

PLANNING DIVISION STAFF REPORT

February 11, 2019



PREPARED FOR THE LANDMARKS COMMISSION

Application Type: DEMOLITION REVIEW
Legistar File ID #: 54302
Prepared By: Heather Bailey, Preservation Planner
Date prepared: February 5, 2019

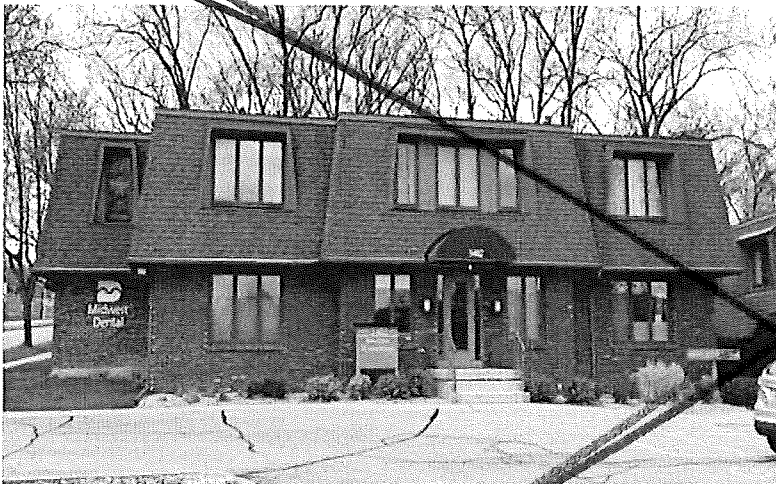
Summary

Relevant Ordinance section:

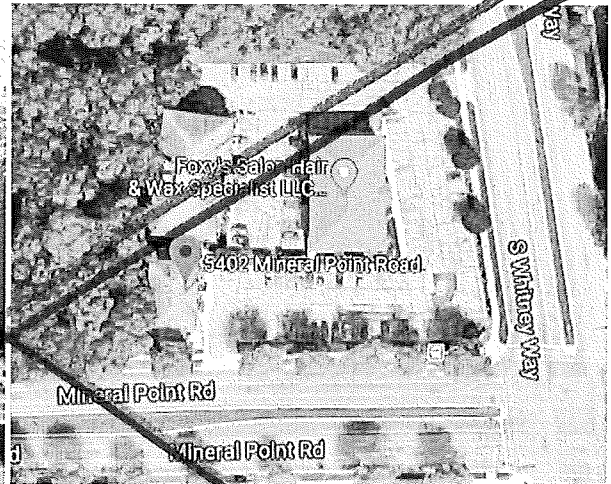
28.185(7)4. The Plan Commission shall consider the report of the City's historic preservation planner regarding the historic value of the property as well as any report submitted by the Landmarks Commission.

5402 Mineral Point Rd

Commercial building constructed in 1976.



City Assessor's Office



Google Earth

Applicant: Steve Harms, Tri-North Builders

Applicant's Comments: Waiver from Alder for less than 30 days via email, can be submitted.

Staff Findings: A preservation file for this property does not exist.

330 S Whitney Way

Commercial building constructed in 1979.



