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Dear Commission Members,

The Grand Avenue Club is a non-profit organization that helps people in Milwaukee who are experiencing mental illness achieve recovery by providing members with community and support, assisting them with finding housing and community resources, and providing employment training.

We have made our home in this historic building for twenty years, and hope to stay for many more years to come. To this end, we want to keep our building in the best condition we can, and have made the effort to prevent further deterioration, make repairs, and restore portions of it as we were able to over the years.

We have noticed that some of the stones in the front façade of the building are deteriorating. We propose to remove the deteriorated stones and replace them with stones that match the originals as closely as we reasonably can, using historical photos and matching materials, as described in our application.

To accomplish this, we have submitted a Certificate of Appropriateness to the Committee for consideration, with respect to Phase I in its description of the project. We are exploring alternative options for Phases II and III from the application's description of the project, regarding the building's north wall, and have requested that they are discussed at the next hearing in a separate application. We hope for approval from the committee for the south façade repairs at today's hearing, so that we can begin the restoration process with all speed.

Thanks,



Pam Weisser