

I would like to submit a comment regarding the development on Block 115 (as I work past the meeting time of 4:30 pm). My primary concern is regarding the demolition of 518 E. Wilson St, a building that is in the National Register. What is the purpose of an historic district/designation if we allow owners to neglect historic buildings, and then use its poor condition as a reason to tear it down? Old buildings can be restored, it just reduces profit to the seller and developer. This would be a terrible precedent and encourage more neglect within the City of Madison.

Finally, the current development plan would drastically violate the spirit of "visual compatibility" of the historic district by placing a 6 story building adjacent to these 2 story historic buildings (518 and 506 E. Wilson). I believe you will be presented historic photos of Wilson Street and ask that you suggest changes to this development that honor Madison's history. Thank you,

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