

## AGENDA # 1 & 2

City of Madison, Wisconsin

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<b>REPORT OF:</b> LANDMARKS COMMISSION	<b>PRESENTED:</b> July 30, 2012
<b>TITLE:</b> 627 East Gorham Street – Landmark Nomination (26539) and 633 East Gorham Street – Landmark Nomination (26540)	<b>REFERRED:</b> <b>REREFERRED:</b> <b>REPORTED BACK:</b>
<b>AUTHOR:</b> Amy Scanlon, Secretary	<b>ADOPTED:</b> <b>POF:</b>
<b>DATED:</b> July 30, 2012	<b>ID NUMBER:</b>

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Members present were: Stu Levitan, Chair; Erica Gehrig, Vice Chair; Christina Slattery, David McLean, Marsha Rummel, and Jason Fowler. Michael Rosenblum was excused.

### **SUMMARY:**

Peggy Veregin, 225 North Monroe Street, Stoughton, WI, representing Joe Lusson, Jason Tish, and Madison Trust for Historic Preservation, registering in support, wishing to speak, and available to answer questions. Ms. Veregin explained that both residences reflect the broad development pattern of the City and that the middle class residences represent social and economic history of the community which relates to Criteria #1.

Ms. Veregin explained that the residences also relate to Criteria 3 for being vernacular examples of 19<sup>th</sup> Century residences. Ms. Veregin noted that vernacular buildings play a crucial role in explaining the historic landscape and built environment.

Gehrig asked if the building were unaltered. Ms. Veregin explained that they are largely unaltered and have good integrity of material and stylistic ornament. Ms. Veregin noted that vernacular architecture embodies a vernacular form with applied ornament.

Ms. Veregin explained that vernacular is a term that is typically used in established scholarly research and resources to describe this residential typology.

Jason Tish, 2714 Lafollette Avenue, representing Madison Trust for Historic Preservation, available to answer questions.

Michael Bridgeman, 106 S. Franklin Street, registering in support but not wishing to speak.

Ledell Zeller, 510 N. Carroll Street, registering in support but not wishing to speak.

Joe Lusson, 627 East Gorham, registering in support and available to answer questions.

McLean asked if there were any plans to remove the aluminum siding. Mr. Lusson explained that it would be a large project and it hasn't been a priority to date, but it is a project that he would like to complete.

Slattery noted that vernacular is defined in Wisconsin Resource Manual and the National Park Service. Slattery also noted that the Vernacular Architecture Forum does not provide a definition of vernacular. Slattery suggested that vernacular be defined in the nomination narrative.

The Commission and registrants engaged in a brief discussion of the vernacular typology.

**ACTION:**

A motion was made by Gehrig, seconded by McLean, to recommend to the Common Council the designation of 627 East Gorham (the Spangenberg House) as a City Landmark under Criteria 1 and 3 of the Landmarks Ordinance. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

A motion was made by Gehrig, seconded by McLean, to recommend to the Common Council the designation of 633 East Gorham (the Robert White House) as a City Landmark under Criteria 1 and 3 of the Landmarks Ordinance. The motion was passed on a vote of (5:1). Slattery voted No.

NOTE: Slattery supports designation based on Criteria 1, but not 1 and 3.