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Alderman Rainey, Alderman Stamper and the City of Milwaukee Historic Preservation Committee:

Please note that I take issue with the developer of the property at 2804 North Grant Boulevard who is attempting to circumvent the requirements of Milwaukee's Historic Preservation Commission.

Allowing the developer to replace all the windows at 2804 N Grant Boulevard with what looks like plastic windows should not be allowed. "Six over one" (6 panes in the top over one large pane) were replaced by "1 over 1's", double-hungs were replaced with a side-by-side slider and above-grade basement windows were replaced with glass block. None of these are true to the original style of the house, nor comparable to windows in houses near-by.

As a resident of the Sherman Boulevard Historic District, I know full well the requirements of maintaining the historic characteristics of a home in a historic district. This summer I replaced a 5' X 7' wood storm window on the front of my home. It was built by Acker Millwork Co., a local firm that specializes in historic reproductions. Acker Millwork has replaced all the wood storm/screen windows on the casement windows of my home and the storm and screen doors on the front and back of my home.

Just this week, after a break-in on Sunday, October 21st, I had to replace my rear door. I replaced it with a solid wood door with two inset panels and a six-light window above. This was as close as I could get to the old door.

Also this year, I went back to having the canvass awnings hung on the house to keep the house true to what it looked like when it was first built back in the 1930s. This was done by Naegele Awning, another local firm.

None of this comes cheap. If I can do this, and I am expected to do this, I expect developers who buy properties in historic districts to do the same. **Do not let this developer circumvent the historic requirements of this North Grant Boulevard property. It is not fair to those of us who do maintain the historic standards!**

Thank you for your support of Milwaukee's historic buildings and neighborhoods.

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