From:

Wolf, Karin

Sent:

Wednesday, November 11, 2009 4:21 PM

To:

'Jonbecker@aol.com'; Stouder, Heather; thetrust@madisontrust.org;

cetortor@facstaff.wisc.edu; Schumacher, Michael; Cnare, Rebecca; annwaid@sbcglobal.net;

Murphy, Brad; 'John Robinson (jrobinson@madisonchildrensmuseum.org)'; 'Brenda Baker'

Subject:

RE: historical import of Northside WWII manufactured home

Attachments:

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3.JPG; northside\_prefab\_house\_4.JPG; northside\_prefab\_house\_5.JPG

Hello Jon et al,

Thank you, Jon, for taking the time to write this very thoughtful email about the historical import of this Northside WWII manufactured home.

Creating a survey of historically significant buildings is often included in Cultural Planning efforts and would certainly be a helpful document to refer to in situations like this one. Similarly, we have a conservation report that identifies public sculptures in Madison, reports on their condition, and prioritizes their need for maintenance and repair. I refer to that document regularly (thus prioritizing the Statue of Liberty for our next major repair).

While it is out of the scope of this cultural planning process to look at the City's historic architecture, it may very well be a recommendation within the Cultural Plan to conduct a survey of historically significant homes as a next step. Jason Tish is on the steering committee for the Cultural Plan so I will rely on him to carry that goal forward if appropriate.

I have to say that after a site visit to the home in question today I felt quite discouraged. The form of the house appears to be the only faded remnant of its former "glory" and even that has been modified. I peered inside and did not see any original fixtures. The place is in very poor condition, not at all the exemplar of this model of post war housing that I was hoping to see. I am attaching pictures I took today to show you what I saw.

Thanks for including me in this very important discussion.

Best, Karin

From: Jonbecker@aol.com [mailto:Jonbecker@aol.com]

Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2009 11:26 PM

To: Stouder, Heather; thetrust@madisontrust.org; Wolf, Karin; cetortor@facstaff.wisc.edu; Schumacher, Michael; Cnare,

Rebecca; annwaid@sbcglobal.net; Murphy, Brad

Cc: Jonbecker@aol.com

Subject: Re: historical import of Northside WWII manufactured home

Hello all,

The WI Vets Museums Director this morning responded to my weekend email. He regrets that his organization at the present time does not have the resources to handle the opportunity. (He referred me to a specific staff member at WI Historical Society; I have not yet heard back from WHS.) He also made the point that a survey of historically significant buildings in the city/county needs to be done, followed by prioritization (this would typically be part of the resource inventory in the initial stages of a City's cultural plan; Karin is organizing Madison's first cultural plan this year). When communicating with both these organizations I did raise the idea of rooftop relocation, using the Children's Museum example, as Jason has also suggested.

Today I was able to reach a friend who is a key player in the local trades; he's a retired master steamfitter, who also is a Marine vet, with Vietnam War service. He may be able to help assemble in-kind trades resources for expert

deconstruction, removal, and temporary relocation, as well as renovation. One possible partner I've thought of for this stage of the project could be the MATC small-house apprentice construction program on Commercial @ Packers; there's a fine custom sheet metal company in that vicinity as well. Unfortunately, my friend is in New Orleans until Sunday, doing volunteer work on housing. Life and communications down there may soon get complicated, with the approach of Hurricane Ida. But he is brainstorming this opportunity while there, and may be able to be back in touch this week by cell or email. He will definitely be back next week in Madison, where he lives on the northside. I have sent him all the images of the building.

Thanks to this exhange of communications, we already now know that:

- \* Two experts, historical (Ann) and building preservation (Jason), find this building of possible significance. Jason points out that it is comparable to other buildings that have been deemed worthy of restoration (coincidentally I have a jazz singer friend, Janet Planet, who lives in an unrestored but like-new Lustron home in Oshkosh... it's a beauty!). Unlike the typical occupied trailer home, this building is perhaps the last of its kind, and has social/community meaning.
- \* From Karin's note, it seems possible that, if this building was restored and gifted, the Children's Museum might accept it (that'd be a great location, near the Vets Museum). So one can infer that, given adequate time, a receiver will be found.
- \* Given time, there also may be expert in-kind trades help for dismantling, storage, and perhaps even restoration.

