



City of Madison

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Meeting Minutes - Approved LANDMARKS COMMISSION

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

Monday, February 12, 2024

5:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Latimer Burris arrived at 5:10 pm

Present: 7 - Amani Latimer Burris; Jacob Morrison; Molly S. Harris; Maurice D. Taylor; Edna Ely-Ledesma; Richard B. Arnesen and Katherine N. Kaliszewski

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Ely-Ledesma, seconded by Arnesen, to Approve the January 8, 2024 Minutes. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Chris McCahill, registering neither in support nor opposition and wishing to speak

McCahill, Plan Commission member, attended to hear the Landmarks Commission's discussion on proposed demolitions. They were interested in what is considered in the evaluation of buildings with historical architectural value versus historical purpose or events that occurred there, as well as buildings that have value on their own as opposed to those that contribute to the overall historic nature of a neighborhood.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

Morrison recused himself from the demolition review of 755 Braxton because the applicant is his employer.

PUBLIC HEARING - REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

2. [81638](#) 1908 Arlington Place - Land Division in the University Heights Historic District (District 5)

Jeffrey Chandler, registering in opposition and wishing to speak

Jean Halferty, registering in opposition and wishing to speak

Lester Pines, registering in opposition and wishing to speak

Bruce Kieffer, registering in opposition and wishing to speak

Bryan Rieber, registering in support and wishing to speak

Mary Vernon, registering in opposition and wishing to speak

Jean Parks, registering in opposition and available to answer questions

Monica Messina, registering in opposition and available to answer questions

Steve and Jenn Sauer, registering in opposition and available to answer questions

Chris Thomas, registering in opposition and not wishing to speak

Ernesto Livorni, registering in opposition and not wishing to speak
Erin Stiteley, registering in opposition and not wishing to speak
Samantha Crownover, registering in opposition and not wishing to speak
Dylan Mathieu, registering in support and not wishing to speak
Will Cushman, registering in support and not wishing to speak
Nicholas Davies, registering in support and not wishing to speak

A motion was made by Arnesen, seconded by Harris, to Approve the request for the Certificate of Appropriateness. The motion passed by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - Jacob Morrison; Molly S. Harris; Maurice D. Taylor; Edna Ely-Ledesma and Richard B. Arnesen

Noes: 1 - Amani Latimer Burris

Non Voting: 1 - Katherine N. Kaliszewski

NEW BUSINESS

3. [81515](#) Creating the City of Madison Honorary Street Name Program

Landmarks Commission comments:
 -Consider including the Equal Opportunities Commission as a reviewing body.
 -All applicants should be required to complete the same application rather than having additional requirements for proposed non-English street names.
 -Consider creating a process for sign removal rather than the City being able to remove at any time.

A motion was made by Harris, seconded by Latimer Burris, to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval with comments to the BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

4. [64022](#) Landmarks Commission Annual Report

Bailey presented highlights of the 2023 annual report.

REGULAR BUSINESS

5. [81160](#) Secretary's Report - 2024

Bailey suggested they hold an in-person special meeting in June to check in on the Historic Preservation Plan because it has been five years since it was adopted. She said they would discuss policy issues and potential text amendments.

6. [81161](#) Buildings Proposed for Demolition - 2024

Leif Backus, registering in support and available to answer questions
Doug Hursh, registering in support and available to answer questions
Todd Courtenay, registering in support and available to answer questions

A motion was made by Arnesen, seconded by Morrison, to recommend to the Plan Commission that the buildings at 105 E Lakeview Avenue and 655 W Badger Road have no known historic value. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

A motion was made by Arnesen, seconded by Harris, to recommend to the Plan Commission that the building at 755 Braxton Place has no known historic value, but a portion of the property has archaeological and tribal significance

relating to the Mound Street mound group. The motion passed by voice vote/other. Morrison recused himself from this vote.

A motion was made by Ely-Ledesma, seconded by Arnesen, to recommend to the Plan Commission that the building at 204 W Sunset Court has historic value related to the vernacular context of Madison, but the building itself is not historically or architecturally significant. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Arnesen, seconded by Ely-Ledesma, to Adjourn at 7:02 pm. The motion passed by voice vote/other.