City Assessor's Office



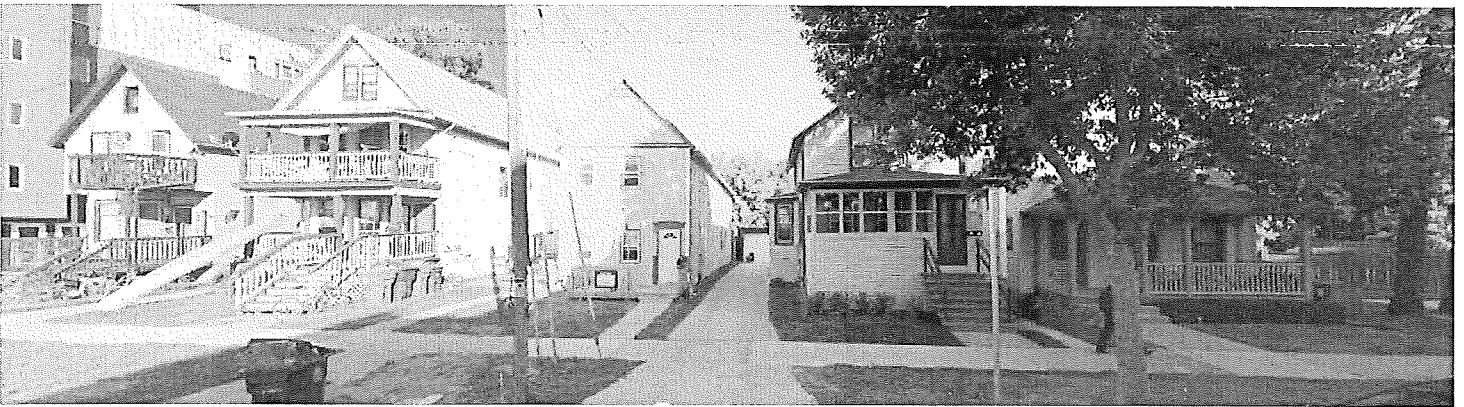
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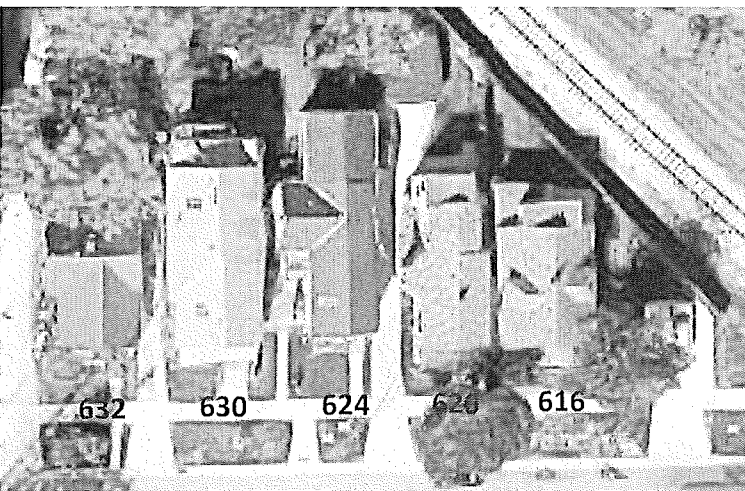
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Staff Findings: A preservation file for this property does not exist.

632, 630, 624, 620, and 616 W Wilson St



Bing Street View



Google Street View

632 W Wilson St

Two-unit residential building constructed in 1904.



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Applicant: Bruce Bosben, Wilson 600 LLC

Applicant's Comments: N/A

Staff Findings: A preservation file for this property does not exist.

630 W Wilson St

Two-unit residential building constructed in 1904.



Bing Street View



Google Earth

Applicant: Bruce Bosben, Wilson 600 LLC

Applicant's Comments: N/A

Staff Findings: A preservation file for this property does not exist.

624 W Wilson St

Two-unit residential building constructed in 1899.



Bing Street View



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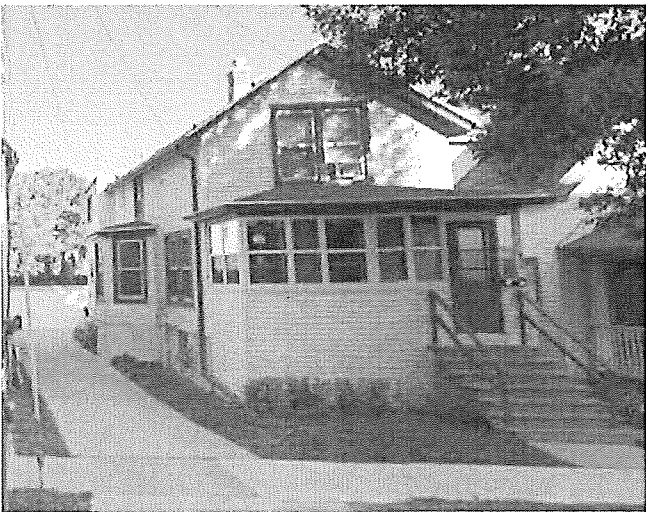
Applicant: Bruce Bosben, Wilson 600 LLC

Applicant's Comments: N/A

Staff Findings: A preservation file for this property does not exist.

