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Meeting Minutes - Approved LANDMARKS COMMISSION

Monday, June 27, 2011

4:45 PM

215 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Room LL-110 (Madison Municipal Building)

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 6 -

Ald. Marsha A. Rummel; Stuart Levitan; Christina Slattery; Daniel J. Stephens; Robin M. Taylor and Michael J. Rosenblum

Excused: 1 -

Erica Fox Gehrig

Stephans arrived at 5:10 p.m. during discussion of Item No. 2.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Slattery, seconded by Taylor, to Approve the Minutes of June 13, 2011. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

CONSIDERATION OF ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

1. [22944](#) 752 East Gorham - Designated Landmark - Leitch House - Exterior reconstruction (repair/restoration) of front porch

A motion was made by Ald. Rummel, seconded by Slattery, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

2. [22945](#) 715 South Few - Third Lake Ridge Historic District - Exterior alteration involving installation of metal shingle roof

A motion was made by Rosenblum, seconded by Ald. Rummel, to Approve. The

motion passed by voice vote/other.

Excused: 1 -

Gehrig

Ayes: 5 -

Ald. Rummel; Slattery; Stephans; Taylor and Rosenblum

Noes: 1 -

Levitan

PREVIOUS BUSINESS

3. [22359](#) 229 West Lakelawn Place - PUD(GDP-SIP), Construction of a Fourteen-Unit Apartment Building on the Acacia House Property. 2nd Ald. Dist.

No action was taken.

NEW BUSINESS

4. [20957](#) Buildings proposed for demolition - 2011

Slattery stated that 1022 Mound Street is architecturally interesting. It has been student housing for a long time but has one of the most distinct exteriors in the neighborhood. Rummel inquired if Meriter would be moving the house. The Secretary replied that the Applicant's comment is listed as "remove" and believes the intent is to raze the building.

Amy Kinast registered in opposition to the proposed demolition of 5117 University Avenue and distributed a handout about its history. Brenda Konkel registered neither in support nor opposition.

The Secretary explained that this demolition was previously viewed by the Commission as part of a different development project. The purpose of this discussion is not to schedule a landmarks notice for this building but to review the demolition request and to forward comments to the Plan Commission if the Commissioners feel it is appropriate.

Slattery stated that the recent University Avenue corridor report found that the building does meet the criteria for the National Register of Historic Buildings. Taylor would be interested in forwarding comments to the Plan Commission that they object to the demolition. The Secretary stated she could forward a statement to the Plan Commission that this building is of interest and could potentially be eligible for the National Register and/or landmark status. The Secretary explained that a development project has already been proposed. Rummel inquired if they could ask the developer to move the building or somehow take steps to preserve it. Stephans replied that they do not have that authority. Discussion focused on whether the Landmarks Commission should have looked into this designation earlier. Stephans replied that the Commission responds to that which is brought to them. If someone were to nominate this building for landmarks status, the Commission would respond to the desire of the public to preserve the landmarks of Madison. Rummel stated she thought it was the job of the Commission to review every building up for demolition, whether it is in a district or not, so they are part of the information gathering process. Taylor would at least like to recognize that this is something of historic interest, much

like the Parmans building. Rummel said that when they wrote the demolition ordinance, the idea was that this would be the first point where Landmarks would look at it and comment. The Secretary replied that they are in charge of looking at the demolition applications that come through the listserv, and letting the Plan Commission know if there are any properties of historic interest. Rummel stated that, it could be referred back or they could ask the developer to address the historic aspect, but it is vital to make comments now. Slattery inquired if this history had been brought to the developer's attention. Ms. Kinast replied that the developer was present when she raised this issue to the Urban Design Commission. She does not feel she has the credentials to fill out a landmarks nomination form. The Madison Trust was suggested as one opportunity for assistance in filing the nomination papers.

The Secretary suggested that the Commission talk about policies and procedures as they relate to nominating buildings for landmarks status at a future meeting.

**A motion was made by Stephans, seconded by Rummel, to report to the Plan Commission and other interested Commissions that the Landmarks Commission finds the that building at 5117 University Avenue is of historic interest and is potentially eligible to be a local landmark and has recently been determined eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.
The motion passed by the following vote:
The motion passed on a vote of (4-1) with Levitan abstaining.**

5. [07804](#)

Secretary's Report

- The Secretary pointed out the different style of meeting Minutes.
- Reminder of a special joint meeting with the Urban Design Commission on September 14, 2011.
- Steensland update - tour set for July 6, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. (not the previously scheduled 3:45 p.m.).
- Landmarks desire to review projects annually.
- Luther Memorial nomination comments will be prepared by staff and Slattery.
- Ordinance change re: land divisions related to historic properties will be coming to the Landmarks Commission soon.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Stephans, seconded by Rosenblum, to Adjourn at 6:45 p.m. The motion passed by voice vote/other.