PLANNING DIVISION STAFF REPORT

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Application Type: DEMOLITION REVIEW

Legistar File ID # 68860

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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.

322 E Washington Avenue

Commercial building constructed in 1905.



Google Street View

Google Earth

Applicant: Mark Binkowski, ULI

Applicant's Comments: St. John's Lutheran Church will be submitting a demolition application as part of a land use approval to redevelop its site with a mixed use project that contains new space for the church and 130 apartments, with 85% of the apartments set aside as affordable units for those earning less than 60% of CMI.

Staff Findings: The preservation file indicates that St. John's Lutheran Church was designed by notable Madison architectural firm Claude and Starck in the Gothic Revival style, and was constructed by Fritz Construction and Lumber Company in 1905-06. In 1925 Balch & Lippert completed an addition on the south-west of the building to host the Sunday school. In 1962-63, the Vogel Brothers completed a significant remodel of the structure and only a small portion of the original design remains visible on N Hancock Street. The site file with the Wisconsin Historical Society contains similar information.

629 Spruce Street

Single-family home constructed in 1929.



Zillow

Google Earth

Applicant: Jared Dubey

Applicant's Comments: We recently bought the 629 Spruce St property and due to significant structural issues, which preclude remodeling, we plan to raze both the primary structure (single family home) and garage and build a new home, in keeping with the neighborhood style.

Staff Findings: A preservation file for this property does not exist. There is no site file with the Wisconsin Historical Society.