

Bailey, Heather

From: Stu Levitan <stuartlevitan@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Monday, July 08, 2019 11:20 AM
To: Jackie Suska; Bailey, Heather; Fruhling, William
Subject: Re: Regarding Landmarks agenda item 54302, demolition of 119-125 West Mifflin St.

Thank you for your note.

As this is not a registered landmark, the Landmarks Commission has only advisory authority on this; it is the Plan Commission that has jurisdiction over conditional use permits for the buildings.

Yours,
Stu Levitan
Chair, Landmarks Commission

On Monday, July 8, 2019, 11:12:17 AM CDT, Jackie Suska <jackie.suska@gmail.com> wrote:

Landmarks Commission
215 Martin Luther King Drive Blvd.
Rm. 153 Madison Municipal Building
July 8, 2019, 5pm
Regarding agenda item 54302, demolition of 119, 121, 123, 125 West Mifflin Street

We are writing this letter in opposition to the demolition of 119-125 West Mifflin Street. It would set bad precedent to raze a potential historic resource before a submitted plan and approval of a plan for the site has been reached.

A number of years ago the city denied an application for demolition of this structure for a temporary surface parking lot. If it had been approved we would have spent the last 20 years looking at a small surface parking lot and that could have happened again. This nice terra-cotta building has been unnecessarily left vacant for most of this century, adding to blight on this block and making it more likely that demolition could be approved because of neglect. For example, instead of restoration or at least maintenance of this beautiful neo-classical arcade building that were designed by Philip Homer in the early 1920's, the current owner has opted to remove historic features, including the pediments featured above each storefront. Speculation of some future development that may or may not happen has left this building in limbo, when it could have had been rented to a number of small businesses instead.

Granting this demolition permit is premature. The process for adoption of the new museum/condo/retail project which would result in the loss of at least 6 historic structures including the Churchill Building, Madison's first skyscraper. This development has not been approved nor has any part of this project gone through the normal processes. Reuse and incorporating older structures into a new design could be a factor too.

Until the museum/condo/retail project gets approved, we believe this building needs to be left alone.

Sincerely,

Henry Doane and Jackie Suska
946 Spaight Street

Bailey, Heather

From: Rummel, Marsha
Sent: Monday, July 08, 2019 12:55 PM
To: Bailey, Heather; Stu Levitan
Subject: Demo report for 7/8/19

Dear Landmarks Commission

Please advise the Plan Commission that 119-125 W Mifflin may contributing buildings in a National Register District for State St and should be preserved.

Thanks for your service-

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Sent from my iPhone