

Milwaukee Historic Preservation Commission Staff Report

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HPC meeting date: 12/14/2015 Ald. Russell Stamper, II District:15 Staff reviewer: Dean Doerrfeld

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Property 2518 North Sherman Boulevard Sherman Boulevard Historic District

Owner/Applicant TRAVIS OSBORNE

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Proposal This project involves the installation of replacement vinyl windows in the façade of

the residence.

Staff Comments The building was constructed ca. 1920 in the Bungalow/Arts & Crafts/Craftsman

traditions of architecture. The building was constructed originally for Moritz Schoenman. The building displays many characteristics of the style including its 1½ story massing, broad eaves, exposed rafter tails, gable-end brackets, and front

dormer with arched opening. Dwellings in this area represent multiple architectural styles, but most have similar features including detailed front porches, bay windows.

decorative verge boards, and multi-pane windows.

The Sherman Boulevard Historic District was listed in the National Register of

Historic Places in 2004, and locally designated in 1995.

The applicant seeks approval for the installation of vinyl windows in the façade of the residence. These windows were installed previously by the applicant about 2 years

ago.

The Commission generally has denied the installation of vinyl windows in the City's historic districts. The guidelines for the Sherman Boulevard Historic District call for the retention of historic windows, repairs as needed, or in-kind replacement of severely deteriorated sash. Energy efficiency can be achieved through the repair of jambs and sash, and/or the installation of interior or exterior storm windows.

Recommendation Installation of vinyl windows: Disapprove

Conditions

Previous HPC action

Previous Council action