None of this is at odds at all with embracing the builder of the new home. Might even reduce or eliminate his mandated recyling costs, working with George Dreckman, as Heather points out. What I see is a possible WIN-WIN-WIN developing... hugs all around.

Now I'd like to clarify a few things.

As Char pointed out, this building is not in Lake View Hill NA, but rather in a nearby area that does not have an NA. The LVHNA listserve, where Char posted the request for input reaches about 30 folks (at least that was situation when I was an LVHNA board officer, with Char, last year; participation is modest at best, with more than 3-4 responses per issue being a real firestorm! It is not surprising therefore that there have been few responses to this post. Nor is it surprising that respondents favor removal of the building, to allow construction of a new house (so do I!). None of the LVHNA listserve participants has historical preservation background except me, in so far as I know. It is also therefore not surprising that many folks from the LVHNA have taken an interest in the idea of preservation of an old "quonset hut" slated for recycling. [My expertise is however not in architecture but in music; I just completed coordination of an international project for the restoration and recording of a major American opera that will be released on CD next year. The basic issues involved with restoration of an opera, or a building, or a marsh for that matter-- I helped found Friends of Cherokee Marsh--- are however, actually quite similar.]

During 2006-8, I organized several northside history presentations by Ann Waidelich, who is a retired MPLS Central librarian, trained in research; while Ann may not have a history degree she is no slouch. She is one of a few folks who have in-depth knowledge of the northside's history. She has taken a special interest in its buildings, from residential to commercial to institutional to agricultural. I remembered Ann saying that this WWII building was probably the last of its kind, had a local connection and therefore should be preserved if possible. So I contacted her when the issue came to my attention last week. I wanted to make sure I remembered her position correctly, before investing my time and energy in the matter.

I follow all the usual listserves on the northside, and read every issue of the Northside News. I myself was in the market for a house around 2005 (eventually buying on the northside). I recently helped a nephew search for housing in this part of the city. I have never seen a notice that this structure was for sale for \$1! But I do hope the current owner will make it available for that amount if its controlled removal for restoration indeed proves possible.

I appreciate the chance to work with interested other to try finding a solution that will please all, including the builder. I ask City staff to keep the relevant parties informed, while I await further word from New Orleans. Let's avoid the building being recycled accidentally or prematurely. If that can be guaranteed through the recyling plan & demolition permit process, I'm okay with that. Otherwise, please have the matter referred back to Landmarks.

Best Ion

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P.S. As for that opera... I was told it was missing, but found almost all of it... then I was told it couldn't be restored, or wasn't worth restoring, by some. The opera was however restored, and this MAY recorded by acclaimed conductor Marin Alsop, directing six internationally acclaimed singers, the Royal Scottish National Orchestra & Chorus, with production by Abbey Road Studios, for release in 2010 on Albany Records. A concert or staged performance is under consideration by Sir Andrew Davis, music director of Chicago Lyric Opera. And opera lovers are eager to hear it:

http://usopera.com/composers/collins.html

http://usopera.com/recs/index.html

Perhaps the Northport building will enjoy the same trajectory.

In a message dated 11/10/09 12:13:43 PM, HStouder@cityofmadison.com writes:

### Good afternoon-

Due to the recent communication regarding the potential to relocate the home in an effort to preserve some of its unique historic attributes, I wanted to take an opportunity to clarify a few items regarding the approval process for the demolition request at 1010 Northport Drive, to be heard by the Plan Commission next Monday.

Based on submitted plans, it appears as though the standards for demolition approval can be met with the request. However, Plan Commission approval would not *preclude* the relocation of the structure.

Among many other requirements, Madison General Ordinance Section 28.12 requires that a recycling and reuse plan is submitted and approved by the City's recycling coordinator, George Dreckmann, prior to the issuance of a demolition permit. In the case of the demolition request at 1010 Northport Drive, these plans have not yet been submitted, and would be required to be submitted at a later date as a condition of Plan Commission approval (this order of events is very common with demolition requests). If the property owner, Paul Ziebarth, and an interested "receiving" property, were to work out a deal for the relocation of the structure, the relocation plan could certainly be submitted as the recycling and reuse plan for 1010 Northport Drive.

