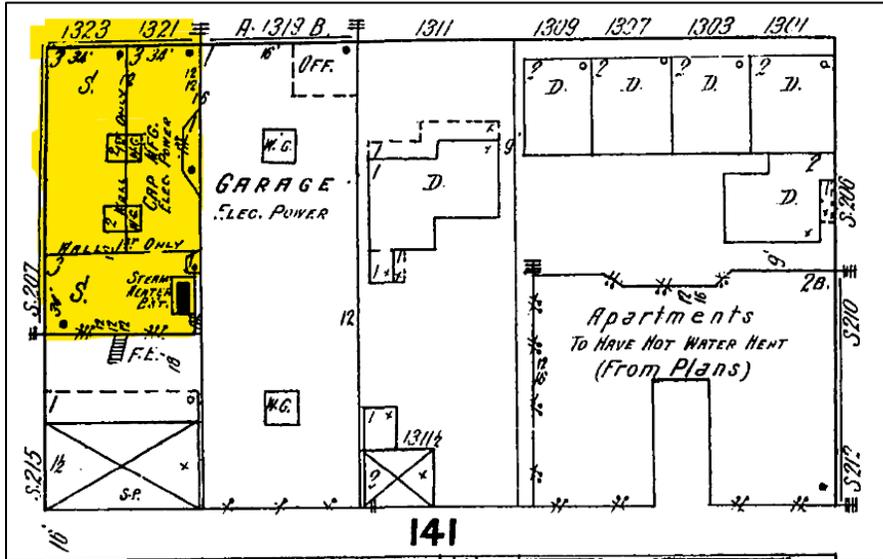
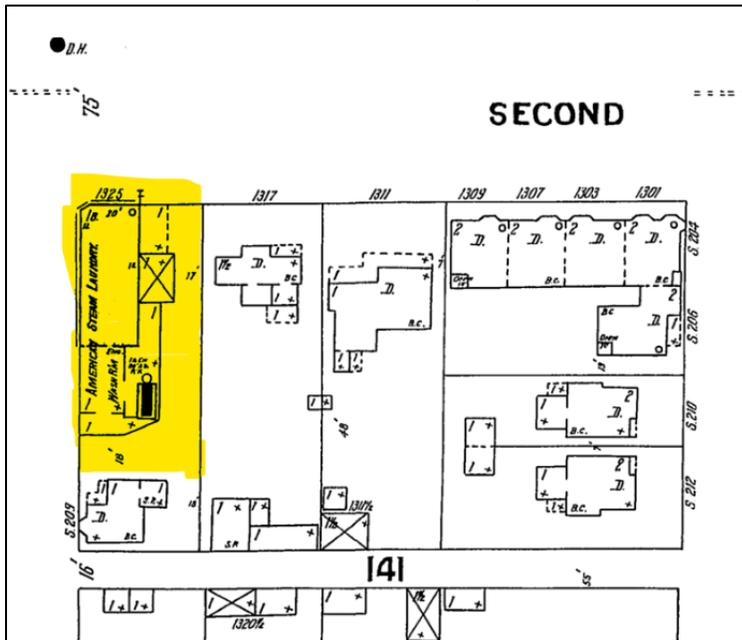


## NAGEL APARTMENTS – 1321-1323 W 2<sup>ND</sup> AVENUE

Sanborn Map from 1910:



Here is the Sanborn Map from 1902, so the building was built between 1902 and 1910 (Assessor's office has a construction date of 1908):



The property is addressed in the Sanborn maps as 1321, 1323, and 1325.

Here is a 1949 view of the building looking east on 2<sup>nd</sup>:



Here is a photo of the building from 1959 on the NW MAC's website (the Bohemian Brewery at the NW corner):



Compared to today:



Here is the same intersection showing 2<sup>nd</sup> avenue looking west (1959):



Compared to today:



Another 1959 view:



June 7, 1908 – article talking about the ugly coal dumping grounds on Cedar street near the building – you can see the Carnegie Library in the background:

