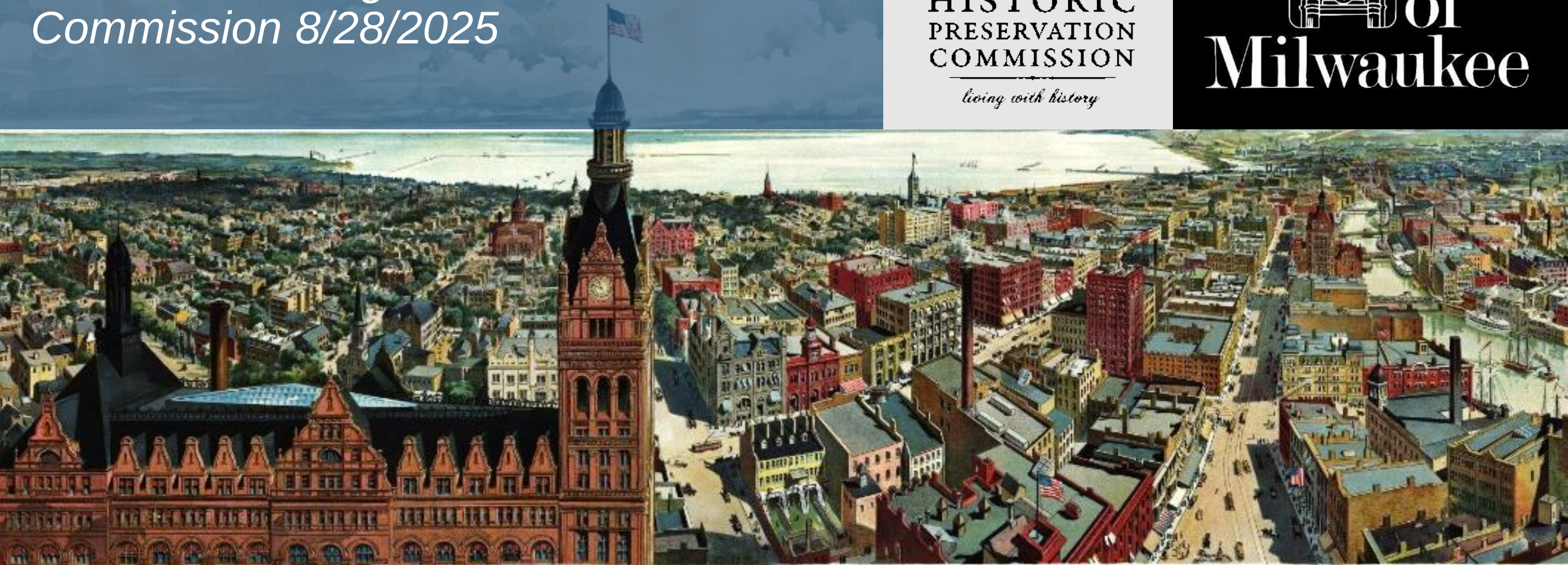
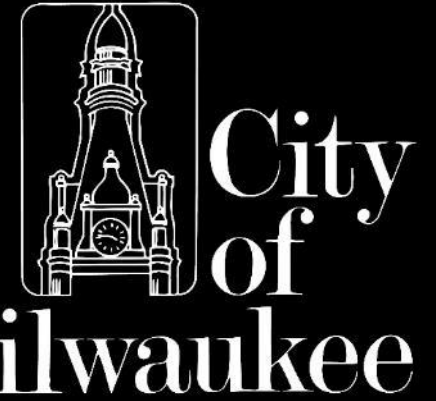


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Milwaukee Landmarks Commission

1964-1981



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Phase 1: 1964-1967



Milwaukee Landmarks Commission

Phase 2, 1967-1981





Historic Preservation Commission

1982-Present



Elizabeth Plankinton Mansion

1886-1980



Demolition Delay Policy



It is declared a matter of public policy that the protection, enhancement, perpetuation, and use of improvements of special architectural character or special historical interest or value is a public necessity and is required in the interest of health, prosperity, safety, and welfare of the people.

- **Demolition Delay**
 - City Ordinance: 16 days and newspaper publication
 - State Law: 30 days for National Register
 - HPC staff screen all demo permits
- **HPC**
 - Any demolition delay can be extended to 180 days upon public hearing
 - Demolition prohibition can be made permanent

Demolition Delay Case Study

Central City Plaza: Pago Liquor and the Masterpiece Motor Lodge



Trouble!

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Salvation Army Wants To Raze Black Landmark, Will City Allow It?

Salvation Army is contesting decision to protect Black-developed Central City Plaza.

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Proposed homeless shelter meets objections from historic preservationists

The Salvation Army wants to raze a building to build a homeless center. Preservationists say the building is historic.

BUSINESS

A Black architect's building could be designated as historic. That might block its demolition

Central City Plaza was designed by Alonzo Robinson, Wisconsin's first Black architect. Its development was led by civil rights leader Felmers Chaney.