Importantly, depending on the location and zoning district of potential "receiving" properties, an additional review process by the Plan Commission and/or other Commissions may be required (e.g. it's relocation to a Park would require review by the Parks Commission, and it's relocation to a property like the Children's Museum would require several reviews, similar to the approval process for the log cabin.) This approval process, if required, could significantly impact the timeline of the relocation of the structure.

As with all demolition requests, the Plan Commission will carefully consider the issues raised in their decision on whether or not to approve the demolition request, and under what conditions. At this point, the poor condition of the structure, lack of an interest by the property owner, and lack of interest by any owner of a "receiving" property make

it difficult for staff to recommend relocation as a condition of approval for the demolition request.

If I can help to answer any further questions regarding the approval process or the Plan Commission meeting, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Best-

Heather

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In a message dated 11/10/09 1:54:05 PM, KWolf@cityofmadison.com writes:

Hi Jason et al,

I like the way you are thinking about this. I did bring that idea up with Brenda Baker, Director of Exhibitions for MCM, and while she found the idea intriguing, she explained that the museum is not currently in a position to take on this prefab house and probably wouldn't be able to consider it for another couple of years. They wouldn't be able to pay for storage until they could find a way to incorporate it either.

Thanks, Karin

From: thetrust madisontrust.org [mailto:thetrust@madisontrust.org]

Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2009 10:50 AM

To: Wolf, Karin; cetortor@facstaff.wisc.edu; Schumacher, Michael; Stouder, Heather; Cnare, Rebecca; Jonbecker@aol.com; annwaid@sbcglobal.net

Subject: RE: historical import of Northside WWII manufactured home

Hi Everyone-

Has anyone explored the idea of moving this house to the new Children's Museum as an exhibit along with their log house? I realize it's in poor condition, but it's small, and its simple construction would make it relatively inexpensive to restore.

It's an interesting house in that it tells the story of the incredible need for housing after WWII when hundreds of thousands of soldiers returned home and married and had kids. There aren't many individual buildings that tell that story - there are neighborhoods, but this house has the additional interest of being a prefabricated house.

Prefabrication, although developed as early as the 1920s, was employed on a wide scale after the war to address the housing crisis. Its a major 20th century innovation in housing design, and became more significant after the war.

There is precedent for prefab construction being designated under historic preservation ordinances. Lustron prefab houses, manufactured for only a year or so (around 1948) in Columbus, OH are commonly listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Eggiman House, a prefab house on S. Shore Drive in Madison, is listed as a Madison Landmark because of its prefab design.

## <u>-Jason</u>

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On Mon, Nov 9, 2009 at 10:10 AM, Wolf, Karin <KWolf@cityofmadison.com> wrote:

Did you see this one?

karin

----Original Message----

From: Stouder, Heather

Sent: Monday, November 09, 2009 9:58 AM

To: Cnare, Rebecca; Wolf, Karin

Subject: FW: RE: historical import of Northside WWII manufactured home (2x)

FYI- So far as I know, Mr. Becker's concerns about the structure at 1010 Northport are not echoed by the neighborhood association or others (see e-mail below from the LVHNA President).

Apologies for the volume of communication on this one.

### **Heather**

----Original Message----

From: CHARLENE ELLEN TORTORICE [mailto:cetortor@facstaff.wisc.edu]

Sent: Monday, November 09, 2009 9:42 AM

To: Stouder, Heather

Cc: michael@michaelschumacher.us

Subject: Re: RE: historical import of Northside WWII manufactured home (2x)

### Heather--

Only Jon from LVHNA has expressed interst in the house through the Association listsery. The librarian who gave the northside presentation that Jon and I must have both attended and heard that she felt the house was a gem, is not

in our catchment area so must have received the e-mail some other way. Of the other two who weighed in, one lives down the block on Northport so is immediately affected and she supports the demolition; the other is the President of Friends of LakeView Hill who does not feel it should be relocated to a conservancy but did say she didn't oppose moving it to Warner Park by the statue if it had military significance (which it doesn't) and if someone put up the money. I support the demolition. I think it would be very odd in Warner Park and take up green space —and not appropriate since its cache is that it is a locally manufactured home that is no longer in production (so are many of the homes in trailer courts and no one is saying they need to be preserved when they outlive their purpose). I am a bit concerned that the property has been for sale/rent/rent with the option to buy, and I even heard at one time you could buy it for \$1 if you moved it, for at least a year and no one came forward — now, at the 11th hour, there is an objection. If it was so unique, why didn't someone act sooner? I would hate to have the contractor get discouraged and take his plan off the table. The city did a market survey last year and the perception of the northside was that it was pretty run down. Not true but properties like 1010 Northport contribute to that perception and we need to support and embrace folks who are willing to address neglected buildings.

