

AGENDA # 8

City of Madison, Wisconsin

REPORT OF: LANDMARKS COMMISSION

PRESENTED: 7/26/21

TITLE: Buildings Proposed for Demolition - 2021

REFERRED:

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REPORTED BACK:

AUTHOR: Heather Bailey, Preservation Planner

ADOPTED:

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DATED: 8/5/21

ID NUMBER: 63346

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

SUMMARY:

Kirk Lewis, registering in support and available to answer questions

Bailey began discussion of 22 N Second Street, noting that while there is currently no preservation file, she did complete a compliance review for the site in 2019. She said that the campus was the city's first contagious disease hospital, and the 1924 building on E Washington Avenue is a Claude and Starck. The building at 22 N Second Street was constructed in 1958 when the site became a multiple sclerosis hospital. She said that the 1958 structure dates within the period of significance for the overall potentially eligible medical campus; however, the structure is out of character with everything else on the site.

Taylor said that he didn't think the building had historic value. Martin agreed, pointing out that it doesn't fit with the other buildings on the site. Andrzejewski said that it was important to keep documentation on this and the ongoing use of the former medical complex. She said that even if the building itself is not architecturally, historically, or culturally significant, it was part of a complex, and she didn't want that to be lost in the future. She said that we are losing a lot of 1950s healthcare facilities because they have outlived their usefulness, but they served a role for the population at some time in history, and in a time of healthcare crisis, we should be mindful of that.

Bailey said the property at 1435 Morrison Street is close to two local historic districts, but is not located within them. She said that there are no previously identified archaeological resources on the site, but staff recommends caution given the proximity to the lake, as there are plenty of resources on the isthmus along the lake. Martin and Andrzejewski agreed that urging caution was warranted here. Kaliszewski said that if the applicants find something during the demolition process, they need to stop work immediately and call the State Historic Preservation Office.

Bailey said the building at 501 E Badger Road was recent construction, but there is a preservation file that mentions a one-story gabled roofed section that was likely built as an annex to the Badger School, which may still be extant. She pointed out that this is a technical demolition to remove parts of the front façade.

ACTION:

A motion was made by Taylor, seconded by Martin, to recommend to the Plan Commission that the building at 22 N Second Street has no known historic value. The motion passed by voice vote/other. All four members present voted, including the Chair.

A motion was made by Kaliszewski, seconded by Martin, to recommend to the Plan Commission that the building at 1435 Morrison Street has no known historic value. The Landmarks Commission urges caution related to the inadvertent discovery of archaeological resources given the proximity to the lake. The motion passed by voice vote/other. All four members present voted, including the Chair.

A motion was made by Martin, seconded by Kaliszewski, to recommend to the Plan Commission that the building at 501 E Badger Road has no known historic value. The motion passed by voice vote/other. All four members present voted, including the Chair.