

AGENDA # 7

City of Madison, Wisconsin

REPORT OF: LANDMARKS COMMISSION

PRESENTED: 12/13/21

TITLE: Buildings Proposed for Demolition - 2021

REFERRED:

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REPORTED BACK:

AUTHOR: Heather Bailey, Preservation Planner

ADOPTED:

POF:

DATED: 12/22/21

ID NUMBER: 63346

Members present were: Richard Arnesen, Katie Kaliszewski, David McLean, and Maurice Taylor. Excused were: Anna Andrzejewski and Arvina Martin.

SUMMARY:

Patrick Rank, registering in support and wishing to speak

Kevin Burow, registering in support and available to answer questions

Bailey discussed the grouping of properties on W Washington Avenue as they relate to the Mifflandia Plan. Some structures within the vicinity were identified as potential future landmarks, but none of the properties proposed for demolition were identified as potential future landmarks. She presented relevant details from the demolition report on the properties at 525 W Washington Avenue, 527-529 W Washington Avenue, 533 W Washington Avenue, 535 W Washington Avenue, 537 W Washington Avenue, 541 W Washington Avenue, and 543-545 W Washington Avenue.

Kaliszewski said that every time a large demolition request comes in for these types of buildings, it is sad to see them go. She said that this familiar stretch of W Washington Avenue is a cute vernacular neighborhood, but she understood the need for higher-density apartment buildings in this area. She said that it was sad to see the Queen Anne multi-family residential building at 527-529 W Washington Avenue be demolished because there are not a lot of that type of building left that are this intact. McLean strongly echoed Kaliszewski's thoughts and sadness about the demolitions. He agreed that the Queen Anne looks fantastic, and when the commission reviews projects like they did tonight where historic properties are rehabilitated to their historic appearance, one can see a building's potential and it makes a demolition request more difficult. Kaliszewski said that it is sad to see buildings like this be demolished in order to put in high-density housing, but we need it. She questioned the interior condition of the buildings, and McLean agreed that we don't know what the inside looks like.

Bailey said the building at 3340 Gregory Street is located within the boundary of the Wingra Creek Mound Group; while just part of the property is within the boundary, it does require compliance with State burial laws.

Rank expressed support of the demolition of 3340 Gregory Street because they would like to demolish the home and build a new home on the site. They said they had been in touch with the State Historic Preservation Office regarding requirements related to the burial mounds.

Bailey said she had little information on the building at 1713 Monroe Street, but there does appear to be a Trachte building on site. Kaliszewski said that Trachte buildings are a resource that is vanishing quickly

throughout our vernacular landscape. McLean said the Trachte looks fairly intact from the street view, and potential salvage would be worth bringing to the property owner's attention.

ACTION:

A motion was made by McLean, seconded by Arnesen, to recommend to the Plan Commission that the buildings at 525 W Washington Avenue, 527-529 W Washington Avenue, 533 W Washington Avenue, 535 W Washington Avenue, 537 W Washington Avenue, 541 W Washington Avenue, and 543-545 W Washington Avenue have no known historic value, but this is an unfortunate loss of a vernacular neighborhood. The building at 527-529 W Washington Avenue is a particularly intact example of a Queen Anne multi-family residential building, of which there are few remaining examples in Madison. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

A motion was made by McLean, seconded by Arnesen, to recommend to the Plan Commission that the building at 3340 Gregory Street has no known historic value. The Landmarks Commission recommends that the applicant secure and submit an approved Request to Disturb permit to the Preservation Planner and provide notification to the Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Historic Preservation Office of the development plans as they relate to the burial site. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

A motion was made by Arnesen, seconded by McLean, to recommend to the Plan Commission that the building at 1713 Monroe Street has no known historic value. The Landmarks Commission recommends that the applicant investigate potential relocation or salvage of the Trachte building. The motion passed by voice vote/other.