## Char

---- Original Message ----

Date: Monday, November 9, 2009 8:24 am

From: "Stouder, Heather" < HStouder@cityofmadison.com>

Subject: RE: historical import of Northside WWII manufactured home (2x)

To: "'Jonbecker@aol.com'" < Jonbecker@aol.com> Cc: "Cnare, Rebecca" < RCnare@cityofmadison.com>, "Schumacher, Michael" < district18@cityofmadison.com>, "'cetortor@facstaff.wisc.edu'" <cetortor@facstaff.wisc.edu> > Good morning Jon-> The acting Historic Preservation Planner, Rebecca Cnare, is aware of > your interest in the historic aspects of the structure as I've > forwarded communication from you to her and other staff. > In this case, Planning Division staff will be recommending approval > of the demolition request. While we would certainly support a > relocation of the structure, we are unaware of any interest from > potential "receiving" properties, and do not believe that the > structure warrants a relocation requirement. No formal requests for > referral by LVHNA have been received to date, although I've included > Char on this e-mail just to make sure that is the case. The current condition of the home, and more importantly the previous > additions and alterations to it, may make a relocation impractical. > Here is a link to photos of the structure (submitted with the > application) for your review, which better show its condition than > what can be seen from the street. > http://www.cityofmadison.com/planning/projects/reports/1010nd\_photos.pdf > If you are aware of an interest from Lake View Hill Park or another > potential receiving property, I suggest you contact the property owner > Paul Ziebarth, to discuss it. If Mr. Ziebarth were to be interested > in pursuing it, he could either request a referral to a future meeting > date, or simply revise his reuse and recycling plan following next > Monday's Plan Commission meeting, assuming the Plan Commission > approves the request. Also, if you as an individual would like to submit comments for

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> Sent: Saturday, November 07, 2009 6:55 PM
> To: Stouder, Heather
> Subject: Fwd: historical import of Northside WWII manufactured home (2x)
> Hello Heather
  It would be reassuring to hear from you, as requested on NOV 2, thanks.
<u>≥</u>
> Best
> Jon
  In a message dated 11/2/09 8:27:10 PM, Jonbecker writes:
  Hello Heather,
  All this sounds good.
  Who was the historic preservationist that reviewed the demolition
 > request? Was that person aware of the quonset hut's local
 > manufacturing history?
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> Best
> Ion
   In a message dated 11/2/09 9:47:50 PM, annwaid@sbcglobal.net writes:
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In a message dated 11/2/09 2:32:55 PM, cetortor@facstaff.wisc.edu writes:
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From:

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Sent:

Monday, November 09, 2009 9:51 AM Stouder, Heather; Jonbecker@aol.com

To: Cc:

Cnare, Rebecca; Schumacher, Michael; cetortor@facstaff.wisc.edu; Wolf, Karin;

Kwitek@co.dane.wi.us; annwaid@sbcglobal.net

Subject:

Re: historical import of Northside WWII manufactured home (2x)

Hello Heather,

Thank you for that information.

It was my understanding that LVHNA's president had been informed of the demolition request specifically to allow neighbors to weigh in on the matter, for consideration and followup by the City.

Already we have learned from historical researcher Ann Waidelich that this building is not a quonset hut, as it was mistakenly identified (by the builder? by City staff?), but rather a manufactured building with significant historical import as an artifact of Northside entrepreneurialism and perhaps the last physical example in Madison of a type of post-WWII veterans housing. This information apparently was not available when the matter came before the City's Landmarks committee.

Since you write that Ms. Cnare and City planning staff now have this information, I'm a bit surprised that approval of the demolition request is not at least being suspended. That would allow interested parties to investigate the possibility of the building's preservation and perhaps even to identify a potential receiver, as you have proposed.

