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Meeting Minutes - Approved LANDMARKS COMMISSION

Monday, October 14, 2013

4:45 PM

215 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Room LL-110 (Madison Municipal Building)

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 7 -

Marsha A. Rummel; David W.J. McLean; Stuart Levitan; Jason T. Fowler;
Michael J. Rosenblum; Christina Slattery and Erica Fox Gehrig

APPROVAL OF September 30, 2013 MINUTES

A motion was made by Rosenblum, seconded by Slattery, to Approve the Minutes of September 30, 2013. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Paul Schoenman spoke to the Commission regarding 1022 Mound Street and the clarity of the nomination process. He noted this building as probably the best example of stick style in Madison. Why in 39 years has this building slipped through the cracks? This building is architecturally significant as there are no other stick style homes in Madison. It now falls to ordinary citizens to nominate buildings for historic classification and yet it takes a librarian ten minutes to find the form. He spent countless doing research. He is fed up with the process and does not appreciate having to do the Commission's job for them.

The building was in front of this Commission twice as part of the general demolition report. Amy Scanlon had been working with Jason Tish and the Madison Trust for Historic Preservation to publicize the opportunity to move the house; the developers of the land have been trying to work with them on that. The land use approvals for the new development have come through, and perhaps we're past the 11th hour for this.

Gehrig thanked Mr. Schoenman for his time and effort. She reminded everyone of his assistance in trying to save the nurses' dormitory; this house was the one that was going to be torn down for the daycare center but changed to the house on the corner. That would be the first time the Landmarks Commission would have told the Plan Commission they did not agree with demolishing 1022 Mound Street. Two years ago something could have been done to save this house. Mr. Schoenmann remarked that someone from Holy Redeemer Parish who was also very upset with trying to work through City committees; she stated it should be left to professionals and no longer participates in the process. Is that the message the Commission wants to send? Gehrig responded that the last six landmark nominations were written by volunteers that were paid a very small amount from the Madison Trust for Historic Preservation. The Commission is bound by the rules of the ordinance which involves following the timelines that are laid out in advance. Levitan suggested that Mr. Schoenmann put his efforts toward moving the building rather than nominating it for landmark status.

Gehrig noted the need to address the issue that the nomination form should be easily accessible through the City's website.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

McClean noted he is an employee of the UW.

REQUEST FOR ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

1. [31851](#) 716, 790 & 800 Langdon Street - Memorial Union - Phase II/Alumni Park 8th Ald. Dist.
Contact: Gary Brown
- Gary Brown, Director of UW-Madison Campus Planning spoke to the Commission about Phase II of the Memorial Union Restoration Project, including Alumni Park.
- Nate Novak of JJR spoke to the design aspects of the park. Existing photos showed Lot 1, the parking lot, the Red Gym and the west facade of the Union. The underground loading facility will raise the grade of the parking lot by about three and one half feet.
- A motion was made by McLean, seconded by Rosenblum, to Approve with comments in the staff report to work with staff to review and finalize significant design changes unless staff deems it necessary to return to the Commission. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**

NEW BUSINESS

2. [31625](#) Creation of Langdon Local Historic District
- A motion was made by Gehrig, seconded by Rummel, to Approve a process to begin the creation of a Langdon Local Historic District. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**
- The motion noted that the area constituting the Langdon Street National Historic District satisfies the standards of Sec. 33.19(6)(d) MGO as follows:
1. The area exemplifies three important cultural and social eras in Madison history: the early development of Mansion/Big Bug Hill, the development of the area as a prestigious neighborhood for university faculty, and the development of the Greek letter societies.
 2. The area is identified with several personages who are historic in the context of Madison and the University of Wisconsin, including:
 - Levi Vilas
 - J. T. Marston
 - Halle Steensland
 - Thomas E. Brittingham
 - Frederick Jackson Turner
 - Charles Van Hise
 - Charles S. Slichter
 - John Suhr
 - Joseph Jastrow
 3. The area embodies the distinguishing characteristics of several architectural type which are inherently valuable for the study of a period or periods, styles, methods or construction, indigenous materials or craftsmanship, including Italianate, French Second Empire, Queen Anne, Prairie, Bungalow, Spanish Colonial Revival, Mediterranean Revival, Tudor/Elizabethan Revival, Colonial and Georgian Revival. Among the architects represented in the area are Frank Riley, Claude and Starck and Law,

Law Potter.

The motion further directs staff to prepare a historic preservation plan and/or special area report establishing the appropriate review criteria.

REGULAR BUSINESS

- 3. [28640](#) Buildings Proposed for Demolition - 2013

A motion was made by McLean, seconded by Fowler, to recommend to the Landmarks Commission that the building located at 149 E. Wilson Street has no continuing visible architectural integrity but will forward the photographs to the Plan Commission to give a better understanding of the historical appearance. The motion passed by the following vote:

Ayes: 6 -
David W.J. McLean; Stuart Levitan; Jason T. Fowler; Michael J. Rosenblum; Christina Slattery and Erica Fox Gehrig

Noes: 1 -
Marsha A. Rummel

- 4. [07804](#) Secretary's Report

None.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Rosenblum, seconded by Slattery, to Adjourn. The motion passed by voice vote/other.