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RE: Metrobrook Church, Ltd./Appeal of Decision of the Historic Preservation Commission Denying a Certificate of Appropriateness of the Installation of Vinyl Siding on the Dormers of the Building located at 1036 North Van Buren Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Dear Mr. Leonhardt:

Metrobrook Church, Ltd. hereby appeals to the Common Council the decision of the Historic Preservation Commission ("HPC") denying Metrobrook's request for a certificate of appropriateness for the installation of vinyl siding on the dormers of the church building at 1036 North Van Buren Street. A copy of the certified letter from HPC is attached.

The siding on the dormers on the building was inadvertently repaired without obtaining a certificate of appropriateness from HPC. The work was managed by volunteers. When the mistake was discovered, a request for a certificate of appropriateness was made to HPC. My understanding is that HPC determined that the vinyl siding needed to be removed and replaced with cedar or stucco, even though the siding that had been replaced consisted of roofing tiles and not cedar or stucco.

Metrobrook believes that there would be no difference in appearance between the vinyl siding that was installed and the cedar or stucco requested by HPC. Cedar or stucco would also not restore the dormers to their original condition. In addition, utilizing the Church's resources to pay to have the siding redone would take that money away from the Church's ministry. Accordingly, Metrobrook requests that the Common Council reverse the decision of HPC and direct that the certificate of appropriateness be granted for the siding that has been installed.

In addition to the undersigned, please provide notice of future meetings to Angela Saccaro, Metrobrook Church, 1036 North Van Buren Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202.

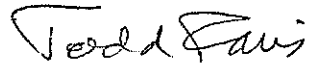
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Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Very truly yours,

FRIEBERT, FINERTY & ST. JOHN, S.C.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "S. Todd Farris".

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Enclosures

cc: Alderman Robert Bauman
Ms. Carlen Hatala
Ms. Angela Saccaro



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December 9, 2009

CERTIFIED MAIL

Angie Saccaro
Metrobrook Church
1036 N. Van Buren Street
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Dear Ms. Saccaro:

At its November 16, 2009 meeting, the Historic Preservation Commission denied your request for a Certificate of Appropriateness for the installation of vinyl siding on the dormers of your church, the former Sixth Church of Christ Scientist. The installation was made without consultation with the Historic Preservation section and without a Certificate of Appropriateness.

In the event that you wish to appeal this decision you must contact the Council Administration Manager in the Office of the City Clerk at (414) 286-2221 to schedule an appeal hearing before the Zoning, Neighborhoods and Development Committee of the Milwaukee Common Council. You must make that contact within 20 days of the date of this letter or you will forfeit your right to an appeal.

Please call me at (414) 286-5722 or call Paul Jakubovich at (414) 286-5712 if you have further questions and/or wish to pursue removal of the vinyl siding and replacing it with a historically appropriate material.

Sincerely,

Carlen Hatala
Senior Planner
Historic Preservation

C: Ald. Robert Bauman