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To. Detroit Historical Commission

Re: 757 Covington brick source

Per request we have found the closest brick to match existing brick on 757 Covington

Manufacturer is Beldon Brick

Color is "Madrid Common"

Pictures of existing and new included. Please ignore the 1 red brick in photo. The 3 bricks on the right that still have some mortar on them are from the existing landscape feature that is falling apart. The 3 on the left are the new proposed replacements if the commission will not allow us to remove the landscape feature and reuse those bricks for the structural repairs. The new bricks are the same height as the existing, but are 3/8 of an inch less wide than the existing bricks.

After reading the staff recommendations we offer the following response and request.

We are attempting to renovate 10 buildings here at Palmer Park in 2022-2023. This is the first of those to be in front of the commission. Our main issue we have is that we are directly across the street from the fountain and pond at the park. When night time comes the local PD push everybody out of the park and people tend to move into rear of our 3 buildings there. 757, 731, and 641. We must consider that this is not the 30s and 40s when these buildings were built. Society is different and there are larger homeless problems than during that era. This landscape feature is an area for people to meet, drug usage and human trafficking is a real problem here. Then once the weather turns colder the rear windows in our basements in all 3 building are broken into and people enter our basements and also enter our basement laundry rooms and present health and safety issues for our residents. These are not occasional issue's, these are daily or weekly issue's.

Since this application is our first of 10 buildings we are understanding of the HDC and its staff recommendations. If the commission accepts the new brick as shown in picture for the structural repairs we will make basic repairs to the landscape feature and keep it safe and sound. We ask that the commission allow us to replace all four rear yard basement windows with glass block to match the other existing glass block windows so we can at least keep people out of our basement and our residents safe.

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We respectfully request that the HDC alters staff recommendations in the manner explained above.
I will be available during the meeting on Zoom and on the phone if needed.

Thank You

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