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I feel that I must write regarding the fate of the Goll mansion, 1550 N. Prospect Ave., one of the few remaining historical mansions along this stretch of Prospect.

During the past several months, as a volunteer at the Milwaukee County Historical Society, I have been arranging a photo collection given to the Society by the family of the owners of Northwestern Lumber and Wrecking Company. This collection proves that architecture is sadly only a temporary part of humanity's Fine Arts. I have been sorting through pictures of rubble that were once fine architectural structures, but no longer served the function that the latest owner envisioned. Yet, these buildings might have been saved and repurposed with a bit of foresight. The 3rd Ward, and now the 5th Ward, are prime examples of repurposing buildings to a modern use without destroying them. I would hope that the Goll mansion could be saved and repurposed without changing the siting that its original architect envisioned.

If it does have to be moved to be saved, so be it. But the City of Milwaukee needs to have complete assurance that it can be moved without destroying its look, and that the owner has sufficient economic wherewithal to correct any exterior damage incurred during the move; or, for that matter, any existing damage suffered under previous owners. Damage to the mansion incurred during construction of whatever is going to be built on the bluff behind it, must also be the new owner's financial responsibility. And, I would hope that any new building added to the site would carefully reference its historic and aesthetic surroundings.

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