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To: Common Council committee

From: David Griffin

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Dear Common Council Committee.

This letter is a written appeal for the denial of a Retroactive Certificate of Appropriateness for painting the exterior structure of my home at 2422 N. Sherman Boulevard, Milwaukee WI.

I have had several meetings with the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC), the latest meeting on June 6, 2022, resulting in the denial of the retroactive certificate.

I was informed that the reason I am being denied is because I did not gain the approval of the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) to paint the exterior of my home; and did not get the color approved.

The Historical Preservation Commission (HPC) has made three visits to my home to look at the paint work. During each visit the HPC acknowledged and determined that the paint could not be removed. In determining that the paint cannot be removed I do not understand why the HPC is denying the retroactive certificate of appropriateness.

As I stated to the HPC when I purchased my home, I never received anything from this committee informing me of the guidelines for ownership in the neighborhood or welcoming me to the HPC. In fact, I never knew such a committee existed. My recommendation moving forward to avoid any future incidents to new homeowners in the Sherman Blvd area is that the HPC would send a welcome letter with guidelines and contact information for questions. This simple gesture would have been welcomed.

The previous owner will also testify that he was not aware of the HPC and their requirements.

I am a Painter by profession and my decision to paint the exterior of my home was to enhance the outside of my property. If you look at the pictures you will see that the color is not flashy, it does not make the value of the house lessen, nor is it an eye sore to the neighborhood. In fact, if you look at the previous color, the new color has considerably enhanced the property.

The property is not damaged, the structure has not been altered and the property value remains in alignment with the neighborhood. I am asking this committee to grant me the retroactive certificate of Appropriateness so that I can move forward.

If the retroactive certificate of appropriateness cannot be granted, the only other option is to agree on a color that can meet the HPC guidelines and then I can paint so that this issue can be resolved.

Please consider each option, of course my goal is that this committee would grant me the retroactive certificate of appropriateness. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly.

If I am granted the retroactive certificate of appropriateness, it would be most appreciated.

Your prompt and positive response will be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully,
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