

AGENDA # 1

City of Madison, Wisconsin

REPORT OF: LANDMARKS COMMISSION

PRESENTED: December 10, 2012

TITLE: 210 Langdon Street – Demolish existing building and construct new fraternity adjacent to a designated landmark (Chi Phi Fraternity) and in the Langdon Street National Register Historic District. 2nd Ald. District. Contact: Randy Bruce (28485)

REFERRED:

REREFERRED:

REPORTED BACK:

AUTHOR: Amy Scanlon, Secretary

ADOPTED:

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DATED: December 10, 2012

ID NUMBER:

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

SUMMARY:

Randy Bruce, 7601 University Avenue, representing Theta Chi & Knothe & Bruce, registering in support and wishing to speak. Mr. Bruce briefly described the proposed project including an description of the context, front setback, building height, architectural style (Collegiate Gothic), and building materials.

Mr. Bruce explained that the concerns in the staff report can be met. He also confirmed that EIFS would be used for the upper stories.

Levitan asked staff if the proposal would be acceptable if it were located in a local historic district. Staff explained that the existing structural concerns for this structure would still be the same concerns in a local district. Staff also explained that the ordinance criteria would be similar to other new development criteria regarding mass and scale and similar character and materials. Aside from questioning the appropriateness of EIFS, staff believes the proposed building would be appropriate in a local historic district.

Jason Tish, 2714 LaFollette Avenue, representing Madison Trust for Historic Preservation, registering neither in support nor opposition and not wishing to speak.

ACTION:

A motion was made by Slattery, seconded by Gehrig, to advise the Plan Commission and Urban Design Commission that the Landmarks Commission finds that the proposed building is not so large or visually intrusive as to adversely affect the adjacent landmark, and that the architectural concerns in the staff report should be incorporated in the design, and while the existing building has historic value, the significant structural issues have influenced this decision. The motion passed by voice vote/other.