

Audra Dye

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Sent: Thursday, February 16, 2023 1:54 PM
To: Audra Dye; Jason Friedmann
Cc: Jennifer Ross
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: 2905 Garland - Comments on staff review of HDC application
Attachments: Ossian_Sweet_COA-AA 22-8036-combined.pdf

Audra,

Thank you and pleasure meeting you! The currently proposed updates to the original COA are limited to the rear porch and the basement windows. The original HDC application and COA contain the full set of plans along with cut sheets and colors. I have attached the original to this email. The City of Detroit's Contract with Kraemer Design has been completed and closed so I am assisting in their stead with this application. I have copied Jason Friedman, the city stakeholder for this project, in this email.

Regarding the first floor porch, current building code would require a railing on the porch and steps. Additionally the current non-historic concrete steps would not meet the 36 in minimum width. Based on this, we would like to amend our narrative to include 2x4 decking as described in the plans, an iron perimeter railing of the same design as the balance of the house, new concrete steps with a 36inch width and an iron hand rail on one side of the new concrete steps. The first floor milk box is extant and would be retained. All trim, posts and shake will be painted in accordance with the original COA. As it relates to the second floor dormer, existing site conditions are a better representation than the drawings. The circled area in the photo only requires minor repair to the flat trim boards to return the porch to its original configuration as the original shake and wood corbels remain.

I will send across additional pictures as requested. I am available for a call tomorrow or Monday to further address questions and revisions. Let me know if I can help in any way in advance.

All the best,
Alex

On Thu, Feb 16, 2023 at 1:07 PM Audra Dye <dyea@detroitmi.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon, Mr. Grabowski.

Your application has been received and docketed to the March 2023 Historic District Commission meeting. My name is Audra Dye, and I am the staff person who was assigned to review the application and prepare a staff report.