

AGENDA # 1

City of Madison, Wisconsin

REPORT OF: LANDMARKS COMMISSION

PRESENTED: August 17, 2015

TITLE: 215 Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard
– Designated Madison Landmark –
Review of the proposed land division
of the property and the demolition of
the loading dock addition (annex) to
the U.S. Post Office and Federal
Courthouse (Madison Municipal
Building) which will also require the
exterior alteration of the historic
building. 4th Ald. Dist.
Contact: Bryan Cooper, City
Engineering

REFERRED:

REREFERRED:

REPORTED BACK:

AUTHOR: Amy Scanlon, Secretary

ADOPTED: August 17, 2015

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DATED: August 17, 2015

ID NUMBER: 39466

Members present were: Stu Levitan, Chair; Erica Fox Gehrig, Vice-Chair; Anna Andrzejewski, Lon Hill, David W.J. McLean, and Christina Slattery

SUMMARY:

Bryan Cooper, City Engineering, registering in support and wishing to speak. Cooper provided a brief description of the project which will include the demolition of the existing annex addition at the rear of the building and related exterior alterations to address the demolition and the land division of the existing site to allow development on the eastern portion of Block 88.

Regarding the land division, there was general discussion about the historic uses of the eastern portion of the block and that the legal description on the landmark designation shall be revised to relate to the western portion.

ACTION:

A motion was made by McLean, seconded by Gehrig, to advise the Plan Commission that the Landmarks Commission finds that the proposed land division does not negatively impact the historic character or significance of the landmark or landmark site.

Vote 5:1 (Rummel voted No)

Regarding the demolition of the annex, there was general discussion about the size of the original rear addition and the appearance of the existing addition. The discussion also noted the importance of making the demolition contingent on obtaining all land use approvals for the new building and making the COA valid for only 24 months. The adjacent development would be reviewed by the Commission.

A motion was made by Andrzejewski, seconded by Slattery, to approve the certificate of appropriateness for the demolition with the following conditions: the COA will only be valid for 24 months and the demolition is contingent on obtaining all land use approvals for the new building. The motion passed by voice vote.

Regarding the exterior alteration, there was general discussion about the temporary nature of the egress alterations and that the project should return to the Landmarks Commission 18 months after the demolition of the annex to review the appropriateness of the work if not under construction for full remodel of main building.

A motion was made by McLean, seconded by Gehrig, to approve the certificate of appropriateness for the exterior alterations with the condition that the project will return to the Commission 18 months after the demolition of the annex to review the appropriateness of the exterior alterations if the full rehabilitation of the MMB has not started. The motion passed by voice vote.