AGENDA # 6

City of Madison, Wisconsin

REPORT OF: LANDMARKS COMMISSION	**PRESENTED:** 1/31/22
TITLE: Buildings Proposed for Demolition - 2022	**REFERRED:**
	REREFERRED:
	REPORTED BACK:
AUTHOR: Heather Bailey, Preservation Planner	**ADOPTED:** **POF:**
DATED: 2/7/22	**ID NUMBER:** 68860

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

SUMMARY:

Kurt Stege, registering in opposition and wishing to speak
Kevin Burow, registering in support and available to answer questions

Bailey provided background information on the buildings at 428-430 State Street, 432-436 State Street, and 440-444 State Street. The buildings at 428-430 State and 432-436 State are considered contributing to the potential State Street National Register Historic District.

Kaliszewski asked when the potential State Street historic district had been assessed. Bailey said that the nomination was in the 1990s, so the 50-year historic period has shifted since then. Kaliszewski said that because the potential historic district was evaluated 20 years ago, the building at 440-444 State Street has likely gained significance in that time and would now be considered contributing to the district. She pointed out that the building has great integrity.

Stege, speaking as an individual not representing an organization, said that State Street is under tremendous development pressures, and they would hate to see two more significant buildings be demolished. They suggested there should be a responsibility on the part of the developer to complete an assessment on the historic structure and submit it with their demolition request.

Burow was not present to answer questions.

Arnesen suggested the buildings at 428-430 State Street and 432-436 State Street fit demolition criterion c and the building at 440-444 State Street fits demolition criterion b. Martin agreed and said she was worried about doing harm to a contributing building. Arnesen pointed out that 432-436 State looks like it has been modified over time.

Andrzejewski said that while there might be some changes, the buildings are older and some of the only commercial buildings left, so they are really important in representing our Progressive-era history.

Kaliszewski agreed with Arnesen's assessment because the buildings at 428-430 and 432-436 State Street were identified as contributing structures in the potential National Register Historic District. She reiterated that the building at 440-444 State Street has likely gained significance to be considered contributing to the historic district since it was last evaluated in the 1990s.

McLean agreed that 440-444 State Street was very intact and appeared to have its original 1962 building materials and window systems, which is significant.

Martin asked if there were further attempts to officially recognize State Street as a historic district. Bailey said that there has been disinterest amongst property owners to move forward with such a district.

ACTION:

A motion was made by Kaliszewski, seconded by Arnesen, to recommend to the Plan Commission that the buildings at 428-430 State Street and 432-436 State Street have historic value based on their status as contributing structures in a potential National Register Historic District. The building at 440-444 State Street has historic value related to the vernacular context of Madison's built environment and its intact condition. The motion passed by voice vote/other.