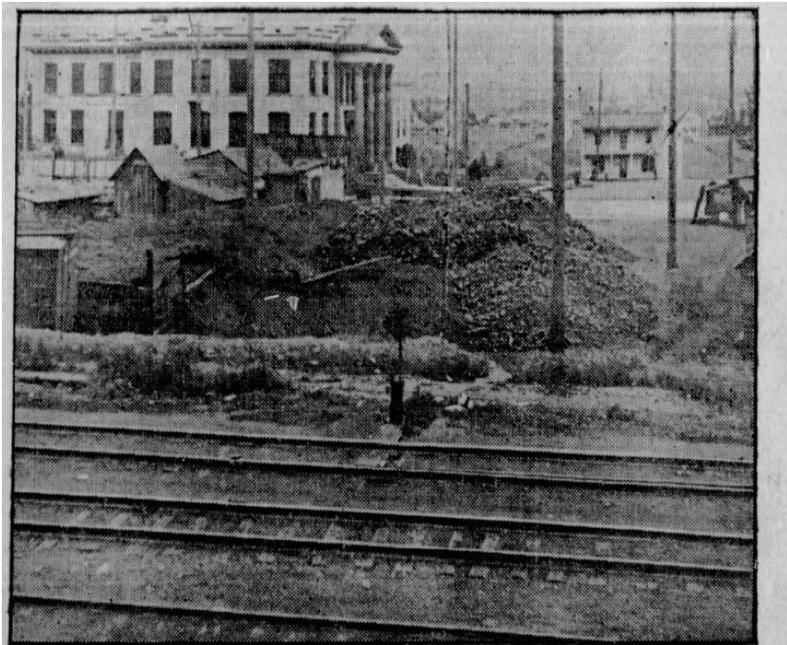
**QUERY: WHO OWNS CEDAR STREET?**

CONSUMERS' COAL COMPANY USES IT FOR STORAGE AND DUMPING GROUND.

CITY OFFICIALS ARE IN DOUBT

Public Library Patrons and Residents of Third Ward Eager to Know Status.

City officials do not know whether the city, the Northern Pacific Railroad company or the Consumers' Fuel company owns Cedar street from the Northern Pacific tracks north to First avenue. At present the Consumers' Fuel company is using the street as a dump ground and yard for its soft coal business. At the city hall no one seemed to know by what right the coal company was using the thoroughfare, or why it had closed the street to travel after it had been so used for years.



Scene on Cedar street between Public Library and Northern Pacific railroad where coal yard occupies thoroughfare.

Third ward residents and patrons of the public library in general are becoming exceedingly annoyed by the unwholesome spectacle of the great piles of soft coal in the street in the block to the south of the library, and by the fine dust that is blown from these coal heaps on windy days. While the library is flanked with billboards across First avenue to the south and across Riverside avenue to the northwest, the overground coal mine is becoming the greatest eyesore to the neighborhood of the library.

The Consumers' Fuel company, which opened its yards near Cedar street, between the Northern Pacific railroad tracks and First avenue, many months ago, has gradually encroached on Cedar street until at times the entire street is blocked by huge heaps of coal and at other times a narrow pathway covered with a heavy carpet of coal dust is all the opening that remains on the east side of the street between the railroad tracks and First avenue.

#### Was Used by People.

Up to a few months ago people living south of the railroad tracks used Cedar street as a common way for pedestrians going to the public library and as a short cut to town by people living to the south of the railroad tracks. At present the nearest way to get to the library from the south is to go west to Walnut street or east to Adams street.

At the city hall members of the board of public works did not know whether Cedar street had been officially opened or not. In the office of the city clerk no record of the street having been opened could be found, although it was explained that up to a few years ago vacations for street purposes and city additions were filed in the office of the county auditor. At the office of the county auditor, it was explained, after two or three men had been consulted, that the information desired was probably in the possession of the Union Trust company, which has acquired that part of the county's records. Maps of the city in the office of the city engineer indicate that Cedar street is opened, and these maps show that such streets as Ash street, a little further to the west and admittedly closed north of the railroad track, is closed.

#### Thinks There Was Deal.

An ex-official of the Consumers' Fuel company said last night that when he was with that company he understood that permission to occupy the street had been gained from some of the city officials, although the Northern Pacific Railroad company also claimed title to the street adjoining the tracks, where the coal is piled. When the grade separation problem was up some weeks ago, Attorney E. J. Cannon, counsel for the railroad company, held that the street had not been officially opened, and made the remark that the railroad company would open it as part of a deal for grade separation and would build a subway under the tracks to take up part of the width of the street.

#### Is Mere Dumping Ground.

One of the annoying features of the coal yard to West End people is that the coal company has merely made a dumping ground for its coal. No effort has been made to build bunkers or to house the coal. In large part the coal is simply dust and screenings.

