#) 110 S Hancock Street - Demolition in the First Settlement Historic District (District 6)
Colin Smith, registering in support and wishing to speak
- A motion was made by Morrison, seconded by Arnesen, to Approve the request for the Certificate of Approval. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**
5. [93073](#) 1717 Chadbourne Avenue - Addition in the University Heights Historic District (District 5)
Sam Snellings, registering in support and wishing to speak
Valerie Schroeder, registering in support and not wishing to speak
Dave Schroeder, registering in support and not wishing to speak
- This item was approved as a consent item with the finding that all applicable standards are adequately addressed and with all the staff recommendations contained in the report.
- A motion was made by Duncan, seconded by Arnesen, to Approve the request for the Certificate of Approval with the conditions that roof venting be a low-profile ridge vent or soffit vents that are colored to match adjacent trim and final exterior lighting and HVAC equipment will need to secure a separate Certificate of Approval. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**

New Business

6. [92878](#) Adopting the Southeast Area Plan and the related Amendment to the Comprehensive Plan. (District 3, District 15, District 16)
A motion was made by Harris, seconded by Morrison, to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval with the recommendation to add "or a historic district" to the draft plan action. The motion passed by voice vote/other.
- A motion was made by Harris, seconded by Morrison, to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval to the PLAN COMMISSION. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**
7. [92879](#) Adopting the Southwest Area Plan and the related Amendment to the Comprehensive Plan. (District 1, District 7, District 10, District 19, District 20)
A motion was made by Harris, seconded by Morrison, to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval with the recommendation to add "or a historic district" to the draft plan action. The motion passed by voice vote/other.
- A motion was made by Harris, seconded by Morrison, to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval to the PLAN COMMISSION. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**
8. [93268](#) Landmarks Commission Annual Work Plan
Bailey presented the proposed 2026 work plan. Harris asked if they could discuss the 2027 work plan sometime this year so they could make updates before their work begins. Bailey proposed they discuss next year's work plan at the December meeting.
- A motion was made by Harris, seconded by Arnesen, to Approve the 2026 annual work plan. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**

Adjournment

A motion was made by Morrison, seconded by Duncan, to Adjourn at 7:02 pm. The motion passed by voice vote/other.