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Dear Sir,

It takes a special kind of person to buy a very old house in a historic neighborhood. They have to have resourcefulness, creativity, love and appreciation for the old workmanship, and tenacity. Keeping up an old house takes a lot of time, effort, and money. Being right off of Wells Street with all of the drug trafficking does not help either because it can hurt property values and scare off potential investors thus hurting the return on our investment.

I understand that there have to be rules and regulation to keep our historic neighborhoods authentic. If I wanted to put siding on my house the answer would be no because there was no vinyl siding when my house was built. In the case of Anne Devitt and Ned Hoffmann wanting to put asphalt shingles on their roof, I do not feel there should be a problem because asphalt shingles existed back when their house was built.

If you make home owners spend half of what their house is worth just to put a roof on it, the priorities of our alderman, the city council, and the historic society are not focused on building our historic neighborhoods but destroying them. Who, except for the rich will be able to buy a historic house? Ordinary people, with ordinary incomes are what are keeping this historic neighborhood alive and flourishing. A \$90,000 roof is out of the question for most of us. I personally would have to walk away. As I understand it, the choice is to approve the \$25,000, or have another house in the neighborhood that is now beautiful on the inside, be destroyed by the elements. Please prevent this from happening.

My vote is to approve Anne and Ned's request.

Sincerely,

Patricia Boeck