Cedar street is the widest street in the western part of the city. It has a width of 100 feet, whereas other West End streets have a width of 75 feet. Among the important pieces of property on the street are the Carnegie library, the Buena Vista and Vailmont apartment houses, between Sprague avenue and First avenue, the brewing property of the Inland company, the new Nagel apartment house and store building at Second avenue, and the \$100,000 church to be built by the First Presbyterian church denomination is to be on the street at Fourth avenue.

While I originally thought it may have been an SRO – ad states that they were 4 and 5 room apartments – October 13, 1908:

NAGEL APARTMENTS, COR. SECOND and Cedar; 4 and 5 rooms; furnished; house-keeping; new brick; steam heat. Main 4068.

Another from March 3, 1909:

**FOR RENT—Housekeeping Rooms.**  
FURNISHED SUITES, 4 AND 5 ROOMS;  
steam heat; continuous hot water; tele-  
phone; baths; all conveniences. Apply Nagel  
apartments, 1323 Second ave. M. 4688.

Hmmm, not sure why this snippet appears in the April 29, 1911 Spokane Chronicle – maybe it was the back half of the building that was demolished some time ago?

**SHORT NEWS OF SPOKANE**

P. C. Coff, 610 Front avenue, has secured the contract for the heating and plumbing for the Nagel apartments at the corner of Second avenue and Cedar street, H. C. Ellis, architect. The contract amounts to about \$4000.

Yes, it appears that the building to the south was called the Nagel Annex – September 8, 1913:

3-ROOM FURNISHED APARTMENT, ALL outside, with buffet kitchen, laundry and storage room. See janitor, 8211 Cedar. Nagel annex.

November 27, 1914:

**DWELLERS ABOVE  
RIGHT ONES TO SUE**

The occupants of the flat above and not the owner of the building are responsible if they leave the faucet open and flood the lower apartments, Superior Judge Blake ruled today in awarding judgment to the defendant in the suit brought by Paul Schneck and wife against Christ Nagel and wife.

Schneck alleged that Nagel, the owner, caused the water to be turned off in the Nagel apartments at 8211 Cedar street last March, to repair the plumbing, and that he turned it on again without notice to the tenants.

The resident of the flat above Schneck's left the faucet open, flooding Schneck's apartment, he declared. On account of damage to his furniture and injury to his wife, who was sick and nervous for two weeks, he demanded damages of \$668.

The plaintiffs were represented by Attorney S. Edelstein and Danson, Williams & Danson appeared for the defendants. Judge Blake had the case under advisement.

April 2, 1918 - Fred was born in Germany and came over before the fire of 1889. He died of stomach cancer at the age of 60:

**Nagel**—Fred Nagel, aged 60, owner of the Nagel apartments, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Hannah Sisson, E2418 Pacific avenue, yesterday. The funeral will be held Wednesday at 3 p. m. from the Buchanan chapel, Rev. Mr. Groschupf officiating. Interment at Fairmount.

April 3, 1918:

## FREDERICK NAGEL, PIONEER, IS DEAD

Twice within five days has death robbed Christopher Nagel of a companion who had witnessed with him the pageant of passing events in Spokane since 1887.

Mr. Nagel is owner of the Nagel apartments at Second avenue and Cedar street and resides there. His wife and his brother Frederick were both treated at Sacred Heart hospital within a week for fatal illnesses.

Last Thursday his wife died, and Monday night his brother also passed away.

**The brother, Frederick Nagel, two years his elder, came to Spokane in 1887, two years after Chris had located here and engaged with him in the saloon business.**

Their place of business was destroyed in the fire, and in the years following each pursued his line of business, but always were the closest of friends.

Frederick was born in Germany and came to this country when he was 23 years of age. He was a cook and confectioner for years, finally building and operating the Nagel hotel at Trent and Stevens. In 1883 he married a Portland girl, and to them three children were born, all of them now living. He had lived at the home of his daughter, Mrs. W. D. Sisson, E2418 Pacific avenue, of late years. His son Otto is employed in the shipyard at Bremerton and another son, Henry, resides at San Antonio, Texas. His death was caused by stomach trouble.

The body is at the Buchanan parlors, and the funeral will be held there today at 2 p. m., the Rev. P. H. Groschupf officiating. Interment Fairmount cemetery. Deceased was a member of the Red Men, the Sons of Herman and the Turnverein.

