

SID BOYUM HOUSE 04/09/2015

- The Boyum Property, at 237 Waubesa Street, including the home, contents, and yard has significant cultural and historical value because Sid Boyum was a prolific local visionary artist.
- There are a group of residents that have been actively working on Boyum preservation efforts for over 10 years. Alder Rummel is also interested in seeing what we can do to preserve the art and site.
- In 2009, the artist's son, Steve Boyum, came to the City to discuss turning the home into an artist site and preserving the interior and exterior art. He envisioned it as a sort of arts space/reading room. Discussions were underway when Steve Boyum passed away in ²⁰¹⁰. His ex-wife and son did not wish to execute Steve's vision. They neglected the property and did not pay taxes.
- The County is in the process of pulling tax deed on the site. The case will be going before the County Personnel & Finance Tax Deed Subcommittee to get an assessment and approval for sale of the home.
- The City may be eligible to acquire the property for back taxes owed to the County for around \$13,000 (excluding personal property unless the county agrees to include it)
- <https://accessdane.countyofdane.com/tax/estatement/071005308038>
- The City's Building Inspection case is done. The family pled No contest, and the judge imposed a forfeiture of \$8,455.20, due by May 5th
- The property is zoned Traditional Residential - Varied District TR - V1. (Single Family Home, no business or "museum" type site)
- If there is community interest in preserving the home as an art site, one possibility would be to landmark the house. Then it could be a historic museum home or office/arts annex.
- City Staff have had a few meetings with the Kohler Foundation and Kohler would consider taking on the conservation effort but they would like to do a site visit and tour the inside before they commit to a project of this scope.
- If Kohler were to take on the project, whoever owns the property would need to gift the project to Kohler and then Kohler would gift it back to a non-profit organization that would assume all maintenance responsibility. The non-profit willing to assume ownership post conservation must be in place before Kohler commits.

- One possibility is to ask the Goodman Community Center to consider serving as that non-profit, but they would have to take the idea to their BOD. Presenters would need to provide the Goodman BOD reasonable cost estimates for running such a site over the long term. Kohler would advise.
- The house is assessed at \$94,700
- The value of the lot is \$38,000 in a very desirable neighborhood.
- Possible soil contamination



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