

AGENDA # 1

City of Madison, Wisconsin

REPORT OF: LANDMARKS COMMISSION

PRESENTED: 8/26/19

TITLE: 636 W Washington Ave - New
Construction Adjacent to
Designated Landmarks, the
Wiedenbeck-Dobelin Warehouse &
Milwaukee Road Depot; 4th Ald.
Dist.

REFERRED:

REREFERRED:

REPORTED BACK:

AUTHOR: Heather Bailey, Preservation Planner

ADOPTED:

POF:

DATED: 8/28/19

ID NUMBER: 56726

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

SUMMARY:

Kirk Keller, registering in support and available to answer questions

Bailey described the proposed work, which involves demolishing the existing structures on the property and constructing a new 5-story mixed-use building. She provided images of the proposed site and the two adjacent landmarks. She said that the Landmarks Commission needs to determine whether the proposed development is so large or visually intrusive as to adversely affect the historic character and integrity of the adjoining landmarks. She explained that the proposed new 5-story building is located toward the street frontage and shifted over with a substantial parking area on the backside that will provide a buffer between the new development and the Wiedenbeck Warehouse. She pointed out that the drive aisle adds further buffering on the Depot side of the property, though the Depot parking lot already provides a buffer. She displayed the elevations of the proposed structure to provide a view of the new building in context of the landmarks. She said that staff recommends that the Landmarks Commission find that the proposed development is not so large or visually intrusive as to adversely affect the historic character of the adjoining landmarks. She said that while it is a much larger building than what is currently there, given the urban context and buffer between the new development and adjoining landmarks, it will not be so large or visually intrusive as to trigger concerns. Kaliszewski said that the new building is far enough away from everything and is one parcel, and pointed out that the primary façade of the warehouse does not face the new development. Arnesen said that he had no issues with the proposed project.

ACTION:

A motion was made by Kaliszewski, seconded by Martin, to advise the Plan Commission and Urban Design Commission that the proposed development is not so large or visually intrusive as to adversely affect the historic character of the adjoining landmarks. The motion passed by voice vote/other.