Hatala, Carlen

From: Tom Schabowski [tschabowski@wi.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, May 10, 2004 10:07 PM
To: Hatala, Carlen

Dear Carlen:

This letter is to confirm that the 5th Ward Development Association, by virtue of a motion at our May 4, 2004 board meeting by John Jacobs and unanimously approved by our board, supports the effort to list the J.L. Burnham Building at 100 E. Seeboth as an historic building on the City's Historic Register. In addition, there was a consensus of our group that the federally listed historic district in the 5th Ward should also be recognized as historic by the City's Historic Commission.

The 5th Ward would like to see this building and others like it restored in a responsible fashion.

Sincerely,

Thomas Schabowski
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Re: Burnham Block, 100 East Seeboth
South 1st and 2nd Streets National Register Historic District

Dear Members of the Commission:

I urge the Commission to provide a permanent designation for the Burnham Building due to its importance not only for its history, but also for its physical position in providing a historic for the historic buildings of the National Register district and the rivers, as well as, to the historic commercial and industrial districts on both sides of the river. Its preservation will help to portray the historic ties to the river on which Milwaukee's early industries and commerce depended.

As an historic preservation consultant, I've worked on several historic renovations of buildings in Milwaukee, including City Hall Square, Kunzelmann-Esser, and the nearby 5th Ward Lofts Building and I see the essential value of historic preservation tax credits that may be used in the renovation of the building.

As one who visits Milwaukee for the architecture, restaurants and cultural offerings, this building represents a critical visual link, even in its present form between the 5th and the 3th Wards.

Though tattered and worn, the building present structural condition along with improvements would easily guarantee another hundred and fifty years of service.

Please help make that future a reality.

Sincerely,

Gary Tipler