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January 11, 2007

Mr. Jeffrey Mantes, P.E. Commissioner Department of Public Works 841 N. Broadway St. Milwaukee, WI. 53202

RE: City Hall Restoration

Dear Mr. Mantes:

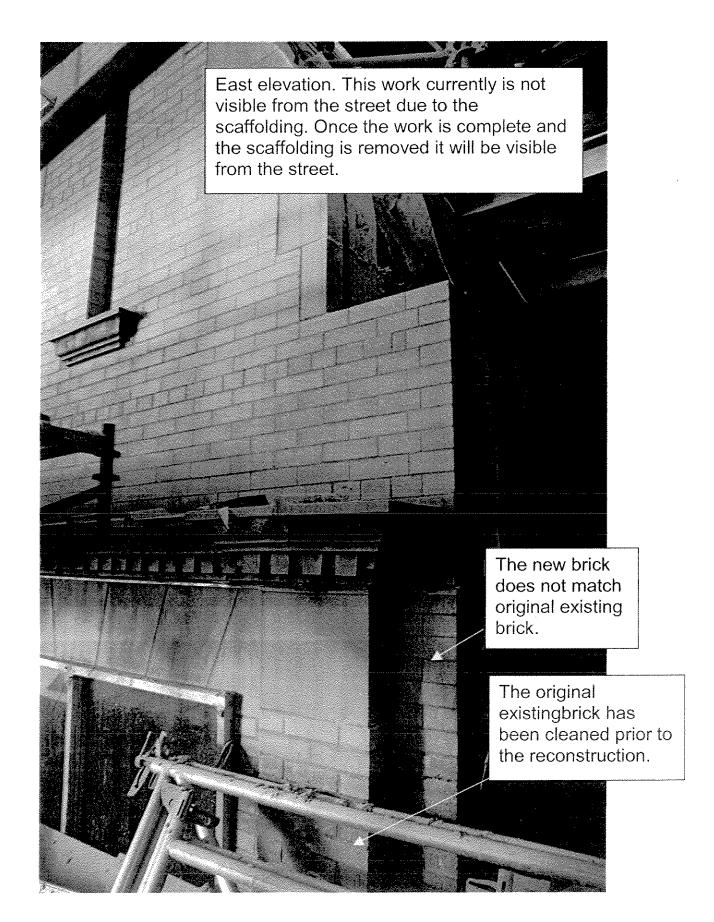
Please find another photo of the city hall restoration work that purports to show the mismatched coloration of the new brick and the existing brick. This photo was sent to me anonymously. The photo appears to show that the colors do not match.

These photos continue to feed my concern that this job is not being performed properly despite being performed on time and on budget.

Thank you for your continued attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Bauman Alderman, 4th District



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December 13, 2006

Mr. Jeffrey Mantes Commissioner Department of Public Works 841 N. Broadway St. Milwaukee, Wl. 53202

RE: City Hall Restoration

Dear Commissioner Mantes:

I am writing with regard to several concerns about the restoration of City Hall. Your office has reported on several occasions that the job is presently on schedule and on budget and that the contractor has met or exceeded RPP and EBE goals. This is very good news.

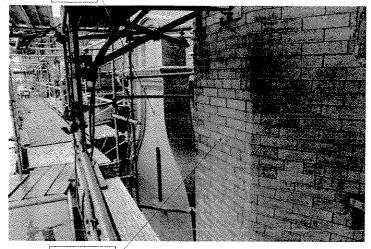
However, an equally important measure of success for this project is the quality of the restoration work. As you know, City Hall is Milwaukee's premiere architectural treasure. It is a very complex building and the restoration work is very challenging—factors which no doubt explain the cost of the project and absence of bidders.

Since the inception of the project, I have had concerns about quality and workmanship. These concerns are the product of a steady drumbeat of communications from various people, some anonymous. Most recently, I have received communications and photographs raising questions about the color matching of the brick.

As you know, your office is the project manager. I do not have the authority to direct this project or to accept or reject the work. Nevertheless people continue to communicate their concerns to me. I will be pleased to pass on the latest information, however, I continue to have concerns regarding quality and workmanship.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Bauman Alderman, 4th District New



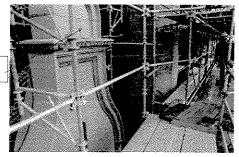
Original Brick

This is a photo taken of the west elevation.

