LANDMARKS COMMISSION MEETING REPORT

May 15, 2023

Agenda Item #: 4

Project Title: Buildings Proposed for Demolition

Legistar File ID #: 75031

Prepared By: Heather Bailey, Preservation Planner

Members: Present: Richard Arnesen, Edna Ely-Ledesma, Katie Kaliszewski, Ald. Amani Latimer Burris, and

Maurice Taylor

Excused: Molly Harris and David McLean

Summary

Brian Munson, registering in support and available to answer questions

For the buildings at 20 N Carroll Street and 22 N Carroll Street, Ekberg said that staff recommended a finding of historic value related to the vernacular context of Madison's built environment, but the buildings themselves are not historically, architecturally, or culturally significant. For 20 N Carroll, she noted that according to the preservation file, the building was constructed in 1900, whereas the Assessor's website notes a construction date of 1912. For the building at 30 N Carroll Street, she said that staff recommended a finding of no known historic value.

Arnesen said that it was difficult to believe that the buildings at 20 and 22 N Carroll Street wouldn't fit demolition criterion C because there were not a lot of buildings like them in the city. He said that Kronenberg was an architect of note and asked if 20 N Carroll might be eligible for the National Register. Ely-Ledesma agreed that the buildings on N Carroll Street have significance to the development of the city and was comfortable with criterion C. Arnesen said that the buildings have architectural and cultural significance, and 20 N Carroll is the work of an architect of note. Ekberg added that 22-24 N Carroll Street was designed by architects Gordon and Paunack. Arnesen said that they were also architects of note, and perhaps the buildings at both 20 and 22 N Carroll were potentially eligible for the National Register. Latimer Burris said that there was likely historic significance related to the anti-saloon league that was based in the building at 20 N Carroll because the prohibition movement has shifted and led to other historical movements. Arnesen agreed that prohibition was definitely a culturally significant event.

Ekberg said that staff recommended a finding of no known historic value for the buildings at 408 W Johnson Street, 412 W Johnson Street, 414 W Johnson Street, 416 W Johnson Street, 422 W Johnson Street, 430 W Johnson Street, 407 W Gorham Street, and 431 W Gorham Street.

For the buildings at 304 N Broom Street, 308 N Broom Street, 312 N Broom Street, 314 N Broom Street, and 318 N Broom Street, Ekberg said that staff recommended a finding of historic value related to the vernacular context of Madison's built environment, but the buildings themselves are not historically, architecturally, or culturally significant. She said that all properties were reviewed by the Landmarks Commission in 2013, and at the time the commission said that "they deeply regretted the long-term loss of historic context and fabric in the downtown area."

Ekberg said that staff recommended a finding of no known historic value for the buildings at 4953 Hoepker Road, 4687 Verona Road, 2810 Waunona Way, and 3100 E Washington Avenue. She said that staff confirmed there was no archaeological site on the property at 2810 Waunona Way.

Action

A motion was made by Arnesen, seconded by Ely-Ledesma, to recommend to the Plan Commission that the buildings at 20 N Carroll Street and 22 N Carroll Street have historic value based on cultural and historic significance and as the work/product of architects of note. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

A motion was made by Arnesen, seconded by Latimer Burris, to recommend to the Plan Commission that the building at 30 N Carroll Street has no known historic value. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

A motion was made by Arnesen, seconded by Taylor, to recommend to the Plan Commission that the buildings at 408 W Johnson Street, 412 W Johnson Street, 414 W Johnson Street, 416 W Johnson Street, 422 W Johnson Street, 430 W Johnson Street, 407 W Gorham Street, and 431 W Gorham Street have no known historic value. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

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