



# Milwaukee Historic Preservation Commission Staff Report

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**HPC meeting date: 1/10/2022**  
**Ald. Russell Stamper II District: 15**  
**Staff reviewer: Jacqueline Drayer**  
**PTS CCF 211263**

<b>Property</b>	2422 N Sherman Boulevard	Sherman Boulevard Historic District
<b>Owner/Applicant</b>	David Griffin 2422 N Sherman Boulevard Milwaukee, WI 53210	
<b>Proposal</b>	Retroactive approval for a stain that was already applied to the brick house. A complaint brought this to HPC attention. The applicant said that the stain is Sherwin-Williams Woodscapes 2305 rialto and that the intent of applying it was to "allow the brick to breathe freely."	
<b>Staff comments</b>	<p>Staff found the Sherwin-Williams Woodscapes stain line, but was unable to find the precise color noted in the receipt. Photos confirm that the brick color has changed dramatically from light brown to medium blue-hued grey.</p> <p>The guidelines for Sherman Boulevard clearly prohibit painting and covering masonry. Specifically:</p> <p>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.</p> <p>A.4. Trim &amp; Ornamentation</p> <p>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.</p> <p>After significant research on options for reversing a stain, and talking to several material conservators about options and best practices for stain removal, there is no "one size fits all" or generally agreed upon method of resolving this issue. The most practical option presented is to have a consultation with a conservator. Non-abrasive methods recommended appear likely to be experimental or costly.</p> <p>Staff recommends the applicant consult with a local conservator and share findings so that a plan forward could be devised. Staff also discussed with the applicant that all exterior changes to his historic property require HPC approval.</p>	
<b>Recommendation</b>	Recommend HPC denial.	
<b>Conditions</b>		

**Previous HPC action**

**Previous Council action**