



Milwaukee Historic Preservation Commission Staff Report

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HPC meeting date: 9/12/2022

District: 3

Staff reviewer: Carlen Hatala

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Property 2618 N. HACKETT AV. Downer Avenue Commercial Historic District

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Proposal At its meeting of July 11, 2022 the HPC approved the demolition of St. Mark's 1949 parish house. The old parish house was deteriorating, costly to maintain and too large to serve today's congregation. HPC members made some suggestions about the design and recommended the project return.

The revised project is before the HPC today. A new one story parish house will be built on the footprint of the old. It will have a flat, green roof, and be surrounded by metal railings. Gated stairs at the front and back will provide access to the roof from the ground level exterior and continue the same railing design. An elevator at the rear will service interior spaces as well as the rooftop. French doors will be located on the first story designed to access the cloister that is bordered to the southwest by the original St. Mark's Church building. Windows on the Hackett Avenue elevation will take their cues from the windows of the cloister walls. The same groupings of windows will be located on the north elevation facing the proposed new apartment building and there will be access to a few parking stalls to accommodate handicapped and short term visitors. The east elevation will feature the second stair to the rooftop as well as three groupings of windows. Dark gray, long brick will be used for the exterior cladding as a more economical choice than stone.

Staff comments This project was driven by the need for a more updated and handicap accessible facility that was smaller than their previous parish hall. Some of the features seen in the July 11, 2022 presentation have been removed or scaled back due to budget concerns.

Recommendation Approve

Conditions Detailed information on the windows and the railings to be supplied to staff for final approval.

Previous HPC action

Previous Council action