January 2, 1921:

## SELLS NAGEL APARTMENTS

**Mrs. Marie Pouliot Disposes of Furniture to Mrs. McDonald.**

Mrs. Marie Pouliot of the Nagel apartments, Cedar street and Second avenue, has sold the furniture and furnishings of the apartments to Mrs. C. McFarland, formerly of Wallace, Idaho, for a reported consideration of \$12,500. The apartments are modern and contain 98 rooms. The deal was made by the Modern Brokersage company, 418 Hyde building.

October 14, 1923:

## APARTMENTS IN CITY SELL WELL

**Mutual Realty Company Reports  
Closing of Several Large  
Transfers.**

**ONE HAS 93 ROOMS**

**Nagel Apartments Said to Have  
Sold for \$10,500—Weavers  
Are Buyers.**

Several deals closed recently by the Mutual Realty company at 409-10 Eagle building show that there is a great activity in business opportunities in Spokane, according to Ada D. Towne, manager.

Mr. and Mrs. George Weaver, formerly owners of the Locust Tree apartment building, purchased from Madeson and Peters the Nagel apartments at S211 Cedar street at a re-

ported consideration of \$10,500. The Nagel is a strictly high-class apartment of 93 rooms. A part of the consideration was a modern bungalow of five rooms on Grand boulevard, and the balance cash.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Muchow, who have formerly owned different apartments in this city, purchased the Alberta apartments at S172½ Madison street from J. D. Atkins, who returned to his old home in Boston, Mass. The Alberta apartments has 64 rooms and the owners are making extensive improvements. The consideration was \$7500, it is reported.

Mr. and Mrs. William P. Shafer of Lewiston, Idaho, purchased from Beatrice Kenny, formerly the owner of the Bybee apartments, the apartments located at the corner of Seventh avenue and South Howard street, known as the Allison apartments, having 32 rooms arranged for four-room apartments with private baths. Mr. and Mrs. Shafer bought it for a home. Miss Kenny expects to leave for California for the winter for her health.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Coburn purchased the apartments at W2208 Pacific avenue from Mrs. W. S. Pollard at a reported price of \$3000. These apartments are beautifully furnished and were bought for a home. Mr. Coburn is a mail clerk on the railroad.

August 5, 1927:

## Announcements

### DEATHS—Continued. 1

**NAGEL, Christian G.**—Passed away August 4 at Seattle, Wash., age 74 years. He was the owner of the Nagel apartments and had resided here for 42 years. Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Louise T. Torney of Seattle, Wash.; three sons, William A. Nagel of Seattle, Wash.; Fred Nagel of Tacoma, Wash.; Louis Nagel of Boise, Idaho, and one brother, John Nagel of Clarks Fork, Idaho. Deceased will be received by SMITH & CO., morticians, on arrival from Seattle.

## SPOKANE PIONEER TAKEN BY DEATH

### Christian Nagel Dies in Seattle Hospital — Fu- neral Here Monday.

Christian Nagel, age 74, a resident of Spokane for 42 years, died yesterday afternoon in a Seattle hospital.

Born in Germany, Mr. Nagel came to the United States in 1880. He became a cabinetmaker in Philadelphia. Four years later he started a shingle mill at Clarks Fork, Idaho.

In 1885 he opened a saloon in Spokane, across the street from the Auditorium building. The place was destroyed in the great fire, but Mr. Nagel opened a number of other saloons. In 1904 he built the Nagel apartments, Second and Cedar, operating them until 1920, when he retired to make his home with his daughter, Mrs. R. A. Torney, E214 Indiana avenue. Mr. Nagel was a charter member of the Spokane chapter of Sons of Herman.

Besides the daughter, Mrs. Torney, he is survived by three sons, William A., of Seattle; Frederick J., Tacoma; Lewis C., Boise; also eight grandchildren. The body will be brought here Sunday. Funeral services will be held Monday afternoon at 1 o'clock from the German Lutheran church, Smith & Co. in charge. The Rev. J. M. Groschupf will officiate. Burial will be in Greenwood cemetery.

By October 20, 1931 – it seems like a lot of the stories in the news that feature the Nagel Apartments had taken a turn. A lot of stories of thefts, etc. in the building.

