



Milwaukee Historic Preservation Commission Staff Report

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HPC meeting date: 1/9/2023

Ald. Rainey

Staff reviewer: Tim Askin

CCF #221380

Property	3360 – 70 N. Sherman Boulevard	Townsend School
Owner/Applicant	Milwaukee Public Schools	Quorum Architecture
Proposal	Install security screens on the school in areas prone to break in or playground-related damage. The screens double as insect screens where the underlying window is operable. They will be installed across all facades to varying degrees.	
Staff comments	<p>This is highly visible building with 360 public views. All facades are detailed in relatively equal design effort. Nonetheless, there are significant setbacks on all sides and two primary facades that feature the entrances (facing Sherman and 42nd).</p> <p>The proposal has a neutral effect to the Sherman Boulevard façade where only ground level windows are impacted. The windows are tiny, deeply recessed, and mostly glass block.</p> <p>South/Bernhard: Highly visible and on three levels. This is far from ideal, but it is practical.</p> <p>East/42nd: Highly visible and on three levels. Windows are nearly 200' from the sidewalk.</p> <p>The south and east facades are impacted by playground uses.</p> <p>North/Townsend Street: While well-articulated architecturally, it has become the service area for the building. Only the main floor is affected. Ignoring the boiler room, the windows on the main building are over 125' from the sidewalk. They will be noticeable, but will blend in with the general character of the service area.</p> <p>Staff is concerned about the aesthetic effects to the secondary facades, particularly the south façade because of its high visibility from Sherman Boulevard. Nonetheless, staff recommends approval as submitted. Future reviews of similar products shall be on a case by case basis as related to specific, demonstrated institutional needs.</p>	

Recommendation Approve

Conditions

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