

Milwaukee Historic Preservation Commission Staff Report

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HPC meeting date: 9/4/2018 Ald. Robert Bauman District: 4 Staff reviewer: Tim Askin PTS #114587 CCF #180657

1111 N. OLD WORLD THIRD ST. Old World Third Street HD **Property**

Owner/Applicant OLD WORLD THIRD Tino Bates

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Proposal Replace projecting sign from previous tenant and install vinyl decal on front windows.

Staff comments This review is direct result of the Old World Third district audit ordered by the

Commission earlier this year. This signage was discovered to be erected without a Certificate of Appropriateness or a permit. Permits are required for changing signs even in the same location as an existing one. Additionally, air rights leased for projecting signs from the city are not automatically transferrable to a new tenant.

The sign base and bracket are acceptable as installed. However, the Commission has been strict on not allowing vinyl decals being the entirety of a sign face. This is the case here. If the decals were removed and the sign redone as a hand-painted design in the same design, it would meet the sign standards for the district.

The nanawall-type doors feature two raised-surface vinyl decals. Staff practice is to advise applicants to put such decals on the inside surface for two reasons: 1) avoid review by the commission or staff and 2) durability. Given the texture of these decals, they could not readily be re-positioned on the interior of the glass. Staff is willing to recommend that they be allowed to stay as installed.

Summary: Require projecting sign to be revised to be hand-painted or a new sign.

Approve two existing window decals.

Recommendation Recommend HPC Approval with conditions on projecting sign

Conditions If projecting sign remains, the vinyl decal must be replaced a hand-painted version of

the same design or a new design submitted that involves hand-painting, carving, or

raised letters.

Previous HPC action

Previous Council action