



# Milwaukee Historic Preservation Commission Staff Report

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**HPC meeting date: 12/13/2021**  
**Ald. Russell Stamper II District: 15**  
**Staff reviewer: Tim Askin**  
**PTS #115228 CCF #211177**

**Property** 2339 N. SHERMAN BL.

**Owner/Applicant** CHRISTIE MELBY-GIBBONS Christine MELBY-GIBBONS  
DAVID A RUSSEL MELBY-GIBBONS 2339 N SHERMAN BLVD  
2339 N SHERMAN BLVD MILWAUKEE, WI 53210  
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**Proposal** Retroactive approval to paint stone trim. Applicants contend the material is concrete and not stone. This is a response to citizen complaint filed in early October.

**Staff comments** Every locally designated property owner in the city was mailed a brochure in Spring 2021 making clear that masonry projects require approval.

More importantly, the guidelines for Sherman Boulevard state clear prohibitions:

A.2.a.(i). Unpainted brick or stone should not be painted or covered. Avoid painting or covering natural stone and unpainted brick. This is likely to be historically incorrect and could cause irreversible damage if it was decided to remove the paint at a later date.

A.4. Trim & Ornamentation  
There shall be no changes to the existing trim or ornamentation except as necessary to restore the building to its original condition. The historic architectural fabric includes turned and carved wood trim, all terra cotta ornament, all pressed metal elements including the cornices, pediments and oriels, and all carved and cast stonework. Replacement features shall match the original member in scale, design, color and material.

**Recommendation** Recommend HPC Denial

**Conditions**

**Previous HPC action**

**Previous Council action**