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7949 E. Lafayette St.
Detroit, MI 48214

RE: 7949 E. Lafayette Residential Exterior Renovation, Historic District Commission Submission

Project Narrative

7949 E. Lafayette is an existing residential duplex building in the West Village Historic District in Detroit. The project consists of exterior repair and refurbishment of existing wood building elements, and window replacement. The building is a two-story flat-roofed building with brick veneer on wood framing. The south elevation features prominent second-story bay windows with decorative wood detailing and an elaborate wood cornice. Also, on the south elevation are a pair of recessed entrance alcoves. Each alcove features wood paneling and plaster. Where the wood paneling is damaged, it is to be replaced to match areas that are in-tact. The east and west facades both feature matching wood entry porches and vestibules. The porches and vestibules will be repaired or reconstructed as required. Where it is necessary for existing damaged elements to be replaced, matching materials and profiles will be used. All wood elements will be painted in accordance with the appropriate Detroit Historic Commission Color System, as directed by HDC. In addition to repair of existing wood elements, the existing windows are proposed to be replaced with new aluminum-clad wood windows. At the north elevation (rear), one existing window opening is proposed to be modified to accommodate interior configuration changes that will be completed under a separate building permit. The second window from the west is proposed to be partially filled in with brick (to match existing) so that the sill height is raised to match the existing sill height of the windows directly adjacent to the west.