# CITY OF LA CROSSE, WISCONSIN CITY PLAN COMMISSION REPORT

August 30, 2021

# **⊘** AGENDA ITEM – 21-1083 (Lewis Kuhlman)

Application of Desmond Investments II LLC for a Conditional Use Permit at 318 7th St S allowing for removal of structure for green space until redeveloped.

Ø **ROUTING**: J&A 8.31.21

## **Ø** BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The applicant intends to demolish a vacant residential structure in preparation for redevelopment. The residence does not have electric or water service, and has been vacant for the last five years due to poor conditions. The landscaping will just be turf grass. In two to three years, the new development is proposed to be a mix of five retail units and eight apartments with lower-level parking. This redevelopment would require a rezoning and meeting the commercial and/or residential design standards in the Municipal Code.

#### **Ø** GENERAL LOCATION:

Council District 9, Washburn Neighborhood, 4 parcels south of Cass St. on the west side of 7<sup>th</sup> St., as depicted in attached MAP PC21-1083. It is adjacent to commercial-zoned parking lot, vacant lot, a dry cleaning and textile service, and auto service center. It is across the street from a large multi-unit residence.

### **© RECOMMENDATION OF OTHER BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:**

None. However, the Common Council approved the demolition of the applicant's property at 312-316 7th St S in 2016.

## **O CONSISTENCY WITH ADOPTED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:**

The Future Land Use Map shows this parcel as Downtown. This land use category allows and promotes high-intensity office, retail, housing, entertainment, convention and public land uses, preferably in mixed-use buildings. This application may support land use objectives for targeted redevelopment, downtown revitalization, and maintaining urban neighborhood character.

## **O PLANNING RECOMMENDATION:**

Approval with the condition that the applicant completes a Payment for Municipal Services Agreement (PMSA) before receiving a demolition permit. The building is vacant and the applicant intends to combine it with adjacent parcels to redevelop in two to three years.





