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I have attached a memo with my comments regarding Legistar ID No. 86824, Amendments to the Report of the Lamp House Block Ad Hoc Plan Committee, which I submitted to the Landmarks Commission earlier today. Thank you for taking the time to consider them.

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M E M O R A N D U M

Date: February 10, 2025

To: City of Madison Landmarks Commission

PC: All Alders

From: Alex Saloutos

Re: **Legistar ID No. 86824, Amendments to the Report of the Lamp House Block Ad Hoc Plan Committee**

I am writing as a concerned citizen and resident of District 5 regarding the amendments to the Report of the Lamp House Block Ad Hoc Plan Committee proposed by Alder Bennett. For the reasons cited in the previously submitted public comments on this matter, I ask that the Landmarks Commission recommend to the Common Council that they reject the proposed changes to this report.

In addition, I respectfully ask that the Landmarks Commission consider the following when they deliberate on this historic preservation matter:

- The staff report fails to address compliance of the proposed changes with the city's Historic Preservation Plan, which was adopted by the Common Council on May 27, 2020.
- The staff report fails to analyze the impact of the proposed changes on preservation of the Lamp House site. The staff report merely states, "These recommendations could present challenges for future redevelopment of adjacent parcels and providing some flexibility in these recommendations may support new construction while preserving the Lamp House site," which implies there are not any impacts on the site.

If, at their meeting today, the commission does not recommend to council that they reject Alder Bennett's proposed amendments, the commission should vote to:

1. Request that the staff report on this matter be amended to consider compliance of the proposed changes to the city's Historic Preservation Plan and with the Secretary of The Interior's guidelines relative to preservation of the site.
2. That this matter shall be referred to a future meeting of the Landmark Commission until such time that the staff report is amended.

Amending the staff report and referring deliberation on this matter to a future meeting of the Landmarks Commission will provide the public and the Landmarks Commission with critical information needed to make an informed decision on this proposal.

Finally, committees, commissions, consultants, and staff spend a significant amount of time and energy researching, soliciting public feedback on, and preparing reports like this. Approval of these changes sets a dangerous precedent on amending any other report previously accepted by the common council.

I appreciate your time in reviewing these suggestions. If you have any questions about these recommendations or would like to discuss them, please feel free to call me on my cell phone at (608) 345-9009 or email me at asaloutos@tds.net.