



## Milwaukee Historic Preservation Commission Staff Report

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**HPC meeting date: 12/9/2019**

**Ald. Russell Stamper II District: 15**

**Staff reviewer: Tim Askin**

**PTS #114886 CCF #191227**

**Property** 2570 N. SHERMAN BL.

<b>Owner/Applicant</b>	ANDRE L ROBINSON	Christine Robinson
	CHRISTINE M ROBINSON	2570 N Sherman Blvd
	2570 N SHERMAN BL	Milwaukee, WI 53210
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**Proposal** Demolish existing two-car detached garage at the rear of the property. The garage is not functional and in a state of disrepair.

**Staff comments** The existing garage is of wood construction and sited at the rear of the property along the alley. Partial sightlines to it exist from the sidewalk along Clarke Street.

The guidelines for demolition in the Sherman Boulevard Historic District advise against the demolition of existing structures. However, the guidelines consider the condition, importance, location, potential for restoration, whether it is an addition, and replacement of an existing structure when reviewing demolition requests.

The existing garage is in poor structural condition and has limited public visibility. The garage does not display distinct architectural or historical significance and is ordinary for its era. A 1927 fire insurance map indicates that the garage post-dates the house, but constructed by 1949, therefore constituting an "addition" in terms of demolition criteria. In light of these data, the approval criteria for demolition appear to be met.

**Recommendation** Recommend HPC Approval

**Conditions** Obtain demolition permit

**Previous HPC action**

**Previous Council action**