



Milwaukee Historic Preservation Commission Staff Report

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HPC meeting date	4/13/2026	CCF # 251921
Ald. Pratt	Staff reviewer: Dilruba Shuvra	
Property	2465 W Congress St	Garden Homes Historic District
Owner/Applicant	Ashley Montgomery 2465 W Congress St Milwaukee, WI 53209	

Proposal

The applicants wish to demolish the detached garage located at 2465 W Congress Street. Provided photos indicate it is in poor condition

Staff comments

Historic aerial photographs indicate that the detached garage was likely constructed concurrently shortly after the completion of the neighborhood in the 1920s. The garage follows the same side gabled architectural style like the house. The current photographs (as submitted with the application) reveal that the garage has suffered considerable deterioration over time. This includes issues such as wood rot, instability of the foundation, and a pronounced lean in the structure itself. The extent of these damages raises serious concerns about the garage's both visual and structural integrity, making the structure unsafe to use. The severity of the damage demonstrates that it would require a full reconstruction rather than preservation of original structure. Moreover, the current condition negatively impacts the overall integrity of the property and the historical character of the neighborhood. Given the severity of the damage observed and the absence of any known original garages in Garden Homes, demolition should be permitted.

Recommendation

Approve demolition.