



Legislation Text

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Fiscal Note

No appropriation is required.

Title

Creating an ad hoc committee to advise the Plan Commission and the Common Council about an appropriate vision and special area plan for the Lamp House block.

Body

WHEREAS, Frank Lloyd Wright is one of the twentieth century's greatest architects; and

WHEREAS, the Lamp House, built in 1903, is recognized as an outstanding example of his work; and

WHEREAS, the Lamp House was designed by Mr. Wright and deliberately placed at the center of the block with planned positioning in relation to the houses on the block; and

WHEREAS, the viewshed was an important aspect of the plan for the Lamp House; and

WHEREAS, the houses on the Webster Street block and the Mifflin Street block and much of the Butler Street block are as they were when the Lamp House was designed and built; and

WHEREAS, buildings designed Frank Lloyd Wright are known to be of significant value in drawing visitors and contribute to the stature of a city; and

WHEREAS, the block on which the Lamp House resides has not been considered in the context of a plan for the whole block, and

WHEREAS, there are a number of development proposals that would have significant impact on the setting and value of the Lamp House,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and the Common Council of the City of Madison do hereby create an ad hoc committee to advise the Plan Commission and the Common Council about an appropriate vision and special area plan for this important heritage block.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Committee shall consist of ~~seven (7)~~ eight (8) members, five (5) of whom shall be citizens and two (2) of whom shall be members of the Common Council. Of the five (5) citizen members, four (4) shall have significant knowledge about Frank Lloyd Wright, architecture and/or cultural resources, one (1) shall have downtown development knowledge, and one (1) shall be a neighborhood resident. The Committee will be staffed by the Planning Division to include the Preservation Planner.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that when the Plan Commission acts on a plan for the block, the committee will be dissolved.