

# PLANNING DIVISION STAFF REPORT

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PREPARED FOR THE LANDMARKS COMMISSION



**Application Type:** DEMOLITION REVIEW

**Legistar File ID #** [81161](#)

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## Summary

### Relevant Ordinance Section:

28.185(7) Review for Historic Value. Every application for demolition or removal of a principal structure shall be reviewed by the Landmarks Commission, which shall provide input to the Building Inspection Division regarding the historic value of the property with the building or structure proposed for demolition or removal.

- (a) If the Landmarks Commission determines that the property with the proposed demolition or the structure proposed for removal has no known historic value, the demolition or removal may be approved administratively under sub. (8)(b) below, provided that at least one of the standards for administrative approval have been met.
- (b) If the Landmarks Commission determines that the property with the proposed demolition or the structure proposed for removal has historic value, then the Plan Commission shall approve the demolition or removal under sub. (9) below, after considering input from the Landmarks Commission.
- (c) Nothing in this subsection eliminates the requirement in MGO Secs. [41.09](#)(1)(c) and [41.12](#)(3) that the demolition of landmark structures or structures in historic districts must also be approved by the Landmarks Commission through the issuance of a Certificate of Appropriateness.

### 2008 Waunona Way

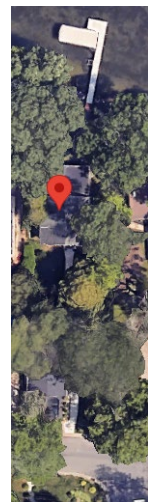
Single-family home constructed in 1906.



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**Applicant:** Aaron Wiskia, Property Revival

**Applicant's Comments:** We will need to demolish the street-facing façade of the residence to accommodate the addition.

**Staff Findings:** There is no preservation file. This property is located within the boundary of the Icaria human burial site (DA-1404, BDA-0610), and any ground-disturbing activities will need to secure a Request to Disturb from the Wisconsin Historical Society. We also recommend that the property owner send notification to the Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Historic Preservation Office when they submit the Request to Disturb.

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends a finding of no known historic value for the structure, but the site is significant for the human burial site associated with the Ho-Chunk people.