



City of Madison

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Meeting Minutes - Approved LANDMARKS COMMISSION

Monday, November 11, 2019

5:00 PM

215 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Room 013 (Madison Municipal Building)

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Arvina Martin; David W.J. McLean; Maurice D. Taylor; Anna Andrzejewski and Katherine N. Kaliszewski

Excused: 2 - Elizabeth Banks and Richard B. Arnesen

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Kaliszewski, seconded by McLean, to Approve the October 28, 2019 Minutes. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

Kaliszewski disclosed that the previous firm at which she was employed was solicited for information about the National Register process by the property owner for item 3, and she helped the firm put together a bid for the potential nomination.

DEMOLITION BY NEGLECT

1. [56588](#) Appeal of Madison Landmarks Commission finding of Demolition by Neglect of a Designated Madison Landmark in the Mansion Hill Historical District regarding 121 Langdon Street.

A motion was made by McLean, seconded by Taylor, to Refer the Appeal back to the COMMON COUNCIL as the property owner is still in non-compliance with the terms of the December 6, 2018 Certificate of Appropriateness. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

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2. [56727](#) Landmarks Commission: Demolition By Neglect Report - 121 Langdon Street (Suhr House)

Recommended Action: Accept updated report.

A motion was made by McLean, seconded by Martin, to direct staff to update the Demolition by Neglect Report and RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ACCEPT UPDATED REPORT - REPORT OF OFFICER. The motion passed by voice

vote/other.

ADVISORY RECOMMENDATION

3. [57665](#) Review of National Register Nomination for 6115 N Highlands Ave
- A motion was made by Martin, seconded by Kaliszewski, to support the nomination and authorize staff to write a letter of support. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**

OLD BUSINESS

4. [57664](#) Review of Landmarks Commission Policy Document
- A motion was made by Kaliszewski, seconded by Martin, to Approve the updated Policy Manual, including the window language as amended. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**

REGULAR BUSINESS

5. [47837](#) Landmarks Commission Historic Preservation Plan Status Report
- Bailey informed commissioners of the November 20 open house for the Historic Preservation Plan, at which staff will unveil a 90% draft of the Plan for attendees to review and provide feedback. She said that this is finishing up two years of public engagement and gathering a diversity of input related to the Historic Preservation program and what direction to take things; staff has been compiling that input to create the Historic Preservation Plan. She said that the Historic Preservation Plan Advisory Committee will have their last meeting in December to discuss incorporating comments from the public meeting, and then Plan will then move forward to the Landmarks Commission for their review. She reminded commissioners of the special meeting in January being held to discuss the Plan.
6. [54301](#) Secretary's Report - 2019
- Bailey said that given the number of window replacement projects the Landmarks Commission has reviewed, including some related to lead paint, she provided additional information on the subject to the Ad Hoc Landmarks Ordinance Review Committee at a recent meeting, and wanted to provide it to the Landmarks Commission as well. Andrzejewski asked if Bailey thought some windows were more character-defining than others, and gave an example of one-over-one early 20th century windows. McLean said there was a difference in the glass that one can see even at a distance. Andrzejewski agreed, and said that she believes some windows are more character-defining than others. She pointed out that they have also seen windows that are beyond repair, and it is difficult when they are both character-defining features and beyond repair. McLean said that is why every case is different. Bailey said that the way they review projects tends to be related to the placement of the window on the building and whether it is on a primary façade or visible from the public right-of-way. Regarding whether

some windows are more character-defining than others, she said that a simple one-over-one window is still original building fabric, which she sees as a sustainability issue. She said that the simplicity is also significant and indicative for the type of building it is. McLean asked if anyone was concerned about asbestos and windows. Bailey said that she hasn't heard a lot of people talking about asbestos because they probably weren't aware it was commonly used in glazing putty. Andrzejewski referenced Bailey's comments about sustainability, and said that point is not made enough, and it is important to note that there are reasons for window repair besides character.

7. [54302](#)

Buildings Proposed for Demolition - 2019

A motion was made by Martin, seconded by Kaliszewski, to recommend to the Plan Commission that the buildings at 601 Bay View have historic value related to cultural significance due to the findings of the Underrepresented Communities Survey that there is a strong Hmong cultural association with this property; to recommend that applicants work closely with the Hmong community to incorporate significant elements from the property; and to recommend that the Whitehorse sculpture on the property is reused or salvaged.

A motion was made by Kaliszewski, seconded by McLean, to recommend to the Plan Commission that the buildings at 7231 Mineral Point Road and 9317 Mineral Point Road have no known historic value.

A motion was made by McLean, seconded by Kaliszewski, to recommend to the Plan Commission that the buildings at 1313 Fish Hatchery Road, 1225 Fish Hatchery Road, 1221 Fish Hatchery Road, 1213 Fish Hatchery Road, 1229 South Street, 1227 South Street, 1223 South Street, 1215 South Street, 1211 South Street, 1216 South Street, 1214 South Street, 1210 South Street, 917 Midland Street, 915 Midland Street, 909 Midland Street, 905 Midland Street, and 901 Midland Street have historic value related to the vernacular context of Madison's built environment, but the buildings themselves are not historically, architecturally, or culturally significant.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by McLean, seconded by Kaliszewski, to Adjourn at 6:26 pm. The motion passed by voice vote/other.