

September 12, 2022

Mr. Garrick B. Landsberg
Director, Historic Preservation,
Historic District Commission
City of Detroit
Coleman A. Young Municipal Center
2 Woodward Avenue
Suite 808
Detroit, MI 48226

Dear Mr. Landsberg,

The Brodhead Armory Preservation Society is a non-profit organization that was established in 1998 for the purpose of coordinating efforts to rehabilitate and maintain the Armory. The Society was founded by civilians and military personnel. Since 2004, we have contacted every City administration and the DEGC regarding the condition of the Brodhead Armory. None of the City's administrative officials were responsive. We were upset as the building was unsecured, scrapped, and damaged daily. The Parade Company, and the City's current administration did not contact the Brodhead Armory Preservation Society regarding their current plan.

The application materials submitted by the Parade Company's architects DO NOT have a "demonstrable effect that is beneficial" due to the significant amount of demolition in their plan. The interior designation is as important as the exterior designation of a building. The Brodhead Armory can be used in totality by the Parade Company, but they do not choose to do so. Demolition and "moving" of the frescoes would be disastrous. We feel that the Commission's statutory role is violated if this proposal is approved.

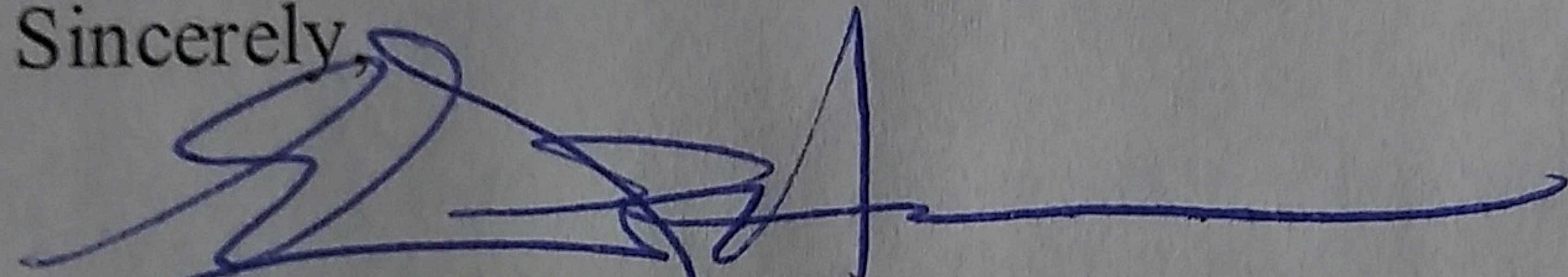
The HDC should note:

- The portion of the Brodhead Armory the Parade Company proposes to keep is 30,080 square feet – this only 30% of the building (Brodhead totals 106,932 square feet). **The Parade Company is proposing demolition of 70% of the building.**
- The interior designation is for the Brodhead's historic rooms in entirety – not just what is on the walls. The interior designation is for the volume of space of these areas.

- The Brodhead Armory's "south block" could be used in a renovation plan for the Parade Company, but they choose not to do so.

The Brodhead Armory Preservation Society initiated the Brodhead Armory's City of Detroit historic designation and we requested the interior designation of the building. In 2000, historic designation of the ENTIRE BUILDING was approved by City Council in 2001. We are opposed to the planned demolition that the Parade Company has proposed for the Brodhead Armory. We are opposed to saving just a portion of the Brodhead. The ENTIRE building, and its historic interiors should be preserved as outlined in Detroit City Ordinance Chapter 21, Article II, Division 4, Section 21-2-1. We ask that the HDC deny this insubstantial proposal for the historic Brodhead Armory.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Eric F. Hesse", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Eric F. Hesse
President

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