



Meeting Minutes - Draft LANDMARKS COMMISSION

*Consider: Who benefits? Who is burdened?
Who does not have a voice at the table?
How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?*

Monday, March 9, 2026

5:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

Call to Order/Roll Call

A motion was made by Taylor, seconded by Duncan, to nominate Morrison as acting chair. Morrison accepted. The motion passed by voice vote/other. Morrison served as chair for this meeting.

Present: 5 - John W. Duncan; Jacob Morrison; Molly S. Harris; Maurice D. Taylor and Edna Ely-Ledesma

Excused: 2 - Richard B. Arnesen and Katherine N. Kaliszewski

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Harris, seconded by Duncan, to Approve the February 9, 2026 Minutes. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

Public Comment

1. [60576](#) Landmarks Commission Public Comment Period

John Rolling, registering neither in support nor in opposition and wishing to speak

Rolling said they submitted a landmark nomination for Master Hall on February 27. They encouraged Landmarks Commission members to testify at the March 16 Plan Commission meeting when the demolition of Master Hall will be reviewed.

Disclosures and Recusals

None

Public Hearing - Request for Certificate of Approval

2. [91916](#) 952-956 Spaight Street - New Construction in the Third Lake Ridge Historic District (District 6)

Benjamin Fritz, registering in support and wishing to speak

Russell Birrenkott, registering neither in support nor in opposition and available to answer questions

This item was approved as a consent item with the finding that all applicable standards are adequately addressed and with all the staff recommendations contained in the report.

A motion was made by Duncan, seconded by Harris, to Approve the request for the Certificate of Approval with the conditions that final light, venting, window, railing, gutter, and door specifications be approved by staff; window trim must replicate the historic with a projecting sill; and soffit and fascia must be wood or composite, not aluminum as proposed. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

Request for Certificate of Approval

3. [91917](#) 2003 Van Hise Avenue - Addition in the University Heights Historic District (District 5)

Jeannie Kowing, registering in support and available to answer questions

This item was approved as a consent item with the finding that all applicable standards are adequately addressed and with all the staff recommendations contained in the report.

A motion was made by Duncan, seconded by Harris, to Approve the request for the Certificate of Approval. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

4. [91918](#) 1156 Olin-Turville Court - Exterior Alterations to a Designated Madison Landmark, Monona Lake Assembly Normal Hall - Wood panels & trim, downspouts, clerestory windows (District 14)

The applicant requested referral of this item.

A motion was made by Duncan, seconded by Harris, to Refer the item to a future Landmarks Commission meeting. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

Demolition Historic Value Review

5. [91925](#) 4031 Paunack Avenue - Consideration of a demolition permit to demolish a residential building (District 11)

This item was approved as a consent item with the finding that all applicable standards are adequately addressed and with all the staff recommendations contained in the report.

A motion was made by Duncan, seconded by Harris, to recommend a finding of (c) no known historic value. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

A motion was made by Duncan, seconded by Harris, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

6. [91930](#) 2 S Mills Street - Consideration of a demolition permit to demolish a commercial building (District 13)

This item was approved as a consent item with the finding that all applicable standards are adequately addressed and with all the staff recommendations contained in the report.

A motion was made by Duncan, seconded by Harris, to recommend a finding of (c) no known historic value. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

A motion was made by Duncan, seconded by Harris, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

7. [91935](#) 1135 Regent Street - Consideration of a demolition permit to demolish a commercial building (District 13)

This item was approved as a consent item with the finding that all applicable standards are adequately addressed and with all the staff recommendations contained in the report.

A motion was made by Duncan, seconded by Harris, to recommend a finding of (c) no known historic value. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

A motion was made by Duncan, seconded by Harris, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

8. [91940](#) 110 E Rusk Avenue - Consideration of a demolition permit to demolish a

commercial building (District 14)

This item was approved as a consent item with the finding that all applicable standards are adequately addressed and with all the staff recommendations contained in the report.

A motion was made by Duncan, seconded by Harris, to recommend a finding of (c) no known historic value. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

A motion was made by Duncan, seconded by Harris, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

New Business**9. [64022](#) Landmarks Commission Annual Report**

Bailey provided an overview of the 2025 annual report.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Ely-Ledesma, seconded by Taylor, to Adjourn at 5:15 pm. The motion passed by voice vote/other.