

Dated: 3/25/2024

Additional Objection to the creation of the Grand Avenue Historic District file #231836

Per:

320-21 Historic Preservation Commission

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Upon conclusion of public hearing...the commission shall decide whether to deny the request for historic designation or recommend historic designation of the nominated structure, site or district to common council.

At the February 5, 2024 meeting of the commission they were considering a group of 5 properties to be historic. They were supposed to either say yes to that group of 5 after conclusion of public hearing. At the meeting they announced that the 5 did not qualify as a district. Those 5 properties were listed as: 3035 W Wisconsin Ave, 3121, 3127, 3133. Because this district did not qualify they decided against this district.

According to 320-021 (9)h If a nomination for historic designation is denied by the commission and not appealed to the common council pursuant to par. J, or denied by the common council, the commission shall not consider a re-nomination of the same structure, site or geographic area unless;

h-1 Two years have passed.

In violation of their rules or ordinance they bypassed h-1 and carved out a new district and re-nominated 3 properties in the first go around without waiting the required 2 years. The 3 properties that are required for them to wait 2 years before a new consideration for historic district include 3121, 3127, 3133. Procedurally they violated our rights.

320-21(9) e ...The common council shall adopt the recommendation of the commission UNLESS the owner or owners of the real property or structure that is the subject of the recommendations, or in the case of recommendation of a historic district, the owners of not less than 75% of the real estate parcels within the recommended district file a written objection to the designation with the city clerk not less than 48 hours prior to the committee's public hearing.

Attached are the signatures of all 5 of the owners of these properties rejecting the creation of this district.

In addition to the violations of their own rules the owners of these properties were never contacted to discuss this designation and instead were rail-roaded without the courtesy of a meeting or a phone call. This process is unfair and does not give owners due process nor time to try to understand how this designation affects them. Clearly this is a clandestine process that makes it clear that as a group of 85 partners who have renovated hundreds of inner city boarded up buildings in Milwaukee when no one else would touch them guarantees that we are through helping Milwaukee neighborhoods and will take our investment dollars to a different city that wants our help. I would ask the common council to

consider all of the boarded up buildings in these historic buildings and ask the Historic Preservation Commission what their plan will be to get Sherman Boulevard and Garden Homes District back on the tax roles. With this rail-road process there will be additional issues with the Near West Side, an already blighted Wisconsin Avenue.

I ask the common council to reject the designation of the Grand Avenue Historic District

Signed,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Roeker". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Mark Roeker

Eric Sobush

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Eric Sobush". The signature is written in a cursive style.