

AGENDA # 7

City of Madison, Wisconsin

REPORT OF: LANDMARKS COMMISSION

PRESENTED: 5/6/19

TITLE: Buildings Proposed for Demolition - 2019

REFERRED:

REREFERRED:

REPORTED BACK:

AUTHOR: Heather Bailey, Preservation Planner

ADOPTED:

POF:

DATED: 5/10/19

ID NUMBER: 54302

Members present were: Stuart Levitan, Richard Arnesen, Katie Kaliszewski, Arvina Martin, and David McLean. Excused was Anna Andrzejewski.

SUMMARY:

Bailey provided background information on the properties proposed for demolition. She noted that 510, 514, 516, and 518 E Wilson St are all located within the East Wilson National Register Historic District; however, 518 E Wilson St is the only contributing property. She explained that McGrath's original proposal was to keep 518 E Wilson St and incorporate it into the development, but after further inspection of the property, they decided the building was compromised to the point where it was not technically or financially feasible to save. She said that while the first floor storefront at 518 E Wilson St has undergone significant changes, the second story of the façade is still intact. She read from the East Wilson National Register nomination, which stated that 510-516 E Wilson St were "the worst intrusion in the historic district," as nothing remained of the original façades aside from six window openings on the second story of 510 E Wilson St.

Levitan said that 514-516 E Wilson St used to be the Lodge, which was a significant social and cultural entertainment venue in the 1960s. Arnesen said that 514-516 E Wilson St was formerly the Wilson Street Playhouse as well.

Levitan said that 518 E Wilson has historic value because it is a contributing structure in the National Register Historic District, and there was consensus among the group.

ACTION:

By unanimous consent, the Landmarks Commission voted to recommend to the Plan Commission that the building at 518 E Wilson St has historic value based on architectural significance, cultural significance, historic significance, as the work/product of an architect of note, its status as a contributing structure in a National Register Historic District, and/or as an intact or rare example of a certain architectural style or method of construction; the buildings at 514 E Wilson St and 516 E Wilson St have historic value related to the vernacular context of Madison's built environment, or as the work/product of an architect of note, but the buildings themselves are not historically, architecturally, or culturally significant; and the buildings at 510 E Wilson St and 223 S Pinckney St have no known historic value. The motion passed by voice vote/other.