

October 19, 2021

NOTICE OF DENIAL

Mr. Jim Simpson
848 Chicago Blvd.
Detroit, MI 48202

RE: Application Number 21-7475; 848 Chicago Blvd.; Boston-Edison Park Historic District

Dear Mr. Simpson:

At the regular meeting that was held on October 13, 2021, the Detroit Historic District (“Commission”) reviewed the above-referenced application for building permit. Pursuant to Section 21-2-80 of the 2019 Detroit City Code, the Commission hereby issues a **Notice of Denial for the below outlined items** which is effective as of October 13, 2021. Specifically, the Commission reviewed the permit for **the below-described work**, and determined that it *does not* qualify for a Certificate of Appropriateness because it does not meet the Secretary of the Interior Standards for Rehabilitation, Standards:

- 2) The historic character of a property shall be retained and preserved. The removal of historic materials or alteration of features and spaces that characterize a property shall be avoided.*
- 3) Each property shall be recognized as a physical record of its time, place, and use. Changes that create a false sense of historical development, such as adding conjectural features or architectural elements from other buildings, shall not be undertaken.*
- 4) Most properties change over time; those changes that have acquired historic significance in their own right shall be retained and preserved.*
- 5) Distinctive features, finishes, and construction techniques or examples of craftsmanship that characterize a property shall be preserved.*
- 6) Deteriorated historic features shall be repaired rather than replaced. Where the severity of deterioration requires replacement of a distinctive feature, the new feature shall match the old in design, color, texture, and other visual qualities and, where possible, materials. Replacement of missing features shall be substantiated by documentary, physical, or pictorial evidence.*
- 9) New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction shall not destroy historic materials that characterize the property. The new work shall be differentiated from the old and shall be compatible with the massing, size, scale, and architectural features to protect the historic integrity of the property and its environment.*
- 10) New additions and adjacent or related new construction shall be undertaken in such a manner that if removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the historic property and its environment would be unimpaired.*

- The removal of the original steps and brick-lined concrete walk,
- The regrading of the front yard’s raised earthwork terrace, and

- The newly built wall, pillars, light fixtures and railings, screen planting, landing at the base of the front yard steps

Please be advised that a permit applicant that is aggrieved by a decision of the Detroit Historic District Commission concerning a permit application may file an appeal with the Michigan Department of Attorney General. Within sixty (60) days of your receipt of this notice, an appeal may be filed with:

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If you have any questions regarding the foregoing, please contact Taylor Leonard, Counsel for the Commission at (313) 237-3006.

For the Commission:



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