A drunken driver backed into a squad car and was arrested for operating a vehicle with a prohibited blood alcohol level. 

Mazzei L. Williams, 58, of Kenosha, was stopped in the 1100 block of 24th Avenue around 2 a.m. Wednesday after she allegedly weaved in and out of lanes and made an improper, wide left turn, according to Kenosha police reports.

As the officer approached the vehicle, Williams began backing up. She was ordered to stop, which she did and made an improper, wide left turn, according to Kenosha police reports.

A copy of the draft, which a city official has described as the first phase of an architectural review, was discussed in public meetings before it was presented to the city at its next meeting Feb. 11.

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The city commissioned the study in August, amid pressure from a group of “Save the Southport Beach House” that moved as an architectural review determined roughly $8 million in improvements are needed to the Works Progress Administration-era building, which was battered in a June 26, 2011, storm that also felled many trees in the park.

Margaret Heller, an organizer of the preservation effort, said she was pleased with the draft report’s recommendations, which orth had said would make “more drastic changes to the park that residents loudly opposed in public meetings during the planning process.”

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Mayor: Saving building top priority

Mayo Keiphs Bosman, D-Somers, and Wirch, D-Somers, are voting on the draft master plan as of Thursday, but preserving the beach house at his home “isn’t far for the park.”

Bosman said as he sees it, raising the building out on the table as preservationists have suggested “is a lot of things on the table that I think we can work out.”

“We’ve been saying from the get-go, let’s go,” Heller said.

Alderman Steve Broomor, whose district includes the park, agreed.

Broomor, who has fought to allocate funding for beach house repairs—the city’s capital improvement plan now allocates nearly $1.3 million for work in the park over the next five years—said he hopes to see progress made sooner than later.

“Now that we’ve past the idea of figuring out what we can do with the park, let’s get to the people’s issue of ‘how do we make the necessary repairs to the park so we’re not left without a beaching to save,”’ Broomor said.

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