

AGENDA # 6

City of Madison, Wisconsin

REPORT OF: LANDMARKS COMMISSION	PRESENTED: February 11, 2013
TITLE: Buildings Proposed for Demolition – 2013 (28640)	REFERRED: REREFERRED: REPORTED BACK:
AUTHOR: Amy Scanlon, Secretary	ADOPTED: POF:
DATED: February 11, 2013	ID NUMBER:

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

SUMMARY:

151 Proudfit Street
1437 Morrison Street
4702 Femrite Drive
4710 Femrite Drive

Jason Tish, 2714 LaFollette Avenue, representing Madison Trust for Historic Preservation, registering neither in support nor opposition and wishing to speak. Mr. Tish briefly explained that the Madison Trust for Historic Preservation will not expend energy to oppose the demolition, but by principal, will not support the demolition. The building at 151 Proudfit exhibits its original form and is an example of early development in the area. As mediation for the demolition, Mr. Tish suggested that UW students be allowed to document the building through drawings and photographs.

Gehrig noted that in Joe Lusson's email about this demolition, he mentions an agreement that Urban Land Interests had with the Madison Trust for Historic Preservation to relocate the building.

Anne Morrison, 1933 Keyes Avenue, representing Urban Land Interests, registering in support and available to answer questions. Ms. Morrison explained that the building needed many improvements to stay rentable and that there were also two offers to purchase that fell through. The relocation was recently advertised publically and there was no interest. The improvements necessary to meet code would probably destroy the integrity of the structure. Ms. Morrison explained that native plantings and landscaping would be installed in this area.

Ms. Morrison explained that Urban Land Interests was contacted by Jason Tish regarding the desire for documentation and that Urban Land Interests is willing to allow this mediation.

Levitan asked Ms. Morrison about the schedule for demolition.

Ms. Morrison explained that it would be March or April before Urban Land Interests would be ready for demolition and that this would give the student's time to complete documentation.

Rummel asked about the ownership of other properties on the block in question. Ms. Morrison explained that Urban Land Interests currently owns the property at 151 Proudfit, City Engineering owns a sliver parcel to the south, two private owners own the structures to the north, and City Parks owns a sliver parcel at the northern corner.

ACTION:

A motion was made by Gehrig, seconded by Slattery, to recommend to the Plan Commission that the Landmarks Commission deeply regrets the loss of the vernacular building stock (151 Proudfit) that shows the historic socio-economic development of the area. If the Plan Commission approves the demolition, the Landmarks Commission requests that all parties provide a schedule that will allow a third party to document the vernacular structure and allow Urban Land Interests to continue looking for relocation options. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

A motion was made by Fowler, seconded by Rummel, to recommend to the Plan Commission that the building (1437 Morrison) has no known historic value and to request that the Plan Commission encourage replacement architecture that is compatible with the character and scale of the existing context. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

A motion was made by Slattery seconded by McLean to recommend to the Plan Commission that the Landmarks Commission finds that the buildings (4702 and 4710 Femrite) have no known historic value. The motion passed by voice vote/other.