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Historic Preservation Commission
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Re file # 130022

Dear Commission Members,

On behalf of the Sherman Park Community Association (SPCA) Housing Committee, we are writing to express our concern regarding the proposed repair/replacement of original windows of Townsend Street School. The school is a contributing building in the Sherman Boulevard Historic District (local Milwaukee, and State/National Register).

It is the wish of the Housing Committee that the integrity of Townsend Street School remain intact in as much as possible. Proposed changes to the school's character, a prominent structure in the district, can be expected to impact the entire district and perhaps be precedent setting for this district and others.

The committee would ideally like to see as much original historic fabric of the building retained as possible, both to insure the architectural integrity of the building and to conserve old growth wood components which when restored could be expected to be longer lived than newer woods in replacement windows.

We urge Milwaukee Public Schools to give all reasonable consideration to restoration of Townsend Street School's original windows for the sake of the building's integrity, conservation of sound existing materials, and for longevity of the work. We consider the school building to be a major component in a historic district that is of great importance to the Sherman Park neighborhood and its future.

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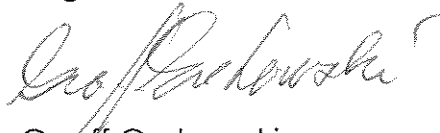
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We further see this project as an opportunity to establish cooperation between all concerned; MPS, the City of Milwaukee Preservation Commission, and the Sherman Park neighborhood, a relationship which we believe has the potential to continue to bear fruit for years to come.

Regards,



Geoff Grohowski
Chair SPCA Housing Committee



Fred Curzan
SPCA Executive Director