Unfortunately, I have already committed to participate in several other public hearings or meetings during the coming two weeks, and also have job and family health-related commitments as well. I'm not sure I can provide testimony on such short notice, or attempt to contact the builder, while also investigating potential receivers, as you have requested (and as might have been investigated by Landmarks, if they had more information about the building).

So I request that City staff work directly with Mr. Ziebarth to suspend action on the demolition approval request (this is not a task for an individual citizen such as myself). For instance, on Monday, Planning staff, with Mr. Ziebarth's informed consent, could recommend the matter referred back to Landmarks and any other relevant committees for a month.

My input is not that of an expert anyway. Staff should certainly include in the Plan Commission's pre-meeting packet what has already been provided by an expert: Ms. Waidelich information and the WHS 1946 photos.

As time permits, I'm willing to help find a receiver.

#### POTENTIAL RECEIVERS

It is gratifying to know that City staff will support relocation by an interested receiver. Thank you!

LVHNA almost certainly will not be interested in receiving the structure, although I have had no response from Char about scheduling a public meeting, as invited by Alder Schumacher and then requested by me. With notice having been provided so late, and after Planning staff, Landmarks, and the alder had already had made decisions, and with the Planning commission vote looming on Monday of next week, is there really time to notice and hold such a public meeting, and still expect useful input? Moreover, this sort of historical effort lies far outside the expertise and capacities of LVHNA, as it would for most neighborhood groups; it is a matter for experts. So probaby this potential receiver can be erlimiated from consideration.

Dane Count Parks Planner Sara Kwitek has confirmed that the recently completed LVHP master plan does not provide for inclusion of this structure, and that the county is therefore not interested in receiving it. This potential receiver can also be erlimiated from consideration.

Karin Wolf has been in on these communications; I trust her to ascertain City arts/cultual or parks interest in the

building. I hope to hear from her early this week.

Last night I queried by email the directors of the Wisconsin Historical Society and the Wisconsin Veterans Museums to ascertain their interest in the buildig. I have this morning forwarded to them you link to the "current conditions" photos, which will help inform their reflections on this opportunity.

It's my hope that the WHS or DVM, if interested, will be able to respond quickly enough to allow expert removal of the building before Thanksgiving, while we are still experiencing this unusually warm weather.

If, on the other hand, WHS and WVM directors indicate there's no interest, I will let you know straight away. Remaining hearings, demolition, and recycling could then proceed as scheduled.

### IN CONCLUSION

Let me be clear that I have no desire to <u>unduly</u> delay Mr. Ziebarth's worthy effort to provide new housing stock in this "infill" location, especially since he is one of those builders who knows the value of old growth trees (last time I checked, each mature tree worth \$10-20,000 in added property value, perhaps more if native species). I would hope that such an enlightened builder will be open to the idea of allowing 30 days for due diligence in response to the City's request for citizen input and help. I hope you can convince him of the merits of that approach.

Best Jon 242-8525

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Sincerely,

Heather Stouder, AICP Planner, Planning Division City of Madison Department of Planning & Community & Economic Development

From: Sent: To: Ann Waidelich [annwaid@sbcglobal.net] Monday, November 02, 2009 10:01 PM CHARLENE ELLEN TORTORICE

Cc:

Jon Becker; lvhna@yahoogroups.com; michael@michaelschumacher.us;

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Subject:

Kwitek@co.dane.wi.us; Stouder, Heather; RCnare@cithofmadison.com Re: historical import of Northside WWII manufactured home (quonset hut)

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Ann Waidelich

Society web site:

On Nov 2, 2009, at 2:32 PM, CHARLENE ELLEN TORTORICE wrote:

