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**To:** Hatala, Carlen; Historic Preservation Commission  
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Hey Carlen - I wanted to reach out about a new business moving into the Downer BID. My Board there is concerned about the design in that it doesn't seem to adhere to Historic guidelines. The address is 2636 N. Downer Avenue, File # **181637** and it's for a workout gym franchise called F45. They want to fill in the recessed doorway which we feel would remove the historic architectural design and destroy the original rhythm of doorways along that block. I reached out to the owner of F45 but haven't heard back from him at this point so just wanted to pass along our concerns.

The preservation guidelines prohibit filling in the recessed door way -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.

Needless to say we are super excited about a new addition to our district! We do hope, however, that the commission will reject this application and help guide the business to making an historically appropriate renovation.

Thanks for all you do!  
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