### **SUFFERING WRITTEN ON HER FACE**

A block or so further on I met Peggy Wilson. I can't tell Peggy's age. She may be very young, but there's so much of suffering and disillusionment written on her face that it would be hard to guess her age.

She's blonde, and she's pretty. But life has handed her wallops. She wore a cotton dress, becoming and clean.

Peggy has a 6-year-old son to support, and she hasn't had but two weeks' work since last May, she said.

She lives in the Nagel apartments. Thursday she stepped out of her room for a minute, and when she returned she saw a man sneaking away from her door.

A few minutes later she discovered that her purse had been stolen. After a search the purse was found stuffed behind the radiator in the entrance hall, but the money had been taken.

### **HE TOOK HER LAST \$8**

"I don't expect to get it back," said Peggy Wilson miserably. "But I'd like that thief to know that he took the last \$8 I had. That seems to me a low trick for an able-bodied man to do to a woman. He was young and strong and well dressed. I could see that. And I—well, I'm up against it. I needed that money, needed it mighty bad . . . A job? I wish I could get one. I wish I could get one."

The color still glowed in the trees after I left her, but I could see now that some of the branches have been blown clean. They looked naked and cold in the dusk.

November 27, 1931:

### **THIEF STEALS PANTS**

Theft of a dress coat and a pair of trousers from his room in the Nagel apartments, S211 Cedar, was reported to police Thursday by Lester Archer.

August 4, 1935:

**NAGEL APARTMENTS, W1323 SECOND—  
2 and 3 rooms, \$15 and up, front; laun-  
dry; walking distance.**

November 10, 1945:

## VAN DORN BUYS NAGEL BUILDING

The three-story Nagel apartment building on the southeast corner of Cedar and Second, among the well-known apartments of the city, has been purchased by Orville E. Van Dorn, the reported cash consideration being \$40,000.

Sellers were William A. Nagel, Louis Nagel and Louise Theresa Torney, heirs of Chris Nagel, widely known pioneer of Spokane, who built the structure in 1907, later adding to it. The transaction was handled by W. S. McCrea & Co., which represented both parties in the deal.

The building of heavy brick construction, has 33 rooms, some of which are in apartments, and space on the street floor for two stores, in one of which Mr. Van Dorn operates a cafe. There is a full basement. The apartments were sold partly furnished.

This seems to have been a fairly common practice – leasing out the apartments to a manager, April 28, 1950:

### Apartments Leased

Another affidavit disclosed the leasing of the Nagel apartments, W1323 Second, and Nagel annex, S211 Cedar, to Loretta M. Beckemeier. H. J. Glenn, who has held the lease on the apartments, said the new operator will take over the place May 1.

There are 31 one and two-bedroom units in the two brick buildings Glenn said.

Other affidavits disclosed the sale of Red's tavern, E9113 Sprague, to George Murphy by James H. Warehouse; Larry's tavern, E313 Sprague, sold to D. A. Benner by Van T. Austin, and the meat market in Burgan's store, W2417 Broadway, leased by Charles B. Weiber from Lawrence A. Held.

April 15, 1969:

**CITY BUILDING PERMITS**  
Fran-Dee Properties, S211 Cedar, \$15,-  
000, remodel apartment house at S207  
Cedar.

October 16, 1969:

## Apartment Fire Claims Woman's Life

A cigarette dropped on a living room couch apparently started the fire which yesterday afternoon claimed the life of a 49-year old Spokane woman, firemen said today.

The victim was identified as Merle Caroline Rose, who lived in a third-floor apartment at S211 Cedar.

Firemen answered the call at 3 p.m. turned in by a neighboring tenant, Arthur B. Christian, who said he smelled smoke.

When they arrived on the scene, firemen said, they found the body in the living room of the smoke-filled apartment.

The blaze destroyed the davenport, a rug and part of one wall. Three engines and two ladder trucks answered the call.

Mrs. Rose, born in Milk River, Canada, is survived by her mother, Mrs. Jennie Munson, Spokane; two brothers, Ken and Wallace Lewis, and a son, Richard Rose II, Spokane.

The body was taken to Smith's.

# Break-In Probed

Burglars made quite a haul in a recent break-in at the home of David J. Kepl, 2423 Five Mile Road, police said today.

Kepl said stolen items included a color TV set, stereo console, a radio, a portable TV set, a toaster, stools, a 10-gauge shotgun, a .25 caliber pistol and some blankets.

