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The Board of the Marquette Neighborhood Association requests that you fill the Historic Preservation Planner staff position in the Planning Department as soon as possible. The expertise required of that position would ensure the smooth processing of requests for reviews by city staff, commissions, property owners and developers, alike.

Sara Ishado
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Our neighborhood has two historic districts, the Marquette Bungalow Historic District and the Third Lake Ridge Historic District, the largest historic district in Madison. These districts require knowledgeable and experienced staff to help craft solutions to proposals for alterations, additions and new construction.

David Hecht

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Support for the value of historic districts is provided by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, which has cited several studies stating that well-maintained historic districts help to maintain higher property values, as well as, a higher quality of environment. According to nationally renowned urban economist Donovan Rypkema, Madison's appeal is greatly based on the livability, appeal, and values of its historic neighborhoods.

Mariah Miller

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In recent months, the Historic Preservation Planner staff position was funded and previously supported by Planning and the Mayor's office.

Julie Spears

Anne Walker

Time is of the essence in hiring and training a new staffer in the work of the Planning Department and various commissions it serves. Please take the appropriate actions as soon as possible, and let us know the schedule.

We stand ready to offer the new staff a guided walk-through of the Marquette Neighborhood's historic districts and an orientation about the recent history of plans, improvements and trends.

Sincerely,

Scott B. Thornton, President
On behalf of the Board of Directors
Marquette Neighborhood Association

cc: MNA Board