LAND AND SPACE



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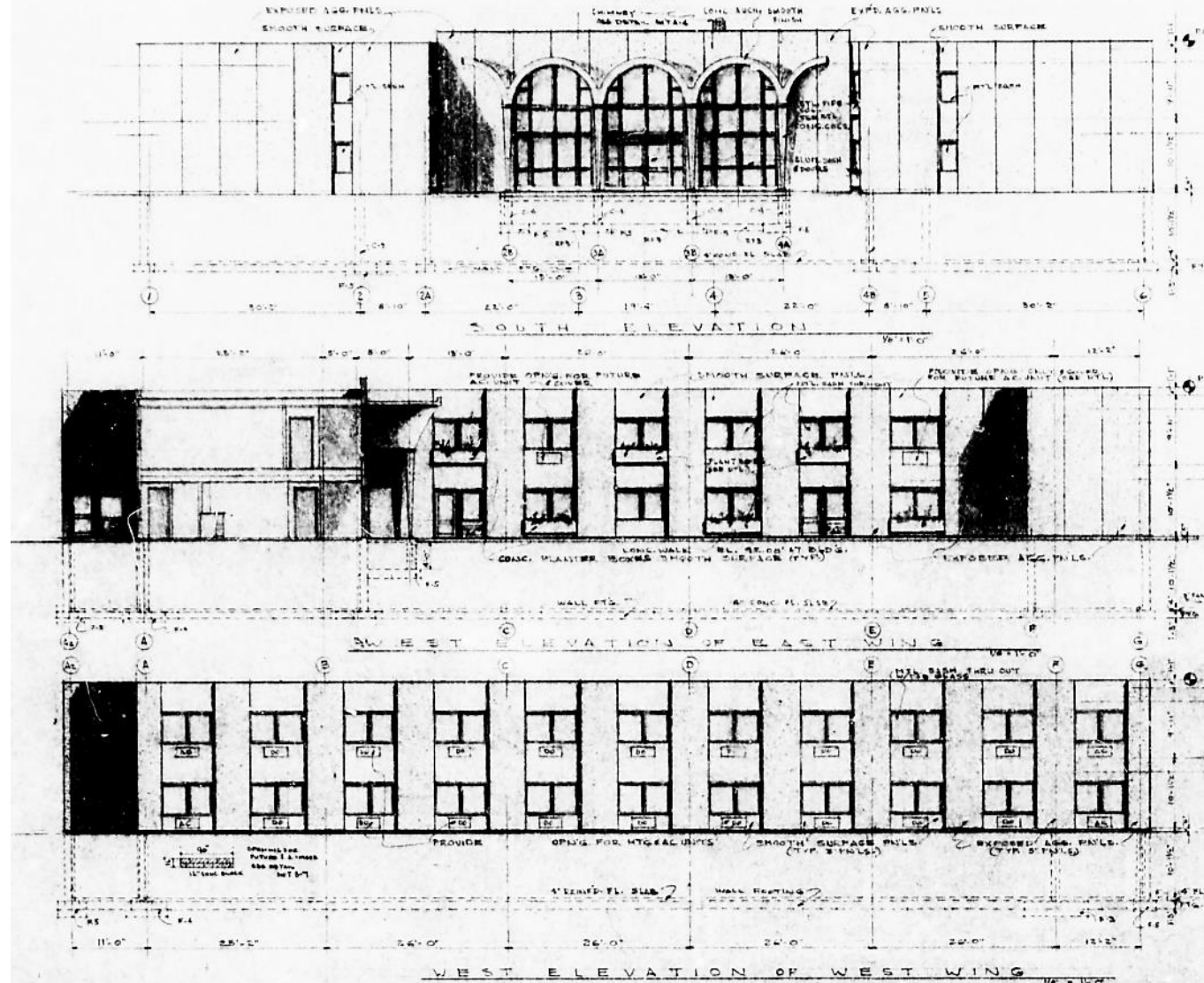
The Historic Central City Plaza Could be Demolished

Wisconsin's first Black-owned, Black-operated and Black-designed shopping center is at risk of being torn down.



MILWAUKEE
HISTORIC
PRESERVATION
COMMISSION

Land Use:
Community Service
Semi-Public (Institutional)


**DESIGNER
ARCHITECT
ENGINEER**
 DEQUARDO • ROBINSON • CRONIN

Alonzo Robinson

First Black Architect in Wisconsin



The first Negro licensed by the state as an architect is Alonzo Robinson, 33, of 2457 N. 9th st. Robinson, an architectural designer in the city bureau of bridges and buildings, is a graduate of Howard university, Washington, D. C. —Journal Staff



—Journal Photo

Architect Alonzo Robinson at his drawing board



Success!



Salvation Army Now Wants To Save Black Landmark It Planned To Raze

Preservation advocacy results in compromise to save 1970's complex.

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Central City Plaza building will be saved after Salvation Army changes plan



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Committee OKs historic status for Black-owned shopping plaza in Milwaukee



THANK YOU!

