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Detroit Historic District Commission

Re: 2244 Wabash - Application No. HDC2024-00421

Dear Commissioners and Ms. Dye:

I am writing to express my objection to the proposed work at 2244 Wabash as shown in the submitted application. The residents of this block on Wabash have been waiting many years for something positive to happen at this site. We were hopeful after this house was sold to new owners that that time was now. Unfortunately, I cannot support the proposed work because of the precedent this would set if approved. The applicant stated at their previous HDC hearing that they demolished the cross-gable to accommodate a future structure on that lot. They have expressed the same intent to us in person. While I greatly support more density in Corktown, I cannot support the demolition or partial demolition of existing structures to allow for more density and to enrich speculators with no intention of living in this neighborhood.

The applicant has stated in correspondence with HDC Staff that their intent is to match the proposed cross-gable footprint to the original one they demolished. The proposed work does not match the original. The original south wall of the cross-gable extended at least 48" from the existing south wall. The proposed extension as shown is only 24". Please see the three attached photos taken today. The notch in the concrete slab approximately marks the south face of the gable wall. The proposed eave of the cross-gable is 6". The original eave was twice that depth as seen in previous photos. Combined, the proposed work will reduce the width of the building by about 2'-6". Whether intentional or not, this should not be a path to add density in Corktown. Please hold the applicant to their intent of replacing what they demolished so others do not see this as a way to increase their financial gain by demolishing existing historic structures.

Please feel free to contact me to discuss.

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