Police are also investigating the theft of \$40 from the office of Dr. Max Allen in the Medical Center Building.

Lester H. Kidder, W2105 Pacific, told police a portable TV

set was stolen from his apartment.

Someone broke into her home and stole \$70.56, Debbie M. Wilson, N5814 A, told police Tuesday.

Eleven empty beer kegs have been reported stolen from the rear of Condon's Corner Tavern, S211 Cedar.



June 6, 1977:

# Broken Pipe Fire Cause

Firemen blamed a broken natural gas line for an apartment fire last night at S211 Cedar

Tenant Terry Allen suffered minor burns on his back, but refused treatment, in the 10:50 p.m. fire, a department spokesman said.

The fire apparently started after Allen lighted a cigarette near the ruptured gas line in the apartment, the fire official said.

Damage was confined to one wall and smoke throughout the apartment building, the spokesman said

July 14, 1980:

S211 Cedar, 325 sq.ft., main flr. w/ bath, \$125/mo, Dave 326-1551

August 4, 1984:

12 UNIT brick, part. remod.  
S211 Cedar. \$140,000. 624-8448

October 5, 1985:

**135 APARTMENT HOUSES—  
FOR SALE**

Gonzaga triplex- Possible 0 down. Very flexible. Positive cash flow; 325-0564

12 UNITS, S211 Cedar, HUD Rehab approved. \$105,000. Principals only 624-8448.

May 1995:

**211 S. CEDAR** **\$310,000**  
13 unit brick apt. bldg, 15% down over \$4,000 mnth income, excellent condition.  
Please call E. Sackville-West 467-2121 or 455-3813. #9515127

Jan 24, 1996:

**CONVENIENT DOWNTOWN  
LOCATION**  
1 & 2 bdrm apts, \$275 - \$350  
Wonderful controlled access building,  
squeaky clean, laundry on site  
**211 S. CEDAR**  
**622-3528**

**TOMLINSON  
BLACK**

May 12, 1996:

James and Jodie Orcutt have purchased an apartment building at 211 S. Cedar. Agent: James Orcutt, Tomlinson Black.

August 28, 2007:

SR14550  
The Spokane City-County  
Historic Landmarks Com-  
mission Will Hold An  
Emergency Public Hear-  
ing Pursuant To SMC  
17d.040.230 B, on Thurs-  
day, August 30th 1:00  
P.M., City Conference  
Room 3b, 3rd Floor City  
Hall, 808 W. Spokane  
Falls Blvd.  
I. Determination of Eligi-  
bility for 211 S. Cedar  
SR14631



The annex was only allowed to be demolished because of an old provision that allowed a historically eligible building to be demolished if the parking created was supporting the rehab of an adjacent building. That is why this building was allowed to be demolished in 2007/8 – because there was a “promise” by the owner that the main Nagel Apartments would be rehabilitated. That section of our code has been removed:

**CITY OF SPOKANE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE**  
COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL  
DEMOLITION PERMIT REVIEW for HISTORIC PROPERTIES

**PARKING FOR THE ADJACENT RENOVATION OF AN HISTORIC PROPERTY**

**Property Owner's Name:** TAB ONE LLC (Tom Wilson)  
**Job Address:** 211 S. Cedar Street  
**Contractor's Name:** Louis Ray, P.O. Box 3512, Spokane, WA 99220  
**Year built (if known):** 1912

**Historic Preservation Review:**  
**Listed on the Spokane Register?** No  
**Listed on the National Register?** No  
**Determined eligible?** Yes; SHLC on 30 AUG 07, located in CBD-4  
**Historic Property Inventory?** Yes

**Historic Property:**  X  YES   NO  
**OK to issue demolition permit?**  X  YES   NO

**If OK to issue demolition permit, please describe next steps:**

As per [Section 17D.040.230](#) *Demolition Permits for Historic Structures in the Central Business District and National Register Historic Districts*, no demolition permits for structures that are listed or eligible to be listed on the National or Local Register of Historic Places located in the central business district zones 1 through 6 and in all National Register Historic Districts shall be issued unless the...owner demonstrates to the satisfaction of the building official, in consultation with the historic preservation officer, that the property will be used as parking associated with the renovation of an adjacent structure listed or eligible to be listed on the National or Local Register of Historic Places. █

And then, it was demolished and the Nagel Apartments was never rehabbed.