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**To:** [Dan Rieden](#)  
**Cc:** [Jose Garcia](#)  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] 506 Parkview Fence  
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Hi Daniel-

Thanks for the update. Below are answers to your questions.

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On Sep 27, 2022, at 10:24 AM, Dan Rieden <[riedenda@detroitmi.gov](mailto:riedenda@detroitmi.gov)> wrote:

Dear Mr. Kelsey,

I would like to introduce myself, so you have my information available. I will be working with you to help bring your application to full completion before the HDC meeting. Please note that staff is working partially from home, so please reach me by this email.

Please note that you do not have to attend the HDC Regular meeting in person. Zoom links will be provided in the agenda and on the website for the meeting as shown in Ben's initial introduction email below.

Upon initial review of your application, I have the following questions. It would be very helpful to have the answers to these questions by end of Thursday, Sept 29th:

1. There is a parking lot to the north side of the house, which appears to be in the middle of the plan for the proposed fence. How will the fence run through this parking lot? Is this parking lot to remain as is? What would the conditions of this fence and parking lot look like?

That paved brick area was put in about 30 years ago when both houses were under the same ownership as bed and breakfast. Our property owns about 5 feet of that brick area and we would run the fence along the property line over the brick. The house next door has its own paved parking on the north side. They usually let the lawn grow and cover the bricks anyway. They have no access to park in that area unless they were to use our driveway.

- 1.
2. There is a grade beam (slight retaining wall) along the front face of the front yard along the property. Will this remain as is? If the proposed fence is 6 feet high, then the fence on top of this raised area could be as high as 7 feet at this location by the sidewalk. Do you propose to maintain the maximum height at 6 feet by the sidewalk, despite the changes of the grade? (So the maximum height would be 6' from the height of the sidewalk.)

We would like to put the fence in front of the grade beam at the lower level between the beam and the sidewalk. That would actually make the 6 ft fence lower in comparison to the lawn behind. That will also allow a sliding driveway gate and motor at ground level. We would allow the fence to slope up along the property on each side.

- 2.
3. Generally, the HDC prefers that front yard fences do not extend beyond the front face of the house. Can you provide a reason as to why the fence needs to be extended the front yard to the property line?

Two reasons. -security and because the rest of the properties to the south already have fences at this line. We are investing hundreds of thousands of dollars to bring back this historic home that was abandoned for ten years. During that time the original front doors were stolen as well as most of the plumbing and electrical. We have had the front doors recreated exactly like the original 10 foot high pair. The house tends to attract tourists and people wanting to explore. We would rather they take pictures from the sidewalk. We have also had unpermitted filming set up on the lawn area in the recent past.

Our submission documents already include photos of other properties on this same block with fences up to the sidewalk.

Regarding your other question about cut sheets on the fence - we are having the fence custom made by wrought iron artisans using solid wrought iron bars and decoration exactly to our specification. This is not an off the shelf product. See the attached inspiration photos to see what we are specifying to the fabricators. This is the Mt Elliott cemetery fence.











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Please let me know if you have any questions regarding the above or if you need additional time for any of the items above.

Thank you!

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**Michael E. Duggan, Mayor**

In order to ensure your safety and ours during the COV-ID 19 pandemic, the Historic Preservation Team will be working remotely.

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**From:** Edward Kelsey <ed@hbs.la>

**Sent:** Thursday, September 22, 2022 9:19 PM

**To:** Benjamin Buckley <benjamin.buckley@detroitmi.gov>

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Are we expected to attend the meeting in person? Will we be needed to testify or answer questions? If so can we do it by Zoom?

Thanks

Edward Kelsey

On Sep 22, 2022, at 1:12 PM, Benjamin Buckley  
<[benjamin.buckley@detroitmi.gov](mailto:benjamin.buckley@detroitmi.gov)> wrote:

Good Afternoon Mr. Kelsey,

Thank you for this additional information. As Commission staff does not have the authority to approve this project, it will be heard by the Commissioners at the next monthly Commission meeting on **10/12/2022 at 5:30 p.m.**

The Detroit Historic District Commissioners will be meeting in person at the Coleman A. Young Municipal Center (2 Woodward) on **Wednesday, October 12, 2022, at 5:30 p.m.** for the Regular Meeting. **Please note: This meeting will be held electronically and is open to the public. Because of COVID-19 restrictions, virtual public attendance is strongly encouraged** as, pursuant to public health guidelines, the meeting room will be subject to space limitations and there are limited additional opportunities for public viewing within the building. For the safety of attendees and participants, it is recommended that the public participate electronically via one of the following two means:

- **Zoom Meeting**  
**Link:**<https://cityofdetroit.zoom.us/j/532007617>
- **By Phone: 312-626-6799 (Meeting ID # 532007617)**

**Going forward with your application, Dan Rieden will be your primary HDC contact.** Please email him should you have any immediate questions or concerns. Any information about your project proposal conveyed to Ben Buckley/staff through conversations in the office, on