

AGENDA # 7

City of Madison, Wisconsin

REPORT OF: LANDMARKS COMMISSION

PRESENTED: 1/13/20

TITLE: Buildings Proposed for Demolition - 2020

REFERRED:

REREFERRED:

REPORTED BACK:

AUTHOR: Heather Bailey, Preservation Planner

ADOPTED:

POF:

DATED: 1/22/20

ID NUMBER: 58738

Members present were: Anna Andrzejewski, Richard Arnesen, Betty Banks, Katie Kaliszewski, Arvina Martin, David McLean, and Maurice Taylor.

SUMMARY:

Bailey said that given the size and configuration of the Quonset hut at 5221 University Avenue, she thinks there is a strong possibility that it is a surplus World War II Army Quonset, though there is no official evidence of that. Andrzejewski agreed with Bailey. Bailey said that materials from the structure may be repurposed as part of the recycling plan. Kaliszewski suggested demolition criterion B because of it being a very large Quonset hut, the potential that it is World War II surplus, and the fact that Madison has lost many Quonset huts already. Commissioners agreed.

There was brief discussion of the building at 5237 University Avenue.

Bailey said that there are two large multi-unit apartment buildings on the same parcel as the house at 709 McCormick Avenue, which was constructed in 1896. She said that the proposal is to demolish the house and construct two new multi-unit apartment buildings. Andrzejewski said that she thought the house might be older than 1896. Bailey said that it is part of a very short stretch of McCormick Avenue, so perhaps it was an old farm owned by the McCormick family, but there is no specific information to support that conjecture.

Bailey said that the buildings at 1109, 1115, 1117, and 1123 S Park Street have all undergone extensive modifications. She said that the buildings at 1109 and 1113 S Park Street both appear on the 1942 Sanborn map, and the parapet wall and chimney on 1109 S Park Street appear older than 1977. At 1115 S Park Street, Bailey pointed out that there is a Trachte building behind the projecting roof. She said that the Trachte building is from 1955, and then at least one of the two additions off the back of the building is also a Trachte. She said that while it is pretty covered up, Trachtes are known resources and there are not a lot of them left. She said that 1117 S Park Street was residential at some point, and 1123 S Park has had extensive modifications over time. Andrzejewski said they should recommend that the Trachte buildings be salvaged or put up for sale or donation because they are disappearing so quickly.

Bailey said that the property at 50 Lansing Street is unusual in how far back it is set from the street. She said that no formal application has been submitted for the project, so Planning staff is reaching out to the property owner.

ACTION:

A motion was made by Kaliszewski, seconded by Martin, to recommend to the Plan Commission that the building at 5221 University Avenue has historic value related to the vernacular context of Madison's built environment, or as the work/product of an architect of note, but the building itself is not historically, architecturally, or culturally significant. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

A motion was made by Arnesen, seconded by Kaliszewski, to recommend to the Plan Commission that the building at 5237 University Avenue has no known historic value. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

A motion was made by McLean, seconded by Kaliszewski, to recommend to the Plan Commission that the building at 709 McCormick Avenue has historic value related to the vernacular context of Madison's built environment, or as the work/product of an architect of note, but the building itself is not historically, architecturally, or culturally significant. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

A motion was made by Kaliszewski, seconded by McLean, to recommend to the Plan Commission that the buildings at 1109 S Park Street, 1117 S Park Street, and 1123 S Park Street have no known historic value; and the Trachte buildings at 1115 S Park Street have historic value related to the vernacular context of Madison's built environment and should be salvaged or sold as part of the recycling plan. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

A motion was made by Arnesen, seconded by Kaliszewski, to recommend to the Plan Commission that the building at 50 Lansing Street has no known historic value. The motion passed by voice vote/other.