Rodef Shalom  
4905 Fifth Avenue

Historic Nomination

**Owner:**  
Rodef Shalom Congregation

**Ward:** 7th

**Lot and Block:** 52-K-27

**Nominator:**  
Matthew Falcone

**Inspector:**

**Council District:**

**Nominations Received:** 11/9/21

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<th>National Register Status:</th>
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**Proposed Changes:** Nomination for historic designation.

**Discussion:**

1. Ms. Quinn gives a short presentation on the property. She states that the nominator found that the property is significant under **Criterion 3**, exemplification of an architectural type, style or design distinguished by innovation, rarity, uniqueness, or overall quality of design, detail, materials, or craftsmanship, **Criterion 4**, identification as the work of an architect, designer, engineer, or builder whose individual work is significant in the history or development of the City of Pittsburgh, the State of Pennsylvania, the Mid-Atlantic region, or the United States, **Criterion 7**, association with important cultural or social aspects or events in the history of the City of Pittsburgh, the State of Pennsylvania, the Mid-Atlantic region, or the United States, and **Criterion 10**, unique location and distinctive physical appearance or presence representing an established and familiar visual feature of a neighborhood, community, or the City of Pittsburgh. She states that the property retains integrity and recommends that the Commission provide a determination of positive viability.

2. Ms. Aguirre states again that she is surprised that this building wasn’t already listed. She asks for public comment.

3. Mr. Falcone speaks as president of the congregation and thanks the Commission on behalf of the board and congregation. He states that the building’s history is interwoven into the history of the city, state, and country, and they are looking to celebrate that.

4. Ms. Aguirre asks for additional public comment; there is none. She states that the nomination is extensive and the criteria are well defined. She states that she feels it can be recommended to City Council.

5. Ms. Loysen agrees.
Motion:

1. Mr. Green moves to recommend that Rodef Shalom be designated a local historic landmark based on **Criteria 3, 4, 7, and 10**.
2. Mr. Hill seconds.
3. Ms. Aguirre asks for a vote; all are in favor and motion carries.