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> To: lvhna@yahoogroups.com, cetortor@facstaff.wisc.edu
> Cc: michael@michaelschumacher.us, annwaid@sbcglobal.net,
> thetrust@madisontrust.org, kwolf@cityofmadison.com,
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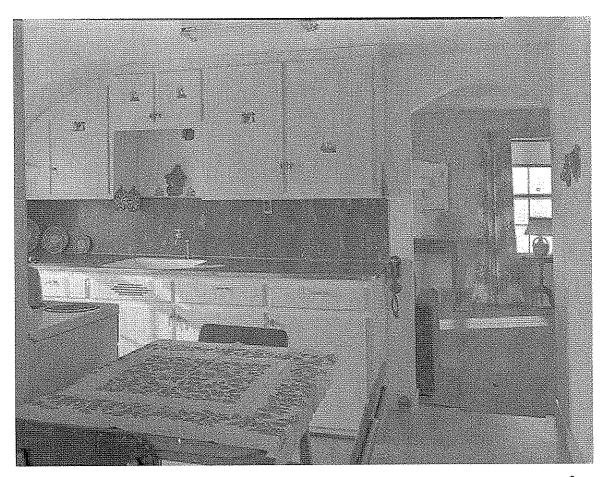
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>> Thanks for that clarification Michael. As a hunt-n-peck typist, I can
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    commiserate with your digital limitations!
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    Char, please make a formal request to Michael, City Planning, and
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>> others as needed, on behalf of LVHNA.
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>> Lake View Hill Park (when I was President) about relocating it to
>> LVH Park,
                            repurposing it for use by the Friends there,
>> perhaps restoring and
>> while also
>> preserving the history of the Northside. I'm not sure if that idea
>> made it into the park's new master plan, but that plan does have a
>> primary emphasis on preservatio of historical featurs, so perhaps
>> there'd be interest from county parks in hosting the Klinke house.
>> (Copying Sue Gleason FOLCHP
>>
    president and county parks planning staff for that reason.)
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>>
>> Given the interest in restoration of the Warner Park copy of the
>> Statue of Liberty, I'm also copying Karin Wolf, City arts staffer.
>>
    Again, if the preservation/historical folks say demolition is okay,
>>
 >> then that's fine by me too.
 >>
 >> Sometimes photographic preservation is the most cost-effective
              and these days it also can be done in a way that allows a
 >> approach,
 >> 3-D virtual
 >>
     experience of the structure by future generations.
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 >>
     Best,
    Jon
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    In a message dated 10/30/09 10:56:57 AM,
 >>
 >> michael@michaelschumacher.us writ
 >>
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 >>>
 >>> This demolition request will come before the Plan Commission on
 >> November
 >>> 16 for approval. Thus far my approval of the demolition permit
 >> involved
 >>> allowing it to proceed to neighborhood notification and the
 >> Commission. In my
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>>> previous email I did not elaborate on this since typing on a
>> BlackBerry
>>> isn't easy.
>>>
>>> I'm willing to refer this matter to a Commission meeting in
>> December if
>>> LVHNA makes a formal request and clearly stipulates reasons that
>> identify
>>> negative impacts on the community. This demolition request, to my
>> knowledge,
>>> does not involve any zoning variances and the owner is merely
>> rebuilding a
>>> house. We will probably see more of these in the future given the
>>> conditions of many of the houses on Northport.
>>>
>>> I will be back in town on Tuesday and gladly meet with LVHNA.
>>>
>>> Okay, now my fingers are sore from texting.
>>>
>>> Michael
>>> Michael Schumacher
>>> Sent by BlackBerry
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>>
   From: jonbecker@aol.com
>>
    Date: Fri, 30 Oct 2009 11:05:32 EDT
>>
   To: <lvhna@yahoogroups.com>
>>
   Cc: <michael@michaelschumacher.us>; <thetrust@madisontrust.org>
>>
    Subject: Re: [lvhna] Planning Division notification
>>
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     Hmmm... we're asked to provide feedback to the neighborhood
>>
>> president, for use by City planning, but the matter seems to have
>> already been decided by Michael?
>>
   Between those two comunications late last night, I forwarded the
>>
>> Char's query to our local preservation experts (thetrust@madisontr
>> Between
>>
    I would now ask that Micahel put a hold on the demolition permit
>>
>> pending the Trust's input.
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   If the experts sign off on the demolition, and this manufactured
>>
>> housing produced by the Klinke's for post-WWII vets is deemed not
>> historically signifacnt, then demolition is fine.
>>
    I do appreciate the effort to require recycling Michael.
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    In a message dated 10/29/09 11:33:19 PM, michael@michaelschu In a
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>> message dat
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   Hi everyone. As a plan commissioner I just dealt with recycling of
>>
>> such materials. They now must be recycled and cannot be taken to
>> landfills.
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   I recently approved the demolition permit due to the poor condition
>>
>> of the house.
    If you need more info let know.
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>>
   Michael
   Michael Schumacher
>>
    Sent by BlackBerry
>>
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>>
>> From: jonbecker@aol. Fr
    Date: Thu, 29 Oct 2009 22:21:33 EDT
   To: <cetortor@facstaff.cetortor>; <lvhna@yahoogroups.lvh>
>>
    Subject: Re: [lvhna] Planning Division notification
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    sure, thanks
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    In a message dated 10/29/09 2:04:12 PM, cetortor@facstaff. In a
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>> message da
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    Jon--
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    Did you want me to forward this message to Planning?
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>>
    ---- Original Message -----
>>
>> From: jonbecker@aol. Fr
    Date: Thursday, October 29, 2009 9:48 am
>>
    Subject: Re: [lvhna] Planning Division notification
>>
    To: lvhna@yahoogroups. To
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>>
>>> Suggest controlled deconstruction, allowing anyone with interest in
      historical aspects to relocat/restore/ historical asp
>>>
>>> city-planning/ city-plann
      contact the preservation folks to see if they can provide
>>> assistance/funding
>>>
      for same?
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      At the very least, should be deconstructed for recycling of
>>>
>>> materials, not
      demolished and landfilled.
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      In a message dated 10/28/09 6:08:50 PM, erlandsen@aol. In a mess
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      > Thanks, Char! Nice to hear about this in advance - I'm all for
>>>
>>> demolition
      > myself.
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         Dana
      >
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>>>
      > ----Original Message-----
>>>
      > From: CHARLENE ELLEN TORTORICE <cetortor@facstaff.cetortor>
>>>
>>>
      > To: lvhna@yahoogroups. To
      > Sent: Wed, Oct 28, 2009 12:51 pm
>>>
      > Subject: [lvhna] Planning Division notification
>>>
>>>
          As president of LVHNA, I received a copy of a Land Use
>>> Application that
      > proposes to demolish 1010 Northport Dr. (the 750 sf "quonset"
>>>
>>> house) and
      > build a 1500 sf 3 bedroom 2 bath 2 car garage single story home
>>>
>> on
>>> the site.
      > I know that the house may be the last of a dying "architectural
>>> style" but
      > it has been vacant for over a year, has serious leakage problems
>>> and all
      > interior "ammenities" have been removed (furnace, counters,
>>> toilet, sinks,
      > trim, doors). It is an eyesore. I see no reason to oppose this
>>> plan but
      > anyone is welcome to contact Heather Stouder at 266-4635
>>>
      > Note: The contractor, Paul Ziebarth, will site the house and
>>>
>>> garage to
      > preserve 3 of the 4 mature trees on the lot.
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      >
      > Char
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>>
    Yahoo! Groups Links
>>
    <*> To visit your group on the web, go to:
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Historic photo of similar home built by GBH-Way Company in Walnut. IL

