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Meeting Minutes - Approved EMERSON EAST-EKEN PARK-YAHARA NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, February 11, 2015

6:30 PM

Bashford United Methodist Church
329 North Street

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - Arthur M. Hackett; Amy L. Klusmeier; Adrienne Sella; Douglas J. Buege;
Aaron E. Onsrud and Daniel S. Grubb

Excused: 1 - David A. Albino

City Alders and Staff: Alder Larry Palm, District 12, Alder Ledell Zellers, District 2; Linda Horvath, Ryan Jonely, Amy Scanlon, Heather Stouder, and Angela Puerta, City of Madison Planning & Community & Economic Development.

APPROVAL OF January 28, 2015 MINUTES

A motion was made by Grubb, seconded by Hackett, to Approve the January 28, 2015 Minutes. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

1. [32851](#) Plan Development

- History of Residential Architecture - Eken Park and Emerson East Neighborhoods
 - Anna Andrzejewski, U.W. Professor and local historian - many of the homes on Myrtle and Coolidge Sts. in the Eken Park Neighborhood were built by John Tilton after WWII, between approximately 1943 and 1948. Many original homeowners worked at Oscar Mayer, the French Battery Company and some of the machine and auto part shops on E. Washington Ave. The largest concentration of intact homes (minimal remodeling to change the original structure and building materials) are located on the 2200, 2300 and 2400 blocks of Coolidge and Myrtle Sts., between Packers Ave. and North St. Eken Park is a prominent feature of the neighborhood; it was gifted to the City in 1940.
 - Amy Scanlon, City of Madison Historic Preservation Planner - described the City's Historic District designation process, and how the SC could include a recommendation in the plan to preserve the historic character of residential architecture whether through a historic district or other measures. Amy would ask what features the community would like to preserve, followed by research of all properties in the proposed area to document all historic features. There would be a

public process to discuss the potential district with the neighborhood. A final step is writing an ordinance to formalize the historic district for review by the Landmarks Commission, and historic district designation by the Common Council.

- Heather Stouder, City of Madison Planner - described Neighborhood Conservation Districts (NCD) as a tool to preserve neighborhood character and identity. The NCD process is more resident driven than the historic district process. An NCD is another layer of zoning with requirements that are authored by the property owners. Affordability can be addressed through house and lot size. As a start, City staff could work with the neighborhoods to stage an NCD informational meeting for property owners and residents.
- Houses on E. Dayton and E. Mifflin could also be considered for preservation recommendations, and an NCD might be appropriate. City staff could follow-up with research and provide information to the SC for review and discussion.

Steering Committee Discussion

- SC is concerned about how to balance concerns of housing quality, functionality and affordability.
- SC requested that any housing recommendations promote energy efficiency.
- SC would like a requirement to maintain lot size.
- Some SC members think neighbors will be concerned about the additional regulations of historic and neighborhood conservation districts. Perhaps Eken Park and Emerson East Neighborhood Associations could discuss the possibility of establishing historic and conservation districts at upcoming meetings.
- SC is interested in possibly creating a plaque for Eken Park to describe the history of the area.

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Next Meeting

Staff will present draft conceptual site plan drawings created by Lunde Williams, LLC of the focus areas: North Street Neighborhood Mixed-Use Node and Commercial Corridor; Sherman/Yahara Neighborhood Site; and the Sherman/Fordem Gateway and Neighborhood Mixed-Use Node.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Hackett, seconded by Grubb, to Adjourn. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

Funding for the Emerson East-Eken Park-Yahara Neighborhood Plan project is supported by the City of Madison Department of Planning & Community & Economic Development, Community Development Block Grant and the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development.