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Dear Chair and Commissioners,

This letter is to ask that the Commission deny the COA for 2710 E. Bellevue for work already completed.

On October 7, 2020 the property owners received a notice to cease work:

ORD-20-10855

\*\*\*CEASE ALL WORK PERTAINING TO THE EXTERIOR OF THE BUILDING (TO INCLUDE BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE REMOVAL OF DRIVEWAY, SIDEWALK, AND RETAINING WALL) UNTIL A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS IS OBTAINED. ONCE THE CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS IS OBTAINED THEN WORK MAY PROCEED ACCORDINGLY TO THE CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS\*\*\*

It appears that work continued without approval.

Our neighborhood is listed on the National Register of Historic Places in addition to being Locally Designated. Property owners in the area generally comply with the City historic preservation ordinance that requires that we work with City staff and the Commission to appropriately care for our historic properties. It is important that we do so for many reasons, but one is that the National Register listing allows for 25% Wisconsin Homeowner Historic Tax Credits. These tax credits help homeowners to afford appropriate restorations. Local Designation and the Historic Preservation ordinance helps to protect the investments we all have made to maintain our properties by protecting the historic character that is required to be on the National Register listing.

Occasionally property owners are unaware of their Local Designation and of the Historic Preservation ordinance and complete inappropriate projects. When that happens everyone loses. I support improving communications and education to proactively prevent those situations. The work at 2710 E. Bellevue, done without a COA after being notified, has the potential to have an adverse effect on the historic character of our neighborhood and thus the value of our properties.

Thank you for your consideration.

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