From:

Jonbecker@aol.com

Sent:

Thursday, November 12, 2009 10:08 AM

To:

Stouder, Heather; thetrust@madisontrust.org; Wolf, Karin; cetortor@facstaff.wisc.edu;

Schumacher, Michael; Cnare, Rebecca; annwaid@sbcglobal.net; Murphy, Brad

Subject:

Update: Northside WWII manufactured home (WHS response; possible receiver)

FYI, WHS response below. Their funding program may be useful, at some point. I let Mr. Stevens know that Jason is already aware of the opportunity.

I have been provided a lead on another possible receiver, affiliated with the armed servics, and hope to investigate that today or tomorrow.

No word from New Orleans yet.

Best, Jon

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Dear Mr. Becker:

Thank you for your e-mail of yesterday regarding a property at 1010 Northport Drive in Madison. The Society does not have the resources to acquire and preserve additional buildings. The best tool that we currently have for preserving residences with historic significance are federal and state historic preservation tax credits. Our staff is ready to work with property owners who wish to use these credits by helping ensure that they qualify. Information on the credits is available at http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/hp/architecture/

You may wish to talk with others in the Madison historic preservation community, such as the Madison Trust for Historic Preservation <a href="http://www.madisontrust.org/">http://www.madisontrust.org/</a> That group does not acquire historic buildings but does advocacy and promotion of historic preservation in the city.

Thank you for your interest in preserving part of our history. I am sorry that I can't be of more direct assistance.

Michael E. Stevens State Historic Preservation Officer and Administrator Wisconsin Historical Society