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To Whom It May Concern,

My name is William R. Protz and I have decided to write a letter to accompany The Historic Designation Application for my home at 1330 Bluff Avenue in Sheboygan, WI. The home shows up in the city's Architectural and Historical Survey that was completed in the early 2000s, and I would assume that at that time, the house was considered eligible for historic status within the city. I have recently applied through The Wisconsin Historical Society to get my property on the National and State Register, but unfortunately have been denied. I am now trying at the local level.

Per my research, the home was built for George and Anna Schuler in 1924 at a cost of \$5800. The garage came three years later in 1927. To the best of my knowledge, this property is an example of a Craftsman home, but lacks certain decorative elements that appear on other examples from the early 20th century. The original wood siding is still in place with a fresh coat of paint that was completed by myself in 2024. All the original windows (except the basement ones) were removed in 2024 and updated. The interior of the home still retains much of the original built in furniture and hard wood floors.

George had worked many years at the Frost Veneer Company which was originally located near The Blue Harbor resort. I believe the house is a good example of an early 20th century working class home and find it worthy of designation. Not many homes in my neighborhood still retain the original siding, and I believe my property can be a great example for future generations to appreciate the simplicity of a blue collar home from the early 1900s.

While no significant event occurred here and no historically significant person lived here, I respectfully ask the committee for your consideration in the designation of my home as a City of Sheboygan landmark. I believe within the coming decades, my home can be utilized as a reminder of the common person and can find historic value in my home on Bluff Avenue.

Sincerely,


William Ryan Protz

City of Sheboygan Historic Designation Application Site or Structure

To be considered for designation by the City of Sheboygan Historic Preservation Commission, it is necessary for applicant to complete an application form and return it. The application is designed so that it can be completed without professional assistance.

NAME OF PROPERTY <i>George and Anna Schuler House</i>
LOCATION OF PROPERTY - STREET ADDRESS (PLEASE INCLUDE A MAP WITH THE PROPERTY INDICATED) <i>1330 Bluff Ave. Sheboygan, WI 53081</i>
OWNER OF PROPERTY <i>William Ryan Protz</i>

PRESENT OWNER (IF OTHER THAN PERSON COMPLETING APPLICATION) <i>N/A</i>
ADDRESS <i>1330 Bluff Ave N/A</i>
CITY, STATE, ZIP <i>Sheboygan, WI 53081 N/A</i>
DAYTIME PHONE NUMBER <i>920-453-8806 N/A</i>

NAME OF PERSON COMPLETING APPLICATION <i>William Ryan Protz</i>
ADDRESS <i>1330 Bluff Ave.</i>
CITY, STATE, ZIP <i>Sheboygan, WI 53081</i>
DAYTIME PHONE NUMBER <i>920-453-8806</i>

Please check box if this property has been identified as a potentially eligible property in the City of Sheboygan Architectural and Historical Intensive Survey Report. If so, please skip Items A, B, C, & D.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

- A.) Please submit recent color photographs that show all sides of the exterior of the structure, views of the interior of the structure, and any associated outbuildings. The photograph will not be returned, and will become a permanent part of our site records.
- B.) Please draw a simple sketch map of the lot on which the structure is located or provide a recent property survey showing all improvements. Include all structures, streets, and other major features. Photographs of the buildings should be keyed to this sketch.
- C.) Has the property been moved from its original site? If so, why, from where, and when?
- D.) Explain any way in which the property is presently threatened?

Return Form and Required Attachments to:

Department of Planning & Development
City of Sheboygan
828 Center Avenue, Suite 104
Sheboygan, WI 53081

If you have any specific questions, please call the Department of Planning & Development at 920.459.3377