

AGENDA # 9

City of Madison, Wisconsin

REPORT OF: LANDMARKS COMMISSION

PRESENTED: 5/20/19

TITLE: Section 106 Consulting Party Review -
Proposed Irish Pub
Telecommunications Facility at 317
State St; 4th Ald. Dist.

REFERRED:

REREFERRED:

REPORTED BACK:

AUTHOR: Heather Bailey, Preservation Planner

ADOPTED:

POF:

DATED: 5/21/19

ID NUMBER: 55809

Members present were: Stuart Levitan, Anna Andrzejewski, Richard Arnesen, and Katie Kaliszewski. Excused were Arvina Martin and David McLean.

SUMMARY:

Bailey explained that as a Certified Local Government, the City of Madison received documentation regarding the proposed telecommunications facility at 317 State St, along with a request for comments regarding any potential effects on historic properties. She said that normally these requests are reviewed administratively, but because this project impacts an area they have been considering as a potential local historic district, she wanted to gather input from the Landmarks Commission before submitting the formal review.

Bailey said that first, they must determine if there are any historic properties within the Area of Potential Effect. Because State Street was determined to be eligible to the National Register of Historic Places, she concluded that there are historic properties within this area. Next, Bailey said they need to consider whether the proposed work meets the criteria for adverse effect. She said that staff does believe this would meet the criteria for adverse effect, as placing additional antennas on the side of the building will negatively impact the architectural character of the Irish Pub building and the properties within the viewshed of that building along State Street. She explained that she would ask that any new cellular infrastructure be located on the rooftop or horizontally along the parapet, but there should be no new infrastructure on the parapet within 35' of the street façade. Bailey said that the Landmarks Commission needs to determine if the proposal meets the criteria for an adverse effect, if they need additional information to make a determination, or if there are ways to mitigate the visual impacts that they could suggest. She said that the State Historic Preservation Office decided that they needed additional information to make a determination.

Bailey went over the submission materials, including images of the exterior of the building and neighboring roofs. She explained that currently, there are antennas that drape over the side of the wall that are visible from the street, and from the back of the building, one can see antennas on the rooftop. She explained that the applicants are proposing to add new antennas as well as to replace some of the old ones, but she does not know what they would look like. She mentioned that they appear to be larger than what is currently there and would come closer to the façade. She said that Zoning also has concerns that the proposed antennas cross property lines, which would not meet setback requirements.

Andrzejewski said that she doesn't have enough information to determine an adverse effect and would like to see plans showing what the new antennas would look like on the building. Arnesen said it would be helpful to see cutsheets to understand what the antennas would look like. Bailey said that she thinks the State Historic Preservation Office requested cutsheets and images showing what the antennas would look like on the

building. Regarding methods to mitigate the visual impacts, Andrzejewski said that she would suggest looking into horizontal antenna options and staying within the property boundaries. Kaliszewski said that based on the information provided to them, she thinks it would likely be an adverse effect. Andrzejewski agreed.

ACTION:

A motion was made by Kaliszewski, seconded by Andrzejewski, to authorize staff to submit these comments to the applicant on behalf of the Landmarks Commission. The motion passed by voice vote/other.