

Charlie Griffith

From: Dave Smart <dave.b.smart@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 2, 2019 7:00 AM
To: ljsalb@gmail.com; Charlie Griffith; Ald Cassandra Rodriguez; Ty Taylor
Subject: Application for Demolition of former County Health and Human Services building

To Members of the Waukesha Landmarks Commission,

The Grandview Resort/Moor Mud Baths (most recently the Waukesha County Health and Human Services) building embodies the early history of Waukesha. At one time nearly ten resorts graced the landscape. It is only one of two original resort buildings remaining in Waukesha.

I am writing this email as a former resident of Waukesha County as well as a family member of one of the original European settler families to the city of Waukesha. I implore you to deny the application for demolition in order to give time for the city of Waukesha, Waukesha County and a private developer to craft a plan for the future of the building.

To avoid confusion, I am not the David Smart operating Smart Realty in Waukesha. I managed the Clarke Hotel prior to Harp and Eagle purchasing it five years ago. I currently work for Destination KOHLER at The American Club. The American Club is a luxury resort housed in a building constructed in 1918, not long after the Grandview Resort was built in Waukesha.

I ask that you consider my email, along with the correspondence of other people who have contacted you urging denial of this demolition permit. Please also consider the new interest of the Waukesha Common Council to engage discussion on working with Waukesha County to find a new use for the building.

Once the building is gone, it is gone forever.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Smart

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From: Beth Hoefer <beth_hoefer@hotmail.com>
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Subject: Landmarks Commission Meeting re: Moor Mud Baths/Grandview Health Resort
Attachments: MoorDowns.pdf

Mr. Griffith, Ms. Rodriguez and Ms. Salb,

I am unable to attend tonight's meeting of the Landmarks Commission, but wish to comment on agenda ID#19-1327 - Landmarks Commission Certificate of Appropriateness for 500 Riverview Ave. Review a request to demolish the former Waukesha County Health and Human Services Building (Moor Mud Baths/Grandview Health Resort).

Please distribute my correspondence to all commission members.

Thank you,

Beth Hoefer-Jezo

October 2, 2019

Dear Members of the Waukesha Landmarks Commission.

I am writing you today asking that you vote NO to the request for a Certificate of Appropriateness for demolition of the former Waukesha County Health and Human Services Building (Moor Mud Baths/Grandview Health Resort) located at 500 Riverview Avenue. I have a particular interest in the preservation of this property because I was on the Landmarks Commission at the time of its designation as a Local Landmark in 2001. Since that time, the historic elements of the site have not changed. This designation was based on its status as the last intact resort within the city and therefore the demolition of the building will ultimately destroy the historic site.

Based on the Landmarks ordinance, the County must prove they made a good faith effort to sell the property to someone who would preserve this landmark site. It is important to note that since the Administrative Review Board released its Findings of Fact on February 14, 2017, which upheld the Landmarks Commission's decision that the county did not make a good faith effort to sell the property, no discernable action has been taken by the county to market this property to a potential buyer.

On September 17, 2019, the Common Council voted in favor of Agenda Item 19-1269, which allows the City Administrator and the City's Planning Staff to enter into talks with the county regarding the former Moor Mud Baths/Grandview Health Resort property. These discussions would include offering assistance with redevelopment and the potential for the city to acquire both the building and the Moor Downs Golf Course. It would be prudent to allow city of Waukesha officials the time to explore options with the County that would potentially save this historic structure. Therefore, the award of a Certificate of Appropriateness for demolition of Moor Mud Baths/Grandview Health Resort would be premature.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Beth Hoefer-Jezo
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