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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: 1515 Chicago - Questions on front porch

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Hello,

I was unaware of the changes that were made to the porch, they must have been made by the previous owner after the 2011 photo you sent me. I guess I would ask to allow us to keep that part of violated repairs to the porch as is because I do not think we would be able to remove that concrete without damaging the bricks underneath. If that were the case, we would be open to painting the porch the same color brown that is on it now, or we could also try to power wash back down to the concrete finish first if they would rather us try that? We would also like to keep the column and roof portion of the porch the same almond color that is on it now, from the looks of the 2010 photo I believe it was already switched to that color by a previous owner as well.

For the columns, I have sent close ups showing the extent of the damage/poor repair of damage to the columns so I don't have anything else to share on that front. But that really isn't the reason we are asking to replace all four. We could repair the three original columns, but then we would still have a fourth column that does not match so it wouldn't really solve the issue in our opinion. From my understanding of the research our assistant did, our first plan was to have a replica of the three original columns made to replace the mismatched fourth column with. Unfortunately she was not able to find a company that made custom designed columns, all of the companies she was able to find only made select styles, none of which were a close enough match to the originals. This is why we asked to replace all four columns to create a matching set of four columns. It is also my understanding that she could not find columns in the exact height of our existing columns in order to save the pedestal boxes. If we were to somehow find columns that allowed us to rebuild the wooden box pedestals, would it help us to get approval for replacing all four? As I mentioned in my previous emails, we are also open to having the fourth column replaced with an exact replica of the original three if we could be provided with a referral to a company that can provide that service, as that would be the easiest and best solution. Let me know if there is anything else I can help with!

Thank you,
Dereck Watson

On Oct 5, 2022, at 3:44 PM, Audra Dye <dyea@detroitmi.gov> wrote:

Hi Dereck,

In my deeper review of the house, I noticed work done in the recent past that was not reviewed/approved by the Commission, which includes the painting of the porch floor and steps, porch face brick and column pedestals. These painted elements are a violation. Below left is a 2009 Google image (the 2011 Google image shows the porch elements painted) and the 1974 designation photo more clearly shows the original materials' finishes. I would like to know if you want to add these violations to the application, asking that they remain as-is, or if the property owner would like to remedy the unapproved work, as this would affect your current scope of work. Also, do you have a more