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Meeting Minutes - Approved LANDMARKS COMMISSION

*Consider: Who benefits? Who is burdened?
Who does not have a voice at the table?
How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?*

Monday, May 23, 2022

5:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

Some or all members of the Landmarks Commission, applicants, or members of the public participated in the meeting remotely by teleconference or videoconference.

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Kaliszewski thanked Alder Arvina Martin for her service on the Landmarks Commission and noted that this would be her final meeting serving on the commission. Martin said that it was fitting that this was her last committee meeting as an alder.

Present: 4 - Arvina Martin; David W.J. McLean; Richard B. Arnesen and Katherine N. Kaliszewski

Excused: 1 - Maurice D. Taylor

1. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

A motion was made by Arnesen, seconded by McLean, to elect Kaliszewski as chair. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

A motion was made by McLean, seconded by Martin, to elect Arnesen as vice chair. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Arnesen, seconded by McLean, to Approve the May 9, 2022 Minutes. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

PUBLIC COMMENT

2. [60576](#) Landmarks Commission Public Comment Period

None

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

Related to item #5, McLean disclosed that he works at the UW-Madison Facilities Planning & Management - Physical Plant, but he does not work directly with the Facilities Planning & Management - Campus Planning and Landscape Management team who submitted this project. Also related to item #5, Kaliszewski disclosed that she formerly worked for the State Historic Preservation Office, which will review this project at the state level.

PUBLIC HEARING - REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

3. [70747](#) 1225 Spaight St - Demolition of an existing rear porch and construction of a new two-story rear porch addition in the Third Lake Ridge Hist. Dist.; 6th Ald. Dist.

Sandra Thistle, registering in support and wishing to speak

Leah Stargardter, registering in support and available to answer questions

This item was approved as a consent item with the finding that all applicable standards are adequately addressed and with all the staff recommendations contained in the report.

A motion was made by McLean, seconded by Martin, to Approve the request for the Certificate of Appropriateness. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

4. [68535](#) 917 E Mifflin St - Exterior Alteration to a Designated Madison Landmark (Breese Stevens Field) - Repair of masonry and relocation of south gate; 6th Ald. Dist.

Sarah Close, registering neither in support nor in opposition and wishing to speak

A motion was made by McLean, seconded by Arnesen, to Approve the request for the Certificate of Appropriateness with the conditions that updated plans showing the footings encompassing the full extent of the reconstructed pier, including the area covered in veneer, be submitted to staff; documentation and numbering of the stones on the existing piers be submitted to staff; a contractor meeting with staff take place to determine best course of action for converting the existing stones to serve as veneers; final specifications for method of connection of gates to the masonry piers be approved by staff; and explore preservation of full stones by creating a core to support them in their original placements rather than cutting stone for veneers. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

NEW BUSINESS

5. [71554](#) State Compliance Review

Aaron Williams, registering neither in support nor in opposition and available to answer questions

Scott Utter, registering in support and available to answer questions

A motion was made by McLean, seconded by Arnesen, to recommend to the Plan Commission that the buildings at 915 W Johnson Street and 917 W Johnson Street have historic value related to the vernacular landscape of larger educational campuses as late modern period institutional housing that is disappearing, but the buildings themselves are not significant. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

REGULAR BUSINESS**6. [68859](#) Secretary's Report - 2022**

Bailey said that the Landmarks Commission is a steward of cultural resources within the city, and many sites have a tribal affiliation, so it is important to evolve the program by enacting that stewardship and collaborating with tribal partners. She said that including a land acknowledgement at Landmarks Commission meetings would not mean that our work is done, but it would be part of the process as we continue to make sure we are fully engaging with our tribal partners in how we take care of our cultural resources. She shared draft land acknowledgement language that she developed with Alder Martin. She requested comments from the Landmarks Commission, and then will initiate formal tribal consultation. The language would then return to the Landmarks Commission for final approval.

McLean said that it is great that Bailey has identified this as something the Landmarks Commission should be doing. He said that when it comes to culturally-specific things that they may not be fully versed in, it is best to talk to people who know more than they do. He said that it is a great start but was glad to hear staff would be taking it to the tribal nation who could provide better language than them. Kaliszewski agreed.

Alder Martin thanked Bailey for approaching this as a starting point and making sure that it wasn't performative or exploitative, as some land acknowledgements can feel. She said that it is an acknowledgement of things that have happened here and a commitment to continue to grow the relationship with the Ho Chunk Nation. She said that including the language "as a peer" was important to her personally. She was glad they could come forward with this proposal that addresses things the Landmarks Commission finds important and is focused on partnership.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Arnesen, seconded by McLean, to Adjourn at 5:41 pm. The motion passed by voice vote/other.