620 W Wilson St

Single family home constructed in 1884.



Bing Street View



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Applicant: Bruce Bosben, Wilson 600 LLC

Applicant's Comments: N/A

Staff Findings: A preservation file for this property does not exist.

616 W Wilson St

Single family home constructed in 1901.



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Applicant: Bruce Bosben, Wilson 600 LLC

Applicant's Comments: N/A

Staff Findings: The preservation file for this property indicates that it was constructed in 1900 as the Valentine Russ House and was designed by Claude and Starck.

303 Potter St

Single family home constructed in 1904.



Google Street View



Google Earth

Applicant: Sara Eskrich

Applicant's Comments: Please accept this formal notice of our intent to apply for a demo permit to replace a single-family home at 303 Potter Street.

Staff Findings: A preservation file for this property does not exist.

AGENDA # 8

City of Madison, Wisconsin

REPORT OF: LANDMARKS COMMISSION	PRESENTED: 2/11/19	
TITLE: Buildings Proposed for Demolition - 2019	REFERRED:	
	REREFERRED:	
	REPORTED BACK:	
AUTHOR: Heather Bailey, Preservation Planner	ADOPTED:	POF:
DATED: 2/18/19	ID NUMBER: 54302	

Members present were: Stuart Levitan, Anna Andrzejewski, Richard Arnesen, David McLean, and Marsha Rummel. Excused was Katie Kaliszewski.

SUMMARY:

Commissioners discussed a letter submitted by Gary Tipler, which included historical information about the Valentine Russ House at 616 W Wilson St and its connections to architects Claude and Starck, who designed the house. In discussion of the grouping of all five houses on W Wilson St, the Commission considered it an extensive loss to vernacular housing, and also noted the absence of a submitted plan for future use.

ACTION:

By unanimous consent, the Landmarks Commission voted to recommend to the Plan Commission that the buildings at 632 W Wilson St, 630 W Wilson St, 624 W Wilson St, 620 W Wilson St, and 616 W Wilson St have historic value based on architectural significance, cultural significance, historic significance, as the work/product of an architect of note, its status as a contributing structure in a National Register Historic District, and/or as an intact or rare example of a certain architectural style or method of construction, and the buildings at 5402 Mineral Point Rd, 330 S Whitney Way, 303 Potter St, and 2301 East Springs Dr have no known historic value. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

The Valentine Russ House Notes
616 West Wilson Street
Gary Tipler, February 11, 2019

After seeing Alder Rummel's notes on the house, I looked to see if I could easily find more about the Claude & Starck connection.

After checking City Directories, there was information to suggest that Valentine Russ lived in the house or very close since about 1873.

Since 1875, Valentine Russ was listed in the directories as a gardener, likely a professional landscaper, and maintained that listing as late as 1925 while living at that house.

It is possible that Valentine Russ was a friend or contractor known to Louis Claude and Edward Starck and that Claude, or the firm, designed a remodel of his house around the turn of the century, when they were designing large houses and mansions.

The bracket ornaments on the porch are found on several Claude & Starck houses, though much larger and expensive ones. It would be interesting to know if there are interior features -- trims and installations that are typical of those used by Claude & Stark. They should be documented.

The renovation date places it among the earliest of known houses by the firm, but in a vernacular style.

News stories:

Valentine Russ, 85, was a well-known "pioneer citizen", a resident of the fourth ward for 57 years. He was born in Bavaria, Germany and came to Madison in 1851. He died in his home where rites were held. He was a member of St. Raphael's Catholic Church.

Madison Capital Times January 9, 1928

Madison Capital Times January 10, 1928