



Certificate of Appropriateness

Milwaukee Historic Preservation Commission/841 N Broadway/Milwaukee, WI 53202/phone 414-286-5712

**Property
Description of
work**

732 West Historic Mitchell Street
Community comment board as described below. Disregard color.

Date issued

3/6/23

PTS ID N/A

In accordance with the provisions of Section 320-21 (11) and (12) of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances, the Milwaukee Historic Preservation Commission has issued a certificate of appropriateness for the work listed above. The work was found to be consistent with preservation guidelines. The following conditions apply to this certificate of appropriateness:

Mounting posts shall be drilled into mortar joints only and not into the face of any brick or stone.

All work must be done in a craftsman-like manner, and must be completed within one year of the date this certificate was issued. Staff must approve any changes or additions to this certificate before work begins. Work that is not completed in accordance with this certificate may be subject to correction orders or citations. If you require technical assistance, please contact Historic Preservation staff as follows: Phone: (414) 286-5712 E-mail: hpc@milwaukee.gov.

If permits are required, you are responsible for obtaining them from the Milwaukee Development Center. If you have questions about permit requirements, please consult the Development Center's web site, www.milwaukee.gov/lms, or call (414) 286-8210.

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Copies to: Development Center, Mitchell BID, Alderperson

The display will be a piece of painted plywood measuring 12 feet by 8 feet. It will have a black background and have the words “I want Mitchell Street To Be:” stenciled in white across the top. Below that, there will be a number of stenciled white lines for residents to provide a response to the prompt in chalk. All costs for the creation, maintenance, and later disposal of the display will be done by MSAC staff. The Mitchell Street Arts Collaborative will provide the chalk necessary for residents to contribute to the project. The organization will publicize public events for neighbors to get together and engage with the piece. Additionally, MSAC will routinely monitor the display to ensure no offensive content is included. As the display will have a black background and stenciled lines, it will be a very easy process to remove and cover up any offensive content, should it arise.

The art piece will be affixed to a building wall in a way congruent with Historic Preservation. Upon receiving permission, we would like to locate the display on the east side of 723 West Historic Mitchell Street and have secured the property owner’s permission. The display would face towards an open parking lot and be visible to the street. The display will leave no impact or marks on the building wall or facade. The goal is to have the display open to the public during spring and summer 2023.

The *I WANT MITCHELL STREET TO BE* display will be an art project arising from the Mitchell Street Arts Collaborative’s (MSAC) creative placemaking efforts. The goal is to solicit feedback from community members about how they want to see the commercial corridor evolve. The project is inspired by a similar creation in Chicago’s Bronzeville neighborhood entitled “I wish 42rd street was” (pictured below).

