



## Milwaukee Historic Preservation Commission Staff Report

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**HPC meeting date: 2/14/2012**  
**Ald. Nik Kovac District: 3**  
**Staff reviewer: Paul Jakubovich**  
**PTS #76599**

<b>Property</b>	2635 N. WAHL AV. <b>North Point North Historic District</b>	
<b>Owner/Applicant</b>	DAVID A OLSEN & JANET D OLSEN JT REVOCABLE TRUST 2635 N WAHL AVE MILWAUKEE WI 53211	DAVID OLSEN 10429 PINE RIDGE CIRCLE MEQUON, WI 53092 Phone: (262) 241-5826
<b>Proposal</b>	Install low, limestone seat wall near front of house to enclose a small walkway/ patio. Rebuild metal porch railings and install new bluestone walk from driveway and bluestone steps and porch deck. Install related landscaping and new paver brick-bordered concrete driveway.	
<b>Staff comments</b>	The house was constructed in 1925 according to the designs of Milwaukee architect Herman Buemming. Little, if anything has changed on the exterior of the house since it was built. The new owners are proposing a low, stone seat wall of no more than 19 inches in height, to enclose an area of the front lawn next to the house for an outdoor patio/walkway. There is already a low seat wall surrounding the existing front terrace which will be continued to the meet the driveway. The wall would be made of Niagara formation limestone to match the walls of the house and would feature a permanent masonry foundation that extends 4 feet below grade. The entire wall would be mortared. This is the most desirable way to construct these types of walls. The proposed materials massing and scale are all compatible with the house and the surrounding historic district.	
<b>Recommendation</b>	Recommend HPC Approval	
<b>Conditions</b>	All new stonework on the new wall must match the existing stone walls on the house. Mortar, color, texture, joint width and joint finish must also match the original walls.	
<b>Previous HPC action</b>	Elevator addition in form of chimney approved for rear elevation at Dec. 2011 HPC meeting	
<b>Previous Council action</b>		