
Regarding: **Accepting a proposal from Bob Klebba and David Waugh for the purchase of the residential structure located at 704 East Gorham Street within James Madison Park and authorizing staff to negotiate final terms for the sale of the residential structure and a lease of the land beneath it.
(Legistar #25054)**

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General Information:

This matter has been referred to the Landmarks Commission by the Board of Estimates as part of the surplus process for the properties at James Madison Park. The Landmarks Commission is charged with reviewing the proposal by Bob Klebba and David Waugh and providing a recommendation to the Board of Estimates. Attached is a resolution to convey the residence (not the land) at 704 East Gorham Street in James Madison Park to Bob Klebba and David Waugh.

Please note: Although no approvals for alterations are being requested at this time, any alterations related to the proposal will come before the Landmarks Commission for a Certificate of Appropriateness at a future meeting.

Please also note that a communication from Attorney Bill White, representing the Barbara Fant proposal is also included in the packet.

Staff Comments and Recommendations:

Staff believes that the original proposal submitted by Bob Klebba and David Waugh for the historic residence at 704 East Gorham is respectful to the landmark property. Staff understands that the Klebba Waugh proposal may have changed somewhat from that originally selected by the Surplus Committee. Because any alteration to the exterior of the building requires approval by the Landmarks Commission (or Staff if the alterations are minor), Staff believes that the proposal is still respectful to the landmark property.

Staff recommends that the Landmarks Commission support the resolution to convey the residence.