

Milwaukee Historic Preservation Commission Staff Report

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HPC meeting date: 12/13/2021 Ald. Robert Bauman District: 4 Staff reviewer: Carlen Hatala

PTS #115229 CCF # 211180

Property 790 N. VAN BUREN ST. Wisconsin Consistory of the Scottish Rite Building

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Proposal Current owner of the Humphrey Scottish Rite Masonic Center plans to convert the

building into apartments.

The current owner received an inquiry from owners of the former Sheboygan Masonic Temple about acquiring the stained glass windows. The Sheboygan

building no longer serves as a Masonic center.

No details were provided about how the windows would be used in Sheboygan.

Staff comments While it seemed feasible to reuse the windows in the Milwaukee interior when the

Humphrey Scottish Rite Masonic Center was to be converted into a hotel, it would be difficult to do so under the current apartment proposal as the windows are dark.

However, at its meeting of March 1, 2021 the HPC decided that the stained glass

windows remain and be used in the building in Milwaukee.

Recommendation Recommend HPC Denial

Conditions Deny request based on March 1, 2021 HPC decision.

Previous HPC action

Previous Council action