



Milwaukee Historic Preservation Commission Staff Report

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HPC meeting date: 1/9/2016 CCF# 161238

Ald. Robert Bauman District: 4

Staff reviewer: Tim Askin

Property	1325 N. 23 rd Street	Christian Schiek House
Owner/Applicant	Joseph Bagin, Sr. 1325 N. 23 rd Street Milwaukee, WI 53205	
Proposal	Owner wishes to have a City of Milwaukee Plaque for his childhood home. The home was constructed in 1890 for Christian Schiek and sold numerous times between 1895 and 1905 when the first long term owners Adolph and Josephine Schwefel acquired it. The home was purchased by Mr. Bagin's parents in 1968.	
Staff comments	<p>While Mr. Bagin's pride in his property is commendable, the Schiek House does not meet the criteria established in the 2014 bylaws for a plaque. Properties like this one, which are not designated either individually or in a district as historic by the Common Council must hold historic, architectural, or cultural significance by meeting at least one of the historic designation criteria. This commission determined in November that this house does not meet any of the designation criteria.</p> <p>There is also a second criterion for properties that are not currently designated. They must "not [be] in in poor maintenance...and not depict the city unfavorably or detract from the intent of the program." Staff finds that this property would fall under the category of detracting from the intent of the program, as while its maintenance is adequate, it is an average home of the period that has had significant alterations, though slightly less than its neighbors.</p>	
Recommendation	Recommend Denial	
Conditions	If approved, owner to work with staff on wording and placement.	
Previous HPC action	Historic designation of the property was denied at the November 2016 meeting.	
Previous Council action	N/A	