

**From:** [Michael Willis](#)  
**To:** [Dan Rieden](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Re: [EXTERNAL]Re: HDC Meeting: 2011 W. Boston  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 10, 2021 4:47:24 AM

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Sorry I will not be able to attend.

Please share this message.

With regards to the tree in question. I wish to take it down as it has been dropping limbs. It is leaning, and it is old. I have spent a lot of money fixing 2215 W Boston, bringing it back from the brink of tear down. I have restored the slate roof, at an incredible expense, and want to mitigate any possible damage to the house, the roof or passing pedestrians. You have a statement about the tree from Davey Trees.

If I am not allowed to remove the tree, I will still have the tree trimmed to removal all dead limbs. But I would still like to have an official document from the historical commission stating that you have stopped the removal of the tree. I will reapply to have the tree remove each and every subsequent week, month or year in order to protect myself from legal liability.

Thank you

Michael Willis

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On Tue, 9 Nov 2021 at 8:56 PM Dan Rieden <[riedenda@detroitmi.gov](mailto:riedenda@detroitmi.gov)> wrote:

Hi Michael,

We do strongly recommend that you or a representative are able to attend to share your position to the Commission. When you were first notified of the application reception, you should have received a notice of the date/time of the HDC meeting then, which would have been a couple of weeks ago. If you still do not have a means to attend, I can share any statement that you wish to make with the Commission. Please send me an email by 10am tomorrow morning.

Thank you for your attention to this.

Sincerely,

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