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City of Detroit
Historic District Commission
2 Woodward Avenue, Suite 808
Detroit, Mi 48216

Re: Exterior Renovation to 1531 Eighth Street

Hello!

This is Brian Hurttienne, owner of 1531 Eighth Street, Detroit, MI 48216, in the Corktown Historic District. I wish to improve my property with the renovation of items listed below. It is a 3-unit rowhouse constructed in the early 20th century on a street-side back lot facing Eighth Street. The building is 2 stories with a basement. The style of the building is Colonial Revival with craftsman detailing. It is a simple building in plan, configuration and style. It has very good street presence and it contributes to the historic character and charm of the Corktown Historic District.

I am enclosing existing photographs and plans for the renovation of the exterior for your review. Also a proposed front screen / storm door example.

Items to be renovated or reconstructed:

- Front porch reconstruction: The existing original front porches will be demolished with new all wood porches with brick corner posts, constructed following the details of the existing porches in their original configuration. The plans and details are illustrated in the documents enclosed.
- Painting: All new wood construction will be painted colors in conformance with the Detroit Historic District Color Guide, I believe Color Scheme C, for Colonial era appropriate colors consistent with the building style.
- Reconditioning of the front doors: The existing front doors are in poor condition. They will be patched and repaired with wood infill at the door lock locations and weatherstripped. The glass will be replaced to have clear glass. The trim around the glass will be replaced with matching trim. The doors will be painted to hide the repairs.
- Screen / Storm Door Installation: There were storm doors on all of the doors at one time. I wish to install new storm doors as proposed with the enclosed example. The doors will be black, with full light glass / screen. They will also fit the existing original door size, as opposed to the previous installation.
- New Cornice installation: There is no cornice, but there used to be one. I am proposing to install a new cornice in a configuration which would closely replicate the original cornice. Please see the details in the enclosed drawings.
- Rear Porches: The existing rear porches are in need of replacement. I am proposing to replace two of the three rear porches with wood construction matching the existing porches.
- Rear Area Renovation: The existing rear area is in poor condition for egress. I am proposing to reconfigure the area to accommodate trash storage in the rear (and not have it be in the alley), with new concrete throughout.
- Fence Replacement: The existing wood stockade fencing for the two small segments at the alley and on Eighth Street will be replaced with gates and fencing of black chain link 6'-0" high.

This concludes the extent of scope of work for renovating the exterior of the building. Please review and let me know of any further information you need.

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