



Landmarks Ordinance Review Committee

July 22, 2021

Background

Madison's preservation program is 50 years old

- Mansion Hill, 1976
- Third Lake Ridge, 1979
- University Heights, 1985
- Marquette Bungalows, 1993
- First Settlement, 2002



Creation of LORC

- Edgewater, 2009



Edgewater developer appeals, calls Landmarks decision flawed

Dean Mosiman | 608-252-6141 | Dec 3, 2009

And, saying the process is deeply flawed, Mayor Dave Ciesleweicz vowed Tuesday to explore changes to the city's 1971 landmarks ordinance designed to protect historic sites, buildings and districts and the process for reviewing major development projects after the Edgewater matter is fully decided.

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Cieslewicz's landmarks stance draws fire

Critics reject claims that the commission has too much power

BY JAY RATH
DECEMBER 17, 2009

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Mayor Dave Cieslewicz's call to strip the city Landmarks Commission of its power, relegating it to an "advisory" role, has done what Capital Neighborhoods Inc. could not: rally Edgewater Hotel opposition among neighborhood associations across Madison.



Creation of LORC

- 121-127 W Gilman, 2013



Steve Brown Apartments proposes controversial apartment development

Melissa Howison Nov 22, 2013 0



Madison City Council upholds Landmarks Commission denial of project in historic district

Dean Mosiman | Wisconsin State Journal Apr 9, 2014 0



LORC 1

- Began 2014
- Ordinance adopted 2015



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LORC 2

- Began 2017
- 3 Public meetings in 5 historic districts (15 meetings total)
- 28 LORC meetings



LORC 2

No appropriation is required.

Creating an Ad Hoc Landmarks Ordinance Review Committee.

WHEREAS, the City of Madison has five local historic districts which constitute under 1% of the land in the city and 182 locally designated landmarks; and,

WHEREAS, these local historic districts and locally designated landmarks provide a physical connection to our past and help us understand who we are today and tell the story of Madison's unique historical development; and,

WHEREAS, much of Madison's architectural diversity and unique and quality construction are in our local historic districts and our designated landmarks; and,

WHEREAS, historic resources are finite and cannot be replaced, making them precious commodities; and,

WHEREAS, historic districts and landmarked buildings are important in many placemaking initiatives and support heritage tourism; and,



WHEREAS, the current Landmarks Ordinance has not had a comprehensive review since its adoption; and,



WHEREAS, review and clarification as to both procedural (Phase 1) and specific historic district criteria (Phase 2) will assist in our goal of preserving our irreplaceable historic resources; and,

WHEREAS, the Landmarks Commission has developed a draft (Phase 1) revising the procedural aspects of the Landmarks Ordinance and such draft is expected to be introduced to the Council prior to July 1, 2014; and,



WHEREAS, upon introduction of its draft revising the procedural aspects of the Landmarks Ordinance (Phase 1), the Landmarks Commission will begin a public engagement process to consider amendments clarifying the substantive standards for the various historic districts (Phase 2); and,



WHEREAS, an ad hoc committee of alders will create a discussion forum that can bring together important perspectives to help address complex issues after introduction of the Landmarks Commission draft amendments to the Landmarks Ordinance;



Next Steps

- LORC meetings
 - 9/1/21
 - 10/6/21
 - 10/27/21
- Neighborhood meeting(s)
- Final draft to Landmarks Commission
- Introduction to Common Council

