

**June 21, 2024**

**TO:** Zoning Administrator, City of Naperville  
**CC:** Mayor, City Manager, City Council  
**FROM:** Lana and Katelyn Heitmanek, Beidelman's Furniture  
**RE:** A true landmark

As we have been told many times, our furniture store is one of the first buildings people notice when they enter downtown Naperville, especially if they are heading north.

The big brick building facing Washington Street houses a Centennial business, one that has been serving Naperville for more than 100 years. Attached on Jackson Avenue, the old workshop dates to the founding of our business in the 1860's.

In other words, the buildings comprise a true landmark. We are proud of our business and our buildings, which is why we would like the City of Naperville to designate them as an official landmark. We know the buildings, which opened in the 1860's and in 1928, would benefit from some renovation.

Landmark status would help us successfully apply for a variety of grants, loans and other financial advantages. But just as importantly, we are proud of our buildings and their place in Naperville history. We want them to continue in that role for many more years.

With some help from Naperville Preservation Inc., we have drafted a landmark request based on the criteria in the City's preservation ordinance. It is attached, along with drawings that show the building's potential. An architect who specializes in historic preservation has examined the buildings and assures its basic structural viability.

We understand that the next step in the process is for you to review the application. We look forward to your feedback and information on how to proceed. Thanks for your time and attention. We can be reached at 630-355-5770 or [beidelmanfurn@gmail.com](mailto:beidelmanfurn@gmail.com).

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