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Sent: Monday, March 04, 2019 9:17 AM
To: Historic Preservation Commission; Elmer, Linda; Askin, Tim; Kovac, Nik
Subject: Today HPC/COA for 2636 N. Downer Avenue, File # 181637

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to express my concerns about a COA being sought for the renovation of 2636 N. Downer Avenue, File # 181637. I do not believe the current plan meets the district's guidelines.

The preservation guidelines prohibit filing in the recessed door way and installing black or otherwise opaque glass. From the approved guidelines, p. 22:

Windows and Doors

1. Retain existing window and door openings. Retain the existing configuration of panes, sash, surrounds and sills, except as necessary to restore to the original condition. Avoid making additional openings or changes in existing fenestration by enlarging or reducing window or door openings to fit new stock window sash or new stock door sizes. Avoid changing the size or configuration of windowpanes or sash.
2. Respect the stylistic period during which the district was built. If the replacement of doors or window sash is necessary, the replacement should duplicate the appearance and design of the original window sash or doors. Avoid using inappropriate sash and replacements. Avoid the filling-in or covering of openings with inappropriate materials such as concrete block or glass block. Avoid using modern style sash in place of double-hung sash or the substitution of units with glazing configurations not appropriate to the style of the building.

While I am excited that a new business is moving Downer, I hope that the commission will reject this application and guide the business to making a historically appropriate renovation. With HPC's assistance, this relocation to Downer Avenue will be a positive for the neighborhood.

Sincerely,
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