

AGENDA # 3

City of Madison, Wisconsin

REPORT OF: LANDMARKS COMMISSION	PRESENTED: April 7, 2014	
TITLE: 702-706 Williamson Street – Third Lake Ridge Historic District – Demolish current commercial building and construct a new six-story commercial multi-family housing development. 6 th Ald. District. Contact: Martin Rifken (32584)	REFERRED: REREFERRED: REPORTED BACK:	
AUTHOR: Amy Scanlon, Secretary	ADOPTED:	POF:
DATED: April 7, 2014	ID NUMBER:	

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

SUMMARY:

Levitan opened the public hearing.

Marty Rifken, registering in support and available to answer questions. Marty Rifkin explained that the team continues to work with the neighborhood and plans to address the comments in the staff report and of the Commission, but due to the request for referral he doesn't have a formal presentation for this meeting.

Levitan asked about the current color palette.

Rummel asked if the comments from the meeting with the neighborhood of the previous week had been addressed in the latest submission. Rifken explained that the latest submission did not include the comments, but the team would incorporate comments for a future meeting.

Linda Lehnertz, registering in opposition and wishing to speak. Lehnertz explained that the building is taller than what is proposed in the historic district plan and the BUILD plan. Lehnertz explained that this building is a floor too tall and it will change the character of the district, the views of the Capitol, and numerous other issues.

Levitan asked if the Third Lake Ridge Historic Preservation Plan had more relevance than the Madison Hill Preservation Plan. Staff explained that both plans were used to create the Ordinance language for the related historic districts.

Levitan asked if the plans design criteria was binding for the Landmarks Commission or the Plan Commission. Staff explained the plan is a guide that interprets the binding Ordinance language.

Alder Rummel explained that the preservation plan may not be binding, but that there are numerous plans that the neighborhood and developer must address outside of the purview of the Landmarks Commission review.

Michael Soref, representing the Marquette Neighborhood Association. Soref explained that he provided a position letter on behalf of the Marquette Neighborhood Association.

Levitan closed the public hearing.

ACTION:

A motion was made by McLean, seconded by Rummel, to refer the item to the Landmarks Commission meeting of May 5, 2014. The motion passed by voice vote/other.