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City contractor begins first housing deconstruction project

Alderman Robert J. Bauman, Alderman Russell W. Stamper, II and **Alderswoman Milele A. Coggs** will be joined by Billy Spencer, owner/president of Spencer Renovation & Construction, at the site of a city deconstruction project for a news conference tomorrow, **Thursday, November 7 at 11 a.m.**

The deconstruction ordinance authored by Alderman Bauman went into effect in 2018 with the goals of preserving old growth building materials, creating employment opportunities for city residents, reducing dust and debris created by mechanical demolition and helping to reduce taxpayer expenditures for landfill tipping fees. The ordinance requires the deconstruction of most one-to-four family residential structures built in 1929 or earlier, designated historic structures, and structures in historic districts.

“The demolition of Milwaukee’s older housing stock does more harm than good. Deconstruction will help save old-growth building materials while also benefiting our environment and creating new jobs. I look forward to this project being the catalyst for continued deconstruction throughout the city,” said Alderman Bauman.

In March 2019, the Common Council directed the Department of Neighborhood Services to dedicate \$1.2 million in funding for deconstruction. Spencer Renovation & Construction was selected as the deconstruction contractor, and the first project will take place at 3041 N. 6th St. in the 6th Aldermanic District. “As elected officials, we get calls regularly from neighbors regarding abandoned and foreclosed homes, many of which are concentrated in the central city. Deconstruction is another tool that the city can utilize to help abate these properties, while also providing environmental and economic benefits,” said Alderswoman Coggs.

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Deconstruction project/ADD ONE

Alderman Stamper sees the deconstruction process as a win-win for members of the community. “Since deconstruction is more labor-intensive than demolition, it will provide more jobs to unemployed and underemployed people in the community. The goal is to have this program be an economic driver while also working to remove neighborhood blight,” said Alderman Stamper.

Media is invited to attend the news conference and view the deconstruction. The event will be held rain or shine.

WHAT: News conference at city deconstruction site

WHERE: 3041 N. 6th St.

WHEN: Thursday, November 7, 2019 – 11 a.m.

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