

AGENDA # 4

City of Madison, Wisconsin

REPORT OF: LANDMARKS COMMISSION

PRESENTED: 10/4/21

TITLE: Buildings Proposed for Demolition - 2021

REFERRED:

REREFERRED:

REPORTED BACK:

AUTHOR: Heather Bailey, Preservation Planner

ADOPTED:

POF:

DATED: 10/6/21

ID NUMBER: 63346

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

SUMMARY:

Bailey said that the building at 1128 E Washington Avenue was the longtime home to the Avenue Bar, but there is little information on its historic value as there is no preservation file or Wisconsin Historical Society site file for the property. The information available seemed to be limited to recent newspaper articles.

A motion was made by Arnesen, seconded by Martin, to recommend to the Plan Commission that the building at 1128 E Washington Avenue has no known historic value.

McLean said this demolition was painful. Kaliszewski said that she would argue for demolition criterion b, knowing the architecture and history of the corridor, and losing this building is unfortunate. McLean said that there has to be something that has happened there after all these years, but unfortunately there is no specific information. Andrzejewski suggested they add language about the building's contribution to Madison's vernacular landscape to the motion, and all agreed.

ACTION:

A motion was made by Arnesen, seconded by Martin, to recommend to the Plan Commission that the building at 1128 E Washington Avenue has no known historic value because of the lack of available information, but it does contribute to Madison's vernacular landscape. The motion passed by voice vote/other.