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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, August 18, 2025

5:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

Call to Order/Roll Call

Arnesen served as chair.

Present: 5 - John W. Duncan; Jacob Morrison; Molly S. Harris; Maurice D. Taylor and Richard B. Arnesen

Excused: 2 - Edna Ely-Ledesma and Katherine N. Kaliszewski

1. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

A motion was made by Morrison, seconded by Harris, to elect Kaliszewski as chair and Arnesen as vice chair. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Duncan, seconded by Morrison, to Approve the August 4, 2025 Minutes. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

Public Comment

2. [60576](#) Landmarks Commission Public Comment Period

None

Disclosures and Recusals

None

Public Hearing - Request for Certificate of Approval

3. [87103](#) 124 E Gorham Street - Land Combination and New Construction in the Mansion Hill Historic District (District 2)

Joel Koeppen, registering in support and available to answer questions

Bruce Bosben, registering in support and available to answer questions

Nicholas Davies, registering in support and not wishing to speak

A motion was made by Morrison, seconded by Harris, to Approve the request for the Certificate of Approval for the land combination and new construction with the conditions that final specifications be submitted for the proposed windows, doors, railings, fiber cement siding, soffit, fascia, roof venting, lighting, and mechanicals with modifications as recommended in the staff

report and a relocation plan be submitted for the historic carriage house for its temporary removal and reinstallation once the parking structure is constructed. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

Request for Certificate of Approval

4. [89512](#) 823 Williamson Street - Exterior Alteration in the Third Lake Ridge Historic District - Installation of Signage (District 6)

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 Harris, to Approve the request for the Certificate of Approval. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

Demolition Historic Value Review

5. [89371](#) 3235-3237 Burke Avenue - Consideration of a demolition permit to demolish a two-unit residential building (District 12)

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 Harris, to recommend a finding of (c) no known historic value. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

A motion was made by Duncan, seconded by Harris, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

6. [89372](#) 3236 Commercial Avenue - Consideration of a demolition permit to demolish a commercial building (District 12)

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 Harris, to recommend a finding of (c) no known historic value. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

A motion was made by Duncan, seconded by Harris, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

7. [89374](#) 3300 Commercial Avenue - Consideration of a demolition permit to demolish a manufacturing building (District 12)

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 Harris, to recommend a finding of (c) no known historic value. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

A motion was made by Duncan, seconded by Harris, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

8. [89434](#) 302 E Washington Avenue - Consideration of a demolition permit to demolish a commercial building (District 2)

John Rolling, registering in opposition and wishing to speak

Duane Johnson, registering in support and available to answer questions

A motion was made by Duncan, seconded by Morrison, to recommend a finding of (b) as the building has historic value related to the vernacular context of Madison's built environment as the home of noted Madison newspaper, the Capital Times from 1928-1949, and as the work/product of an architect of note, but the building itself is not historically, architecturally or culturally significant due to other locations being able to tell the story of the Capital Times and changes to the architectural integrity of the structure. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

A motion was made by Duncan, seconded by Morrison, to Refer to the PLAN COMMISSION. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

9. [89435](#)

308 E Washington Avenue - Consideration of a demolition permit to demolish a commercial building (District 2)

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 Harris, to recommend a finding of (c) no known historic value. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

A motion was made by Duncan, seconded by Harris, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Morrison, seconded by Harris, to Adjourn at 5:36 pm. The motion passed by voice vote/other.