

20 January 2011

Amy Scanlon - Department of Planning and Community and Economic Development
Bill Fruhling- Department of Planning and Community and Economic Development
Dan Stephans – Chair, Madison Landmarks Commission

In advance of the January 24 meeting of the Landmarks Commission, please see comments below on agenda items from the *Madison Trust for Historic Preservation* and *National Trust for Historic Preservation*.

Item 1 - 150 North Prospect Avenue

No concerns. Concur with staff report.

Item 2 – 1301 E. Washington Ave.

We support projects that reuse historic buildings, and that include adaptations that do not adversely affect the important characteristics of the building. This proposal seeks to alter the fenestration pattern on a non-street-facing elevation of this landmark building. Generally, we would oppose alteration of the fenestration pattern of a Landmark building since window and door openings are typically character-defining features of any building. The fact that the proposed work would be on the rear elevation of this building, and that window openings have been previously filled with brick mitigate the affect of this proposal on the building's historic character. However, opening bay entrances where window openings were designed destroys any potential for the original window pattern to be restored. The Goodman Community Center is an excellent successful example of the potential to restore bricked-in window openings on industrial shed type buildings such as this. We would prefer that the existing bay entrances (which are very close to the proposed new bay entrances) be modified to meet the program needs of the new tenant if it is feasible.

Item 3 - Landmarks Ordinance Revisions

No additional comments

Item 4 – Landmarks Commission Procedures

No additional comments

Item 5 – Buildings proposed for demolition – 2011

No concerns

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Tish
Executive Director

Dedicated to Preserving Madison's Historic Places

MADISON TRUST



for Historic Preservation

NATIONAL
TRUST
FOR
HISTORIC
PRESERVATION®

Dedicated to Preserving Madison's Historic Places

P.O. Box 296 Madison, Wisconsin 53701-0296 608-441-8864 www.madisontrust.org