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1090 Vinewood St.,
Detroit, MI 48216

RE: 1090 Vinewood Street Historic District Commission Submission

Project Narrative

1090 Vinewood is located in the historic Hubbard Farms neighborhood of southwest Detroit, on the east side of the block between Porter St. and West Lafayette Blvd. Due to elevation changes on the block, 1090 Vinewood and other houses around it are uniquely situated so that the house and sidewalk are located 2-3 feet above the level of the street, with each house having a set of stairs from the entry walkway to street level. The house itself has Victorian elements typical of many houses in the neighborhood: it is mainly clad in a red brick, with the front facade composed of a round corner tower and prominent gable, which is clad in a blue-green horizontal siding. There is an offset covered front porch, whose fascia also has a coordinating blue-green detail. Nearly all of the windows have a beige stone detail at the head and/or sill, which contrasts with the red brick. The north and south side facades both feature bay windows- one clad in brick, the other painted the coordinating blue-green with beige detailing. The rear is comparatively simple, with a flat brick face broken by a large rectangular brick mass, on top of which is a walk-out wood deck at the second floor and back porch at the first. The hip roof and brick chimney are able to be seen here.

The intention of this project is to remove the existing unused chimney and add two new dormers to the north (side) and east (rear) of the house, in order to expand use of the interior attic space, without compromising its historic character. The proposed dormers are to be clad in a grey wood lap siding. The east dormer will have a gable roof to align with the existing roof profile, and the north dormer will have a hipped roof, which coordinates with an existing dormer on the south facade. Dormer roofs will be clad with black asphalt shingles. They will have black aluminum-clad wood double-hung windows.