This illustrates the difference in color between the original brick and the new brick.

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New Terra Cotta

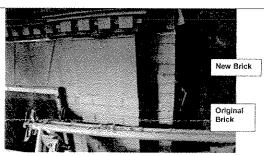


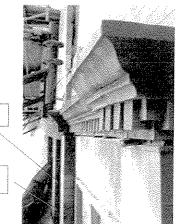
Original Terra Cotta



These previous photos were taken of the west elevation. This photo illustrates the range in colors of the original terra cotta. The new terra cotta is very uniform in color. The scaffolding is in the way and currently this cannot be seen from the street.

These remaining photos are taken of the east elevation. The scaffolding is in the way and currently this cannot be seen from the street.





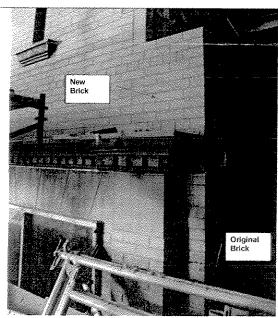
New Brick

Original Brick The original brick has already been cleaned prior to the new reconstruction.

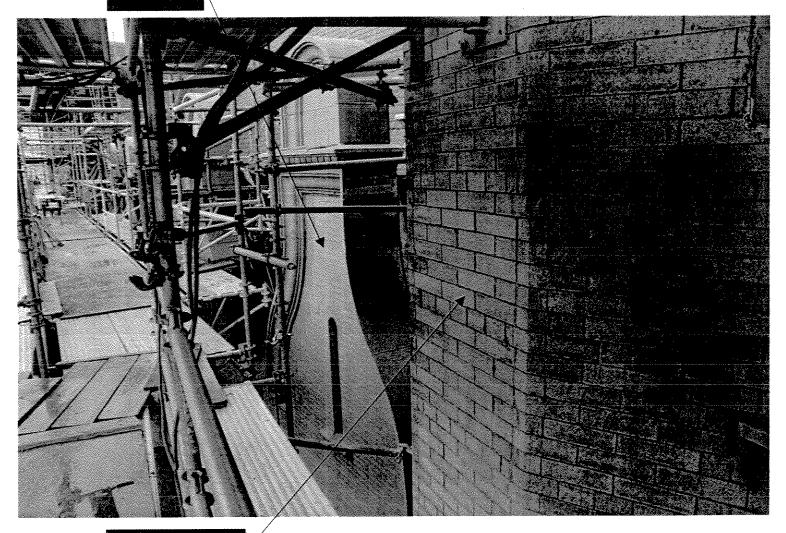
The colors do not match.

How is it possible that the Architects and contractors in charge of this restoration find this acceptable?

Matching brick is not easy,... but it is not impossible. If this were your home would you be satisfied?



New Brick

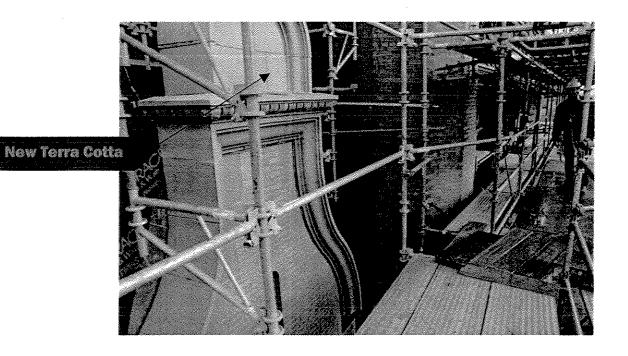


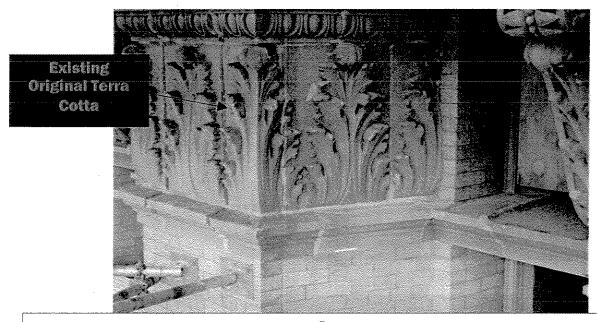
Existing Original Brick

This is a photo taken of the west elevation.

The southern most dormer that is nearly complete. This illustrates the difference in color between the original brick and the new brick.

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