



Milwaukee Historic Preservation Commission Staff Report

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HPC meeting date: 8/6/2018
Ald. Jose Perez District: 12
Staff reviewer: Tim Askin
PTS #114592 CCF #180597

Property 2009 S. 19TH ST.

Owner/Applicant RISALE CENTER OF AMERICA INC Mr. Devon Ellis
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Proposal

1. Remove stained glass window relating to previous religious use and replace with new plain glass window with wood frame in existing opening.
2. Build new concrete wheelchair ramp along west and south sides.
3. Convert one window to a door on the south elevation.

Staff comments

1. With the current owners and use of the building being Islamic, they believe the scene depicted in the stained glass window is incompatible with their religious use. It will be carefully removed, boxed, and stored on the premises for a potential future owner. Staff finds this to be a reasonable and acceptable solution to the situation.
2. The wheelchair ramp will be of concrete, separated from the building by an isolation joint so that the brick of the building will not be in direct contact with the concrete. Staff discussed the possibility of an exterior wheelchair lift, but it was determined to be impractical. The railing will be the standard HPC design and wood.
3. The new door on the rear is the most practical location that will cause the least harm to the building. The location has minimal public visibility because of the tight lot line with the former parsonage. Staff acknowledges that it may be difficult to find a stylistically compatible fire door with an A fire rating (3-hour), but still would like to see a final door design before issuing the COA.

Recommendation Recommend HPC Approval

Conditions

1. Provide photographs of window to be removed. New window shall have a wood frame and wood storm.
2. Provide final door design for staff approval.

Previous HPC action

Previous Council action