

AGENDA # 5

City of Madison, Wisconsin

REPORT OF: LANDMARKS COMMISSION

PRESENTED: 5/23/22

TITLE: State Compliance Review

REFERRED:

REREFERRED:

REPORTED BACK:

AUTHOR: Heather Bailey, Preservation Planner

ADOPTED:

POF:

DATED: 5/25/22

ID NUMBER: 71554

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

SUMMARY:

Aaron Williams, registering neither in support nor in opposition and available to answer questions
Scott Utter, registering in support and available to answer questions

Ekberg provided background information on the properties at 915 W Johnson Street and 917 W Johnson Street and said that staff recommends a finding of no known historic value based on the limited information available.

McLean said that they have been unique living accommodations. Kaliszewski said that she understood some alumni of the buildings are unhappy about their demolition, but she didn't know if that would come into the Landmarks Commission's review of the buildings' historic value. McLean said that he was between demolition criteria a and b, pointing out that smaller residence halls are a vernacular that is disappearing. Bailey said that the buildings are indicative of late modern period institutional housing, which are a type that is disappearing for material reasons; however, they are part of a particular period of the vernacular landscape for larger educational campuses. McLean said that the buildings fit criterion b.

ACTION:

A motion was made by McLean, seconded by Arnesen, to recommend to the Plan Commission that the buildings at 915 W Johnson Street and 917 W Johnson Street have historic value related to the vernacular landscape of larger educational campuses as late modern period institutional housing that is disappearing, but the buildings themselves are not significant